

## Zodiac Mirror Answer Key

*Example: Year of the Tiger*

My zodiac animal is the Tiger, which is said to be brave, confident, and bold. I think this fits me in some ways because I like to take the lead in group projects and try new challenges. However, I can also be cautious before making big decisions, which isn't very tiger-like. This zodiac makes me think about how courage doesn't always mean rushing ahead-it can also mean standing firm for what's right and supporting others with confidence.

### Teacher's Guide

**Purpose:** This activity develops **reflective writing**, **self-awareness**, and **cultural literacy** by connecting students' personal identities to Lunar New Year traditions.

#### Quick Tips for Teachers:

- **Introduce the concept:** Briefly explain how the Chinese zodiac works in a 12-year cycle and discuss how animals symbolize personality traits.
- **Differentiation:**
  - For **Grades 6-7:** Provide sentence starters such as "My zodiac sign is..." or "This trait fits me because..."
  - For **Grades 8-9:** Encourage deeper reflection by connecting traits to personal goals or challenges.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Have students share their zodiac animals and see which signs appear most in the class.
  - Create a "Zodiac Wall" with short student reflections under each animal sign.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Invite students to write a "letter from their zodiac animal," giving advice for the new year.
  - Integrate research by having them learn how other cultures (like the Vietnamese or Korean zodiacs) differ in their animal symbols.