

YOUR HOROSCOPE: YOUR ASTROLOGICAL SUN-SIGN POTENTIALS RS

BACKGROUND: According to astrologers, your **horoscope** is a map of the planetary positions at the time and place of your birth. Your **Sun Sign** is the constellation/sign of the Zodiac occupied by the Sun on your birth date. Although there are many factors typically considered when interpreting your horoscope, the Sun Sign is considered the most important single factor, revealing your basic personality traits and potentials for growth and development. Our question, then, is: “Do those personality traits correspond reliably with birthdates?”

PROCEDURE: To test this concept, search the following list of traits and interests until you find the particular **combination** of traits and interests which come **closest** to how you see yourself. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, write the **NUMBER** of that combination (1-12), and your birthday (e.g. “July 25”). Also, write **YES** or **NO** if you think astrology can give accurate predictions (**YES**) or not (**NO**). Fold the paper in half, so the information is hidden inside, and pass it in when called for. Your teacher will then re-distribute the sheets, and show you a key which reveals the astrological Sun-Signs and dates for each number. See the number on the sheet you received? Find that number on the key, then look at the corresponding date-range. If the date on your sheet fits in that date-range, write “**HIT**” on the sheet. If it does not, write “**MISS**” on the sheet. Your teacher will count the number of “**HITS**” and “**MISSes**” in the class, and discuss how these results compare with what could be expected due to random chance. A significantly higher number of **HITS** might suggest that something other than chance could be operating. Answer the Discussion questions provided, and be prepared to share your answers with the class during class discussion.

| # | Key Positive Traits | Main Interests | Possible Negative Traits |
|----|--|--|--|
| 1 | loyal, possessive, determined, practical, enduring | possessions, comfort, beauty, arts, family | stubborn, jealous, slow, lazy, greedy |
| 2 | gentle, compassionate, sensitive, generous, dreamy, imaginative | hospitals, pets, thinking, peace, helping, arts | easily influenced, not ambitious, no self-confidence |
| 3 | honest, hopeful, intuitive, friendly, idealist, easy-going | freedom, travel, philosophy, religion, books | not particular, blunt (tactless), argue |
| 4 | neat, ambitious, organized, conservative, frugal, practical | hard work, business, being in charge, caution | worry, slave-driver, stubborn, social climber |
| 5 | competitive, action, initiative, enthusiasm, leader | self, challenges, leading, starting | arrogant, quarrelsome, easily bored, selfish, stubborn |
| 6 | popular, intelligent, versatile, witty, curious | variety, travel, talking, reading | superficial, fickle, impatient, break rules |
| 7 | helpful, independent, broadminded, tireless, generous | helping others, friends, politics, being leader | dogmatic, rebel, impersonal, stubborn, blunt, argue |
| 8 | cooperative, harmony, fair, romantic, gracious, work hard | companionship, social life, justice, beauty/arts | indecisive, extravagant, fickle |
| 9 | generous, power, authority, romantic, idealistic, self-confident | sports, being in charge, teaching, protective | egotistical, domineering, blunt, temperamental |
| 10 | methodical, service, high standards, practical, neat, reliable | routine, details, perfection, travel, work alone | fault-finding, worry, hurtful |
| 11 | protective, tenacious, domestic, sensitive, emotional, shy, neat | security, home, family, country, solitude | combative, moody, vain |
| 12 | emotional, resourceful, secretive, forceful, loyal, determined | sex, solving mysteries, working hard, success | vengeful, cynical, argue, jealous, sarcastic |

KEY TO SUN-SIGN DATES RS

| # | DATES | SUN SIGN |
|----|---------------|-------------|
| 1 | Apr 20-May 20 | Taurus |
| 2 | Feb 19-Mar 20 | Pisces |
| 3 | Nov 22-Dec 21 | Sagittarius |
| 4 | Dec 22-Jan 19 | Capricorn |
| 5 | Mar 21-Apr 19 | Aries |
| 6 | May 21-Jun 21 | Gemini |
| 7 | Jan 19-Feb 18 | Aquarius |
| 8 | Sep 23-Oct 22 | Libra |
| 9 | Jul 23-Aug 22 | Leo |
| 10 | Aug 23-Sep 22 | Virgo |
| 11 | Jun 22-Jul 22 | Cancer |
| 12 | Oct 23-Nov 21 | Scorpio |