

Word Bank

Can you find these missing words to complete the story?



Tick them off when you've found one!

✓ Found?	Missing Word	✓ Found?	Missing Word
	Emporer		goat
	race		horse
	animals		ox
	river		dragon
	zodiac		winner
	tiger		first
	snake		helping
	rat		second
	rabbit		seventh
	monkey		riverbank
	dog		two
	pig		water
	cat		angry
	rooster		friends

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The Chinese Zodiac Story



Writing Activity – "Fill in the blanks" version

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The Jade _____ wanted to measure time to work out how _____ he was.



He decided to have a swimming _____ with different types of _____.

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The Emperor invited thirteen _____ down to the _____ to take part but he only needed twelve for his _____.

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The Racers

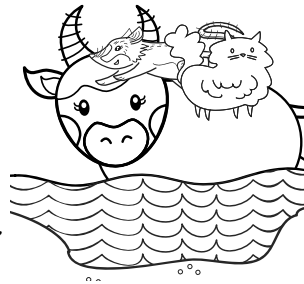


Write all the animals' names.



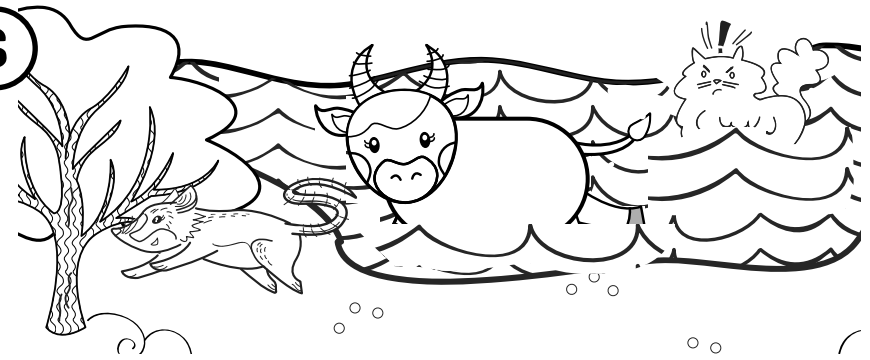
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The _____ explained that the _____ would be the first one to have a year named after them.



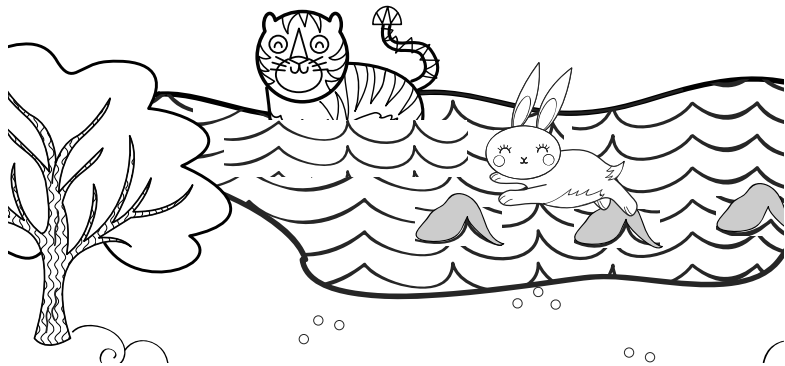
The _____ started and the _____ was soon ahead with rat and _____ on his back.

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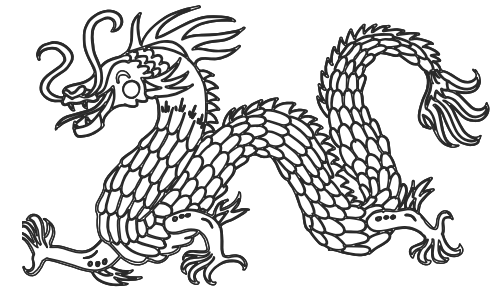
The sneaky sneaky _____ pushed the _____ back into the water! _____ came first and ox _____.

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Next came the _____ and he was soon followed by the _____ who had bounced across on stones and logs.

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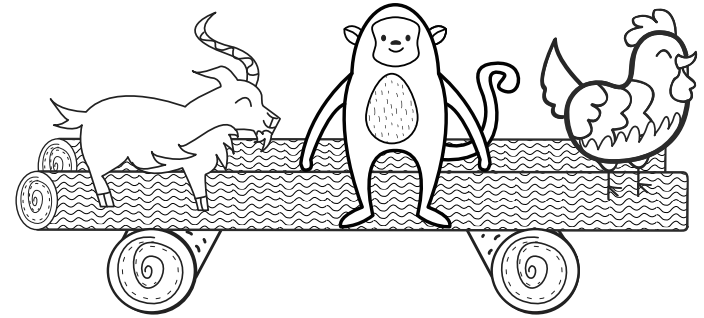
The next one to finish was the mighty _____. The _____ could easily have come _____ but he was too busy _____ others across the land.

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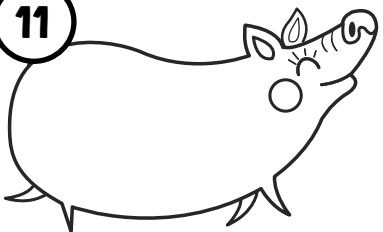
The _____ and the _____ came sixth
and _____.

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The _____, monkey and _____
had worked together and arrived on the
_____ safely.

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Just after them, _____ more _____
arrived at the _____.
The _____ and the _____.

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The _____ had pushed the cat
off the ox into the _____
- which cats hate. So she went
home, still _____ with the rat
and vowed that cats and rats
would never be _____ again!



