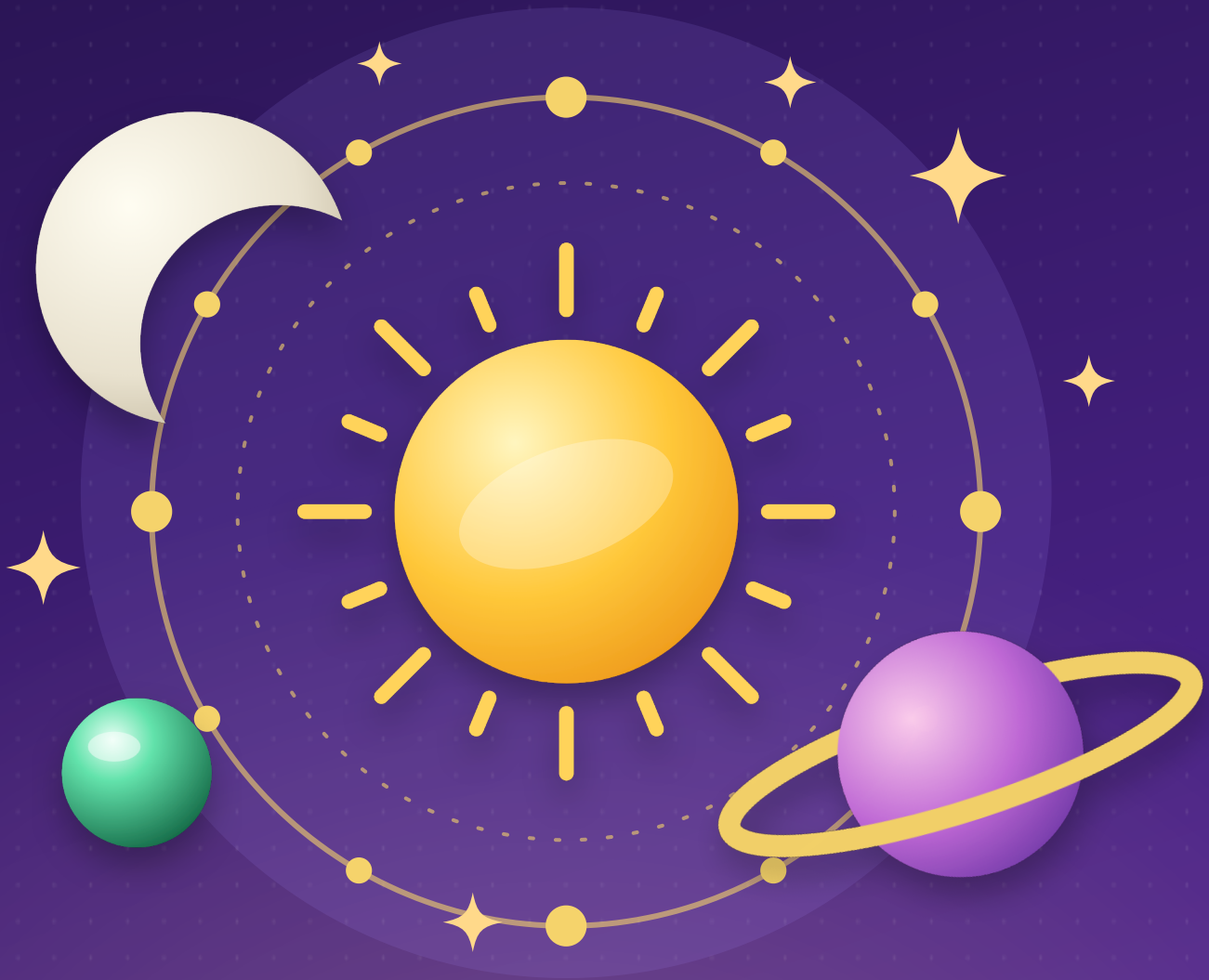
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Zodiac and Astrology Words in English

The words for signs, planets and horoscopes, with sentences to say and a guide to talking about them politely.



