

WESTERN ASTROLOGY CHEAT SHEET

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BIRTH CHART BASICS

The four questions that turn a chart into a story

☉ SUN • CORE DIRECTION

Identity, vitality, purpose, and the qualities you are learning to embody.

ASC • RISING SIGN

Your approach, embodiment, first impression, and doorway into new situations.

☾ MOON • EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Instincts, private reactions, comfort, belonging, and what restores you.

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Read the Sun, Moon, and Rising separately first—then ask how they cooperate or conflict.

The four-question method

1 • PLANET = WHAT

Which inner function, need, or drive is active?

2 • SIGN = HOW

What style does that energy use?

3 • HOUSE = WHERE

In which area of life does the story unfold?

4 • ASPECT = CONNECTION

How does it flow, cooperate, or create tension with other planets?

Elements • basic temperament

FIRE

Aries • Leo • Sagittarius — expressive, instinctive, inspiring

EARTH

Taurus • Virgo • Capricorn — practical, steady, tangible

AIR

Gemini • Libra • Aquarius — curious, social, conceptual

WATER

Cancer • Scorpio • Pisces — receptive, intuitive, emotional

Modalities • how energy moves

CARDINAL • BEGINS

Aries • Cancer • Libra • Capricorn

FIXED • SUSTAINS

Taurus • Leo • Scorpio • Aquarius

MUTABLE • ADAPTS

Gemini • Virgo • Sagittarius • Pisces

PLANETS ♦ ZODIAC SIGNS

What is acting—and the style it uses

Planets and points • the cast

☉ SUN

Identity • vitality • purpose

☿ MERCURY

Mind • speech • learning

♂ MARS

Drive • desire • action

♄ SATURN

Limits • discipline • mastery

♆ NEPTUNE

Imagination • ideals • permeability

☾ MOON

Feelings • instincts • comfort

♀ VENUS

Love • values • attraction

♃ JUPITER

Growth • meaning • opportunity

♅ URANUS

Change • freedom • originality

♇ PLUTO

Power • shadow • transformation

The twelve signs • style words

♈ ARIES

direct • brave • independent

♊ GEMINI

curious • verbal • versatile

♌ LEO

warm • expressive • generous

♎ LIBRA

diplomatic • aesthetic • cooperative

♐ SAGITTARIUS

candid • adventurous • philosophical

♒ AQUARIUS

independent • inventive • principled

♉ TAURUS

steady • sensual • resourceful

♋ CANCER

caring • receptive • protective

♍ VIRGO

practical • perceptive • precise

♏ SCORPIO

intense • private • transformative

♑ CAPRICORN

disciplined • strategic • responsible

♓ PISCES

compassionate • imaginative • receptive

THE 12 HOUSES

Where life happens

1ST • SELF

Body • approach • first impressions • beginnings

2ND • RESOURCES

Money • possessions • skills • values • self-worth

3RD • MIND

Communication • learning • siblings • local environment

4TH • ROOTS

Home • family • ancestry • privacy • foundation

5TH • CREATION

Joy • romance • play • children • self-expression

6TH • DAILY LIFE

Work habits • service • routines • wellbeing

7TH • PARTNERSHIP

One-to-one bonds • agreements • collaboration

8TH • SHARING

Intimacy • shared resources • trust • renewal

9TH • MEANING

Beliefs • higher learning • long journeys • publishing

10TH • PUBLIC LIFE

Career • reputation • contribution • visible direction

11TH • COMMUNITY

Friends • groups • audiences • causes • future hopes

12TH • INNER WORLD

Rest • retreat • endings • unconscious patterns

The four angles

ASC • ASCENDANT

Eastern horizon • approach, body, Rising sign

MC • MIDHEAVEN

Local meridian • public direction, visibility, contribution

DSC • DESCENDANT

Opposite ASC • partnership and qualities met through others

IC • IMUM COELI

Opposite MC • home, roots, privacy, foundation

HOUSE RULER SHORTCUT

Find the sign on a house cusp → name that sign's ruler → locate the ruler's sign, house, and aspects. The ruler carries the original house story elsewhere in the chart.

DO NOT MIX SIGNS AND HOUSES

The 1st house is not automatically Aries, and the 8th house is not automatically Scorpio. Read the actual sign on each cusp.

ASPECTS ♦ READING FORMULA

How the chart becomes one connected story

♂ CONJUNCTION • 0°

Energies merge and intensify

▣ SQUARE • 90°

Friction that motivates growth

♊ OPPOSITION • 180°

A polarity seeking awareness and balance

♊ SEXTILE • 60°

An opportunity for cooperation

△ TRINE • 120°

Natural flow, ease, or talent

ORB

Distance from exactness; smaller usually feels more concentrated

Read one placement in six steps

1 • PLANET

What function is speaking?

3 • HOUSE

Where does it show up?

5 • ANGLE

Is it close to ASC, DSC, MC, or IC?

2 • SIGN

How does it prefer to operate?

4 • ASPECT

What supports or complicates it?

6 • HOUSE RULER

Which planet carries this house's story?

SENTENCE STARTER

My [planet] expresses itself in a [sign] way, especially through [house topics]. Its aspect to [planet] adds [flow, tension, or a need for balance].

FINAL CHECK

Look for repetition before writing a conclusion: repeated elements, modalities, houses, rulers, angles, or aspects matter more than one isolated keyword.

TRY IT WITH A REAL CHART

Try reading your own birth chart—or the chart of someone you love—to know yourself and your loved ones better. Keep this sheet beside the wheel as you explore.

[Open the birth chart calculator →](#)

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A gentle next step when you want to go beyond the cheat sheet

OUR PURPOSE

My Lucky Glow makes astrology easier to understand and more personal to use. We create beginner-friendly guidance that helps you connect chart symbols with the real people, relationships, and seasons of your life.

Continue your journey

READ YOUR OWN CHART

Use the free birth chart calculator, then return to this cheat sheet and follow the planet → sign → house → aspect formula.

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