

### What is astrology?

According to Oxford languages Astrology is the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world.

According to the Cambridge Dictionary Astrology is the study of the movements and positions of the sun, moon, planets, and stars in the belief that they affect the character and lives of people

According to my mother, Astrology is a bunch of nonsense.

But just because we believe in different things doesn't mean we can't treat each other with respect.

### Aries: The Ram

**Element/** Fire  
**Triplexity:**

**Modality:** Cardinal

**Ruling Planet:** Mars

**Dates:** March 21st- 20th April

**Symbol:** ♈

**Sister / opposite sign:** Libra

**Polarity:** Positive/ Masculine

**House:** 1

**Colour:** Red

**Strengths:** Courageous, determined, confident, enthusiastic, optimistic, honest, passionate

**Weaknesses:** Impatient, moody, short-tempered, impulsive, aggressive

### Gemini: the Twins

**Element/** Air  
**Triplexity:**

**Modality:** Mutable

**Ruling planet:** Mercury

**Dates:** 21st May- 20th June

**Symbol:** ♊

**Sister/ opposite sign:** Sagittarius

**Polarity:** Positive/ Masculine

**House:** 3

**Colour:** Light green/ yellow

**Strengths:** Gentle, affectionate, curious, adaptable, ability to learn quickly and exchange ideas

**Weaknesses:** Nervous, inconsistent, indecisive

### Leo: The Lion

**Element/** Fire  
**Triplexity:**

**Modality:** Fixed

**Ruling planet:** Sun

**Dates:** 23rd July- 22nd August

**Symbol:** ♌

**Sister /opposite sign:** Aquarius

**Polarity:** Masculine/ Positive

**House:** 5

**Colour:** Gold, yellow, orange

**Strengths:** Creative, passionate, generous, warm-hearted, cheerful, humorous

**Weaknesses:** Arrogant, stubborn, self-centered, lazy, inflexible

### Libra: The Scale

**Element/** Air  
**Triplexity:**

**Modality:** Cardinal

**Ruling planet:** Venus

**Dates:** 23 September- 22 October

**Symbol:** ♎

**Sister/ opposite sign:** Aries

**Polarity:** Masculine/ Positive

**House:** 7

**Colour:** Pink, Green

**Strengths:** Cooperative, diplomatic, gracious, fair-minded, social

**Weaknesses:** Indecisive, avoids confrontations, will carry a grudge, self-pity

### Sagittarius: The Archer

**Element/** Fire  
**Triplexity:**

**Modality:** Mutable

**Ruling planet:** Jupiter

**Dates:** 22 November -21 December

**Symbol:** ♐

**Sister/opposite sign:** Gemini

**Polarity:** Masculine/Positive

**House:** 9

**Colour:** Blue

**Strengths:** Generous, idealistic, great sense of humor

**Weaknesses:** Promises more than can deliver, very impatient, will say anything no matter how undiplomatic



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### Aquarius: The Waterbearer

<b>Element/ Triplicity:</b>	Air
<b>Modality:</b>	Fixed
<b>Ruling planet:</b>	Saturn/ Uranus
<b>Dates:</b>	20 January - 18 February
<b>Symbol:</b>	♒☐
<b>Sister/opposite sign</b>	Leo
<b>Polarity:</b>	Masculine/ Positive
<b>House:</b>	11
<b>Colour:</b>	Light blue, silver
<b>Strengths:</b>	Progressive, original, independent, humanitarian
<b>Weaknesses:</b>	Runs from emotional expression, temperamental, uncompromising, aloof

### How did astrology come to be?

According to Britannica it originated in Mesopotamia (c. 3rd millennium bc) and spread to India, but it developed its Western form in Greek civilization during the Hellenistic period. Astrology entered Islamic culture as part of the Greek tradition and was returned to European culture through Arabic learning during the Middle Ages. Some of the earliest evidence dates back to 3rd millennium BCE. UNESCO reckons that people started the very first concepts of astrology when they first observed astronomical cycles. The practice was considered an academic discipline\* right up to the 17th century across much of Eurasia.

\*with all the math it includes to figure out one's birth chart I can see why.

### Taurus: The Bull

<b>Element/ Triplicity:</b>	Earth
<b>Modality:</b>	Fixed
<b>Ruling Planet:</b>	Venus
<b>Dates:</b>	20th April- 20th May
<b>Symbol:</b>	♉☐
<b>Sister/opposite sign:</b>	Scorpio
<b>Polarity:</b>	Feminine/negative
<b>House:</b>	2
<b>Colour:</b>	Green, Pink
<b>Strengths:</b>	Reliable, patient, practical, devoted, responsible, stable
<b>Weaknesses:</b>	Stubborn, possessive, uncompromising

### Cancer: The Crab

<b>Element/ Triplicity:</b>	Water
<b>Modality:</b>	Cardinal
<b>Ruling planet:</b>	Moon
<b>Dates:</b>	21 June - 22 July
<b>Symbol:</b>	♋☐
<b>Sister/opposite sign:</b>	Capricorn
<b>Polarity:</b>	Negative/feminine
<b>House:</b>	4
<b>Colour:</b>	White
<b>Strengths:</b>	Tenacious, highly imaginative, loyal, emotional, sympathetic, persuasive
<b>Weaknesses:</b>	Moody, pessimistic, suspicious, manipulative, insecure

