

ZODIAC

A person's character forms his/her future. Though luck and chance may also play a major role in building a person's future, his character is the stepping stone to his tomorrow. It is believed that ASTROLOGY forms the basic characters of a person; the scientific proof of this is still unknown - may be gravitational or cosmic forces. A person also acquires other characters by the effects of social environment and self-education. Below given is a brief description of the characters formed by each sign of the zodiac. This is based purely on practical analysis and it applies to people of all categories.

Everything in nature has taken existence and shape by the result of reactions between the four fundamental natural elements - fire, earth, air and water. Accordingly, the twelve zodiac signs have been classified as follows, depending on their basic elements. The characters are also represented by the qualities of the corresponding elements and signs.

ARIES, LEO, SAGITTARIUS	:	FIRE
TAURUS, VIRGO, CAPRICORN	:	EARTH
GEMINI, LIBRA, AQUARIUS	:	AIR
CANCER, SCORPIO, PISCES	:	WATER

In some cases, the BASIC CHARACTERS may be hidden under the mask of ACQUIRED CHARACTERS; and the hidden characters are exposed only under proper conditions and circumstances. As per Astrology, there will be two planets framing the basic characters of each person - RULING PLANET and GUIDING PLANET. Ruling planet is decided through date of birth. Guiding planet, also known as ascendant, can be known by the exact place and time of birth; deciding of the ascendant involves astrological data and lot of calculations. The ruling planet decides what a person wants to do and the guiding planet decides how he does it. In other words, ruling planet is the planner and ascendant is the motivator.

Each sign of the zodiac has some positive as well as negative characters. Civilisation also plays a major role in the formation of a character. If a person recognises his strong and weak points - develops plus points and discards minus points - then he becomes the true person. If he never tries to analyse himself, then his negative characters get developed by themselves, and he becomes a burden to the society.

It is not possible to describe the complete characteristics of a person just by knowing his date of birth. Knowledge of place and time of birth are also essential. The first and last days of any Sun sign period are called cusps, and if the person was born on any of those days, then calculations are necessary to judge the exact zodiac sign. However, this is purely a general description and here we consider only the ruling planet. A list of the ruling planets and the parts of body governed by each zodiac sign is given below :

ARIES	:	MARCH 21 - APRIL 20	:	MARS	:	Head
TAURUS	:	APRIL 21 - MAY 21	:	APOLLO	:	Face
GEMINI	:	MAY 22 - JUNE 21	:	MERCURY	:	Arms
CANCER	:	JUNE 22 - JULY 23	:	MOON	:	Chest
LEO	:	JULY 24 - AUGUST 23	:	SUN	:	Stomach
VIRGO	:	AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23	:	VULCAN	:	Intestine
LIBRA	:	SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23	:	VENUS	:	Waist
SCORPIO	:	OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22	:	PLUTO	:	Anus
SAGITTARIUS	:	NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21	:	JUPITER	:	Thighs
CAPRICORN	:	DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20	:	SATURN	:	Ankle
AQUARIUS	:	JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19	:	URANUS	:	Legs
PISCES	:	FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20	:	NEPTUNE	:	Feet

DESCRIPTION

ARIES : MARCH 21 - APRIL 20 => RAM

He represents birth of the zodiac, implying an infant. He sees the world only with his point of view. He is concerned with the world only as it relates to him; his needs come first. It is not selfishness - as he is an immature baby and he is totally unaware of the inconvenience he causes to others. He is unaware - hence he is fearless, obstinate and aggressive. He is also excitable and impatient; he has a terrible, but short temper. However, he is direct, honest and vulnerable. He learns his lessons only after many failures. He can't help to be ignored; he loves publicity. He does not bother much about money and he seldom amasses a fortune.

Nature/Appearance : Brows in shape of "V"
Lucky Metal : Iron
Lucky Jewel : Coral
Examples : Tennessee Williams, Marlon Brando, Charles Chaplin, Joseph Pulitzer, Vincent Van Gogh, Bismarck, Rousseau, William Wordsworth, Leonardo da Vinci, Bette Davis, Nikita Khrushchev

TAURUS : APRIL 21 - MAY 21 => BULL

He is a hard worker - remaining solid and steady; nothing disturbs him much. He is extremely patient. He remains calm; but when something or someone disturbs him, he can demolish everything in his path. He has a faithful heart. He prefers to attract people to him, than to go near the people. He is stubborn and makes his decisions slowly and carefully. He seldom worries for anything. He becomes impressed by bigness. He plans for his tomorrow carefully and he respects property and possessions. He likes to accumulate a fortune.

Nature/Appearance : Thick neck, Small ears, Curly hair
Lucky Metal : Copper
Lucky Jewel : Diamond
Examples : Queen Elizabeth II, Sigmund Freud, Adolf Hitler, Bertrand Russell, William Shakespeare, T. M. A. Pai, Barbara Streisand, Shirley Temple, Lenin, Carl Marx, Rabindranath Tagore, Audrey Hepburn, Saddam Hussein, Rajkumar, Fahrenheit, Jenner, Tchaikovsky

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GEMINI : MAY 22 - JUNE 21 => TWINS

He is an expert - especially in the field of human relationships. He likes to converse and mix. He skips back and forth in actions - a sort of dual decisions. He is impatient with conservative and repetitive tasks or such people. He can do two things at once with less effort than it takes others to do one. He will not be pinned down to one place or one idea. He has multiple talents and he disguises his true motives. He can talk himself in and out of situations with greatest ease. He shares his deepest emotions only with himself. To be mistrusted or misunderstood in any area deeply distresses him. He has a brilliant humor, tact, diplomacy, adroitness and fast thinking - yet he lacks persistence and patience.