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How to use this book

Words, not predictions

The English words people use to talk about zodiac signs, planets and horoscopes, and how to talk about them politely.

How to use it

1. **Find your sign** on its page, with the usual dates.
2. **Say the five sentences aloud.** Change the sign to a friend's sign.
3. **Answer the two questions** and try the small task.
4. **Use the words and phrases** in a real chat, if it comes up.

Two systems

- The dates in this book are the usual Western sun-sign dates.
- Indian (Vedic) astrology often uses the Moon's position and different dates, so your Indian sign (rashi) may not match your Western sign.
- Each page gives both names.

What this book is, and is not

It is an English vocabulary and speaking book. It teaches words people use about astrology, which is a tradition of belief. It does not make predictions, give advice or say that astrology works, and scientists have found no proof that it can predict events. The words about each sign are traditional descriptions that people enjoy, and no sign is better or worse than another. Enjoy it for fun, and make your own choices.

Aries and Taurus

Say it, answer it, try it

01 Aries (Mesha)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Aries.
2. Aries is shown as the ram.
3. Aries is a fire sign.
4. People say Aries is brave, energetic and quick.
5. In India, this sign is called Mesha.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am an Aries.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 21 March to 19 April.

02 Taurus (Vrishabha)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Taurus.
2. Taurus is shown as the bull.
3. Taurus is a earth sign.
4. People say Taurus is patient, steady and loyal.
5. In India, this sign is called Vrishabha.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Taurus.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 20 April to 20 May.

Gemini and Cancer

Say it, answer it, try it

03 Gemini (Mithuna)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Gemini.
2. Gemini is shown as the twins.
3. Gemini is a air sign.
4. People say Gemini is curious, talkative and witty.
5. In India, this sign is called Mithuna.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Gemini.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 21 May to 20 June.

04 Cancer (Karka)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Cancer.
2. Cancer is shown as the crab.
3. Cancer is a water sign.
4. People say Cancer is caring, protective and emotional.
5. In India, this sign is called Karka.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Cancer.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 21 June to 22 July.

Leo and Virgo

Say it, answer it, try it

05 Leo (Simha)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Leo.
2. Leo is shown as the lion.
3. Leo is a fire sign.
4. People say Leo is confident, generous and proud.
5. In India, this sign is called Simha.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Leo.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 23 July to 22 August.

06 Virgo (Kanya)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Virgo.
2. Virgo is shown as the maiden.
3. Virgo is a earth sign.
4. People say Virgo is careful, practical and hardworking.
5. In India, this sign is called Kanya.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Virgo.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 23 August to 22 September.

Libra and Scorpio

Say it, answer it, try it

07 Libra (Tula)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Libra.
2. Libra is shown as the scales.
3. Libra is a air sign.
4. People say Libra is fair, friendly and calm.
5. In India, this sign is called Tula.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Libra.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 23 September to 22 October.

08 Scorpio (Vrishchika)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Scorpio.
2. Scorpio is shown as the scorpion.
3. Scorpio is a water sign.
4. People say Scorpio is determined, private and strong-willed.
5. In India, this sign is called Vrishchika.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Scorpio.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 23 October to 21 November.

Sagittarius and Capricorn

Say it, answer it, try it

09 Sagittarius (Dhanu)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Sagittarius.
2. Sagittarius is shown as the archer.
3. Sagittarius is a fire sign.
4. People say Sagittarius is adventurous, honest and cheerful.
5. In India, this sign is called Dhanu.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Sagittarius.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 22 November to 21 December.

10 Capricorn (Makara)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Capricorn.
2. Capricorn is shown as the sea-goat.
3. Capricorn is a earth sign.
4. People say Capricorn is serious, disciplined and ambitious.
5. In India, this sign is called Makara.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Capricorn.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 22 December to 19 January.

Aquarius and Pisces

Say it, answer it, try it

11 Aquarius (Kumbha)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Aquarius.
2. Aquarius is shown as the water-bearer.
3. Aquarius is a air sign.
4. People say Aquarius is independent, original and friendly.
5. In India, this sign is called Kumbha.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am an Aquarius.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 20 January to 18 February.

