



B2.11 Star Signs

You can learn:

- How to describe personality characteristics.
- How to use language suitable for predicting the future.

1  **Discuss the questions in the box, which are all related to the topic of astrology, with your partner.**

- Do you believe in astrology? Do you know which star sign you were born under?
- Do you know what characteristics people who share your sign are supposed to have?
- Do you know which star signs you are compatible with, and which you are supposed to have problems getting on with?
- Do you ever read your horoscope in the newspaper?
- Would it be a good thing to know the future, or can you think of any possible disadvantages?

2  **On the next two pages are descriptions of the personality characteristics of the twelve signs of the zodiac. Together with your partner, find your signs and discuss how true or false the descriptions are. Then try to find the signs of your family and friends. Read them aloud, check vocabulary, and again discuss how accurate you think these descriptions are.**

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Aries / March 21 - April 20 ♈

Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac and is associated with new beginnings and energy. Individuals born under this sign are said to be humorous, enthusiastic, adventurous and passionate. However, they are also prone to selfishness, boastfulness and intolerance. And they can sometimes be impulsive, aggressive and impatient.

Taurus / April 21 - May 20 ♉

Taurus is the second sign of the Zodiac and is associated with material pleasure. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be calm, patient, reliable, loyal, affectionate, sensuous, ambitious and determined. However, they are also prone to hedonism, laziness, inflexibility and jealousy.

Gemini / May 21 - June 21 ♊

Gemini is the third sign of the Zodiac and is associated with youth and versatility. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be sociable, fun-loving, versatile, lively, communicative, liberal, intelligent, mentally active and friendly. However, they are also prone to moodiness, inconsistency, superficiality, restlessness and laziness.

Cancer / June 22 - July 22 ♋

Cancer is the fourth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with family and domesticity. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be kind, emotional, romantic, imaginative, sympathetic, nurturing and intuitive. However, they are also prone to changeability, moodiness, hypersensitivity, depression and clinginess.

Leo / July 23 - August 22 ♌

Leo is the fifth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with royalty. Individuals born under this sign can be generous, hospitable, caring, warm, authoritative, active and open. However, they are prone to laziness and can often take "the easy way out." They can sometimes also be pompous, patronising, bossy, dogmatic and intolerant.

Virgo / August 23 - September 22 ♍

Virgo is the sixth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with purity and service. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be diligent, analytical, self-sufficient, controlled, orderly and modest. However, they are also prone to fussiness, perfectionism, harsh criticism, coldness, and hypochondria.

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Libra/ September 23 - October 22 ♎

Libra is the seventh sign of the Zodiac and is associated with justice. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be pleasant, articulate, charming, charismatic, fair, artistic, social, refined, diplomatic, even-tempered and self-sufficient. However, on the negative side, they are also thought to be indecisive, flirtatious, extravagant, lazy, frivolous, impatient, envious, shallow, aloof and quarrelsome.

Scorpio / October 23 - November 21 ♏

Scorpio is the eighth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with intensity, passion and power. Individuals born under this sign are thought to have a complex, analytical, patient, keenly perceptive, inquisitive, focused, determined, hypnotic and self-contained character. However, they are also prone to extremity, jealousy, envy, secretiveness, possessiveness, cruelty and cunning.

Sagittarius / November 22 - December 21 ♐

Sagittarius is the ninth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with travel and expansion. Individuals born under this sign are thought to have a straight-forward, dynamic, highly intelligent, ethical, humorous, generous, open-hearted, compassionate, and energetic character. However, they are also prone to restlessness, impulsiveness, impatience, recklessness and childishness.

Capricorn / December 22 - January 19 ♑

Capricorn is the tenth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with hard work and business affairs. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be ambitious, modest, patient, responsible, stable, trustworthy, powerful, intellectual and persistent. However, they are also prone to coldness, conservatism, rigidity, materialism and dullness.


Aquarius / January 20 - February 18 ♒

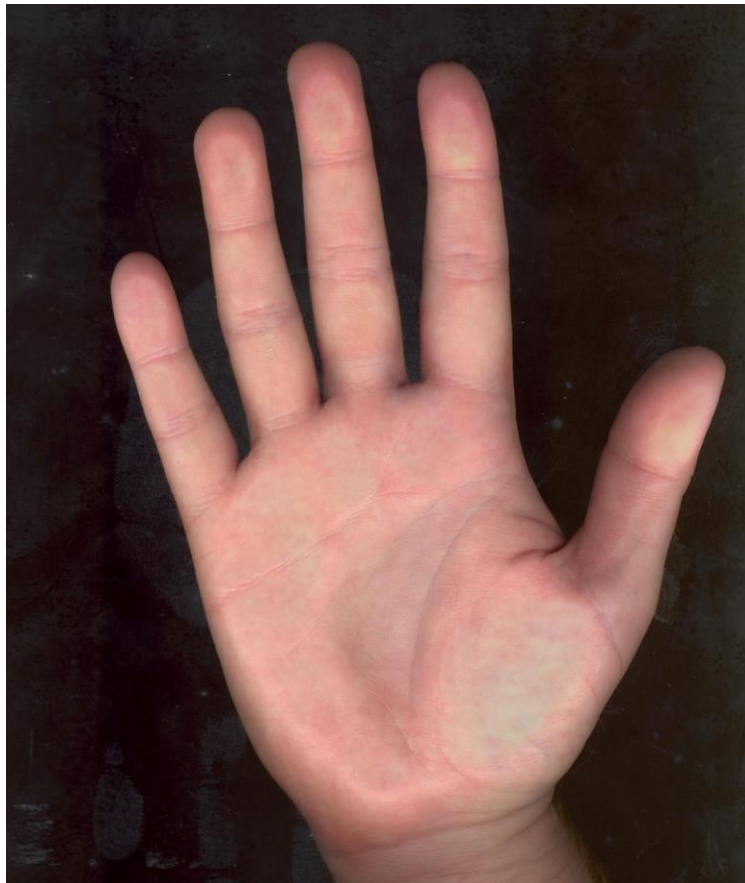
Aquarius is the eleventh sign of the Zodiac and is associated with future ideas and the unusual. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be modest, creative, challenging, inquisitive, entertaining, progressive, stimulating, and independent. However, they are also prone to rebelliousness, coldness, erraticism, indecision and impracticality.

Pisces / February 19 - March 20 ♓

Pisces is the twelfth and last sign of the Zodiac and is associated with human emotions. Individuals born under this sign are thought to be tolerant, modest, dreamy, romantic, humorous, generous, emotional, receptive, affectionate, and have an honest character. However, they are also prone to exaggeration, fickleness, passiveness, hypersensitivity and paranoia.

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- 3**  **Imagine that one of you is a palmist and can read the future and know all about a person's personality by reading their palm. Look at the palm below. Imagine that this palm belongs to your partner; decide which the major lines are (e.g. the life line? the heart line? the head line? the fate line?) and describe your partner's character before predicting their future.**



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- 4**  **Now write a newspaper horoscope for your partner's star sign predicting what will happen tomorrow and offering some helpful advice.**

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Notes:

*"Superstition is to religion
what astrology is to
astronomy: the mad daughter
of a wise mother."
Voltaire*