

YOUR HOROSCOPE: YOUR ASTROLOGICAL SUN-SIGN POTENTIALS T

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

KEY TO SUN-SIGN DATES T

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