12 Pisces (Meena)

SAY IT

1. My sign is Pisces.
2. Pisces is shown as the two fish.
3. Pisces is a water sign.
4. People say Pisces is gentle, imaginative and kind.
5. In India, this sign is called Meena.

ANSWER ALOUD

1. What is your sign?
   For example: I am a Pisces.
2. Do you think the words fit you?
   For example: Some of them do, but I do not take it too seriously.

TRY IT TODAY

Say which sign you are, one word people use for it, and whether you agree. Dates in the usual Western system: 19 February to 20 March.

Words and planets

Good to know

Words you will hear, in simple English.

zodiac	the twelve signs, each linked to part of the year
horoscope	a short text about what some people believe a sign means for a day, a week or a year
sun sign	the sign for the date of your birthday
moon sign	the sign the Moon was in when you were born; the Indian system often uses this
birth chart	a diagram of where the Sun, Moon and planets were when you were born
astrologer	a person who studies the stars and planets and says what some people believe about them
astronomy	the science of stars, planets and space; it is different from astrology
constellation	a group of stars that makes a shape in the sky
element	one of four groups of signs: fire, earth, air and water
compatible	good together, or likely to get on well
prediction	a statement about what will happen in the future
lucky	having good luck

The planets, and their Indian names

the Sun	Surya
the Moon	Chandra
Mars	Mangal
Mercury	Budh
Jupiter	Guru
Venus	Shukra
Saturn	Shani
Rahu, Ketu	Points where the Moon's path crosses the Sun's path. They are not planets. Spellings of Indian names vary.

Talking about it politely

Phrases for a real chat

How to chat about signs and horoscopes without any awkwardness.

Asking	What is your sign? Are you a morning person or a night person? Which sign are you?
Answering	I am a Leo. My sign is Leo, but I am not sure I believe in it.
Showing interest	That is interesting. Tell me more about your sign.
Staying light	I enjoy reading mine, but I take it with a pinch of salt. It is just for fun.
Saying what others believe	Some people believe that... Many people read their horoscope every morning.
Politely declining	I would rather not say. I do not follow it, but thank you for asking.

Your turn

Write three sentences about your own sign and what you think of horoscopes.

Read and answer

Two short passages

Two short passages. Read, then answer in a full sentence.

What is a horoscope?

A horoscope is a short text about a zodiac sign. Many newspapers and websites print one for every sign each day. A horoscope may say that a day will be busy, or that you should be kind to a friend. Some people enjoy reading it, like a small game. Others take it more seriously. Scientists say there is no proof that the stars and planets can tell us what will happen. It is good to enjoy it for fun and make your own choices.

1. Where can people read horoscopes?

   For example: In newspapers and on websites.

2. What do some people do with a horoscope?

   For example: They enjoy reading it, like a small game.

3. What do scientists say?

   For example: There is no proof that the stars and planets can tell us what will happen.

Astrology and astronomy

The words “astrology” and “astronomy” sound alike, but they are different. Astronomy is a science. Astronomers study stars, planets, the Moon and space, and they test their ideas. Astrology is a tradition of belief. It connects the position of the stars and planets with the lives of people. Both are very old, and both began by looking at the sky. Today, we use astronomy to learn what space is really like.

1. What is astronomy?

   For example: A science that studies stars, planets, the Moon and space.

2. What is astrology?

   For example: A tradition of belief that connects the stars and planets with people’s lives.

3. What do the two have in common?

   For example: Both are very old and both began by looking at the sky.

My signs

A page to fill in

Write the signs of people you know. It is a nice way to practise the sentences.

PERSON	SIGN	MY SENTENCE

The twelve signs

- [ ] Aries
- [ ] Taurus
- [ ] Gemini
- [ ] Cancer
- [ ] Leo
- [ ] Virgo
- [ ] Libra
- [ ] Scorpio
- [ ] Sagittarius
- [ ] Capricorn
- [ ] Aquarius
- [ ] Pisces