

B1.11 Star Signs - Handout

- 1** Although the theme of this topic sheet is ostensibly astrology, the main topic is really adjectives to describe personality and character traits (both positive and negative). If you or your partner is really against the 'pseudo-science' that astrology undoubtedly is, then please bear the real goal in mind: vocabulary expansion, and treat it as nothing more than an entertaining parlour game. Alternatively, if you or your partner are keen on astrology, you may like to discuss Chinese astrology as well.
- 2** There is a wealth of language to describe character here, both adjectives and nouns. Recourse to a good monolingual dictionary may be necessary, and this, together with your explanations, should help to expand your partner's vocabulary in this area. As the rubric suggests, reading aloud (native speaker first, then learner) is advisable, as this would serve to improve pronunciation of the target lexis. Please look at the descriptions of loved ones as well as yourselves.
- 3** This role-play is just for fun, but should enable your partner to practise using the above mentioned adjectives in a meaningful context. When it comes to predicting possible futures, both the "will" and "going to" futures can both be used. Both you and your partner should take turns in being the palmist, and please keep all your predictions positive.
- 4** This short writing task will provide further practice of using the appropriate future forms for predictions.