### Pisces: The Fish

<b>Element/ Triplicity:</b>	Water
<b>Modality:</b>	Mutable
<b>Ruling planet:</b>	Neptune/ Jupiter
<b>Dates:</b>	February 19 - March 20th
<b>Symbol:</b>	♓☐
<b>Sister/opposite sign</b>	Virgo
<b>Polarity:</b>	Negative/ Feminine
<b>House:</b>	12
<b>Colour:</b>	Mauve, Lilac, Purple, Violet, Sea green
<b>Strengths:</b>	Compassionate, artistic, intuitive, gentle, wise, musical
<b>Weaknesses:</b>	Fearful, overly trusting, sad, desire to escape reality, can be a victim or a martyr

### Virgo: The Maiden

<b>Element/ Triplicity:</b>	Earth
<b>Modality:</b>	Mutable
<b>Ruling planet:</b>	Mercury
<b>Dates:</b>	23 August - 22 September
<b>Symbol:</b>	♍☐
<b>Sister/opposite sign:</b>	Pisces
<b>Polarity:</b>	Negative/ Feminine
<b>House:</b>	6
<b>Colour:</b>	Grey, Beige, Pale-yellow
<b>Strengths:</b>	Loyal, analytical, kind, hardworking, practical

### Virgo: The Maiden (cont)

**Weaknesses:** Shyness, worry, overly critical of self and others, all work and no play

### Scorpio: The Scorpion

**Element/Triplicity:** Water

**Modality:** Fixed

**Ruling planet:** Pluto

**Dates:** 23 October -21November

**Symbol:** ♏

**Sister/opposite sign:** Taurus

**Polarity:** Negative/feminine

**House:** 8

**Colour:** Scarlett, red, rust

**Strengths:** Resourceful, powerful, brave, passionate, a true friend

**Weaknesses:** Distrusting, jealous, manipulative, violent

### Capricorn: Sea-goat

**Element/Triplicity:** Earth

**Modality:** Cardinal

**Ruling planet:** Saturn

**Dates:** 22 December-19 January

**Symbol:** ♑

**Sister/opposite sign:** Cancer

**Polarity:** Feminine/ negative

**House:** 10

**Colour:** Green, brown

**Strengths:** Responsible, disciplined, self-control, good managers

### Capricorn: Sea-goat (cont)

**Weaknesses:** Know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending, expecting the worst

### Signs, elements, modalities and ruling planets

Star sign	Element	Modalities	Ruling planets
1. Aries	Fire	Cardinal	Mars
2. Taurus	Earth	Fixed	Venus
3. Gemini	Air	Mutable	Mercury
4. Cancer	Water	Cardinal	Moon
5. Leo	Fire	Fixed	Sun
6. Virgo	Earth	Mutable	Mercury
7. Libra	Air	Cardinal	Venus
8. Scorpio	Water	Fixed	Pluto
9. Sagittarius	Fire	Mutable	Jupiter
10. Capricorn	Earth	Cardinal	Saturn
11. Aquarius	Air	Fixed	Uranus
12. Pisces	Water	Mutable	Neptune

### Why do people believe in Astrology? (cont)

Many spiritualists believe that you chose your life path before you were born so that your soul can not only learn from it but settle karmic debts. These people also tend to subscribe to the belief of reincarnation and past lives.

Astrology is also part of certain religions like new age spirituality, Taoism and neo-paganism. But anyone can believe in astrology, some people don't take it all that seriously while others consider it a way of life.

### What are the Elements?

In Western tropical astrology, there are 12 astrological signs. Each of the four elements is associated with three signs of the Zodiac, which are always located exactly 120 degrees away from each other along the ecliptic and said to be in trine with one another. Most modern astrologers use the four classical elements extensively, (also known as triplicities), and indeed it is still viewed as a critical part of interpreting the astrological chart.

The four elements are as follows: Fire, Earth, Air and Water. Always in said order. Repeated throughout the year, the pattern stays the same.

Most people have at least one of each element in their chart.

### 1st Element: Fire

**Zodiac signs:** Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

**Houses:** 1st, 5th, 9th

**Vibe:** Hot, Dry, Ardent (hard)

**Day ruler:** Sun

**Night ruler:** Jupiter

**Participating ruler:** Saturn



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### 1st Element: Fire (cont)

**Traits:** Fiery, lively, courageous, inspiring, confident, creative

**Symbol:** Triangle with point facing up

**Direction:** South

**Tarot suit:** Wands

**Season:** Summer

### The 2nd Element: Earth

**Zodiac signs:** Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

**Houses:** 2nd, 6th, 10th

**Vibe:** Heavy, cold, dry

**Day ruler:** Venus

**Night ruler:** Moon

**Participating ruler:** Mars

**Traits:** Stubborn, practical, materialistic, grounding, dependable

**Symbol:** Upside down triangle with stripe horizontally through it

**Direction:** North

**Tarot suit:** Coins

**Season:** Autumn

### 3rd Element: Air

**Zodiac signs:** Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

**Houses:** 3rd, 7th, 11th

**Vibe:** light, hot, wet

**Day ruler:** Saturn

**Night ruler:** Mercury

**Participating ruler:** Jupiter

### 3rd Element: Air (cont)

**Traits:** Intellectual, analytical, curious, perceptive, inventive, clever, objective, fair

**Symbol:** Upright triangle with line through it

**Direction:** East

**Tarot suit:** Swords

**Season:** Spring

### 4th Element: Water

**Zodiac signs:** Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

**Houses:** 4th, 8th, 12th

**Vibe:** cold, wet, soft

**Day ruler:** Venus

**Night ruler:** Mars

**Participating ruler:** Moon

**Traits:** Emotional, nurturing, deep, intuitive, nurturing

**Symbol:** Upright triangle

**Direction:** West

**Tarot suit:** Cups

**Season:** Winter



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