Nature/Appearance : Quick eye movements, High foreheads
Lucky Metal : Mercury
Lucky Jewel : Emerald
Examples : Arthur Conan Doyle, Bob Dylan, Lawrence Olivier, John F. Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe, Queen Victoria, Ian Fleming, George Bush, Masti Venkatesha Iyengar

Clint Eastwood, Rahul Gandhi

CANCER : JUNE 22 - JULY 23 => CRAB

He is very sensitive. He pursues nothing with true passion; his feelings remain hidden in his heart. His feelings are very much related with the cycles of Moon. He remains sweet, gentle and understanding self, and sometimes self-sacrificing also; but once if he is wounded in some way, he gets disappointed with life and remains remote - temporarily. He preserves secrets and he never forgets the lessons life has taught him. He carefully calculates his actions on experiences, either his own or someone else's. Even though he accumulates money, he will never feel contented with it. He has infinite patience with children.

Nature/Appearance : Always laughing nature, Circular eyes
Lucky Metal : Silver
Lucky Jewel : Pearl
Examples : Louis Armstrong, Julius Caesar, Ernest Hemingway, Henry VIII, Rembrandt, Mukesh, Joseph Chamberlain, H. Narasimhaiah, Richard Hadley, Sunil Gavaskar, Allan Border, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Alexander, Yul Brynner, Pearl Buck, Jean Paul Sartre

LEO : JULY 24 - AUGUST 23 => LION

Tom Cruise, Harrison Ford

He is a born leader - he is very proud and he rules everybody. He never leans on others and he prefers to be leaned on. He is forgiving and sympathetic. In friendship, he will be fiercely loyal; but if he hates someone, he will become a powerful enemy. He is creative and original, strong and vital. He can be quiet or flamboyant - for there are both kinds. He is extremely astute and he hates the dark and boredom equally. He is a master of simple and straightforward speech. He is a superb organiser and a wise distributor of duties. He always feels superior over others and he loves to give free advice. He lives life with lots of love. He looks after his family very well, though he raises a small one.

Nature/Appearance : Walking straight and proud
Lucky Metal : Gold
Lucky Jewel : Ruby
Examples : Lucille Ball, Napoleon Bonaparte, Fidel Castro, Alfred Hitchcock, Mussolini, George Bernard Shaw, Henry Ford I, Rajiv Gandhi, Kishore Kumar, Mae West, Bill Clinton, Alexander Dumas, Alfred Tennyson, Neil Armstrong, Wilt Chamberlain

VIRGO : AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23 => VIRGIN

He is a perfectionist - he seeks perfection everywhere; a fairly practical nature, with excessive discrimination. He does not like crowds, he stands out as a loner. He expresses his love quietly and steadily with little demonstrativeness. Worrying and behaving come naturally to him; but he is unquestionably dependable and sincere. He is unflinchingly generous to people in trouble. However, he has an apparent blindness to his own faults, and he resents open criticism of his own mistakes. He does not want to be obligated to anyone for any reason. He values his associations by the quality, rather than quantity. He has purity of thought and purpose - hence he remains clean and healthy. He has crystal clear memory. His deficiency is his nervousness. He uses money with care, as he is very much against wasting anything.

Nature/Appearance : Clear eyes, Pure appearance
Lucky Metal : Mercury
Lucky Jewel : Emerald
Examples : Ingrid Bergman, Queen Elizabeth I, Henry Ford II, Goethe, D. H. Lawrence, Sophia Loren, Peter Sellers, Agatha Christie, Sean Connery, Michael Jackson, M. S. Subbalakshmi

LIBRA : SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23 => BALANCE

He is truly romantic - with his gentleness and charming smile. He is pleasant and extremely intelligent; at the same time he is naive and gullible. He is fickle and he seldom rushes or hurries; because he has a continuous vacillating mind and the final decision comes only after some time. Half the time he can be calm, gracious and charming; other half the time he can be annoying, confused and depressed. What he seeks is the real truth, after weighing all the possibilities - all pros and cons. He lacks the power to deeply understand others' emotions and needs. Though he always remains active, sometimes he shows extraordinary laziness. His main quality is his argumentativeness. He seeks harmony everywhere.

Nature/Appearance : Sweet voice, Dimples in cheeks and knees
Lucky Metal : Copper
Lucky Jewel : Diamond
Examples : T. S. Eliot, Mahathma Gandhi, Graham Greene, Rekha, Charlton Heston, Eleanor Roosevelt, Oscar Wilde, Bruce Springsteen, Martina Navratilova, Hema Malini, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Amitabh Bachchan, Michael Faraday, Margaret Thatcher, Emily Post

Bhagat Singh, Lata Mangeskar

SCORPIO : OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22 => SCORPION

He is invincible - he has complicated and mysterious nature. He is calm and steady outwards, but explosively passionate inwards - he masters his emotions. He has an intense desire to win, and compromise is not one of his virtues. He has total ego, he never expresses his inside emotions. He needs no one to tell him his vices or virtues - he knows himself. At best, he will calmly agree; at worst, he will suspect. Once he suspects, his eyes become piercing and his speech becomes brutal. He never forgets a kindness, and it is richly rewarded. Conversely, he also remembers an injury and he builds up a burning desire to take revenge. He takes control slowly, but very surely. He can do anything he wants to do, because he remains hidden. He is intensely loyal to his friends or loved ones.

Nature/Appearance : Prominent nose, Sharp eyes, Immobile face
Lucky Metal : Steel
Lucky Jewel : Coral
Examples : Richard Burton, Prince Charles, Mary Curie, "Cheiro", Charles de Gaulle, Indira Gandhi, Katharine Hepburn, Robert F. Kennedy, Vivien Leigh, Theodore Roosevelt, Jawaharalal Nehru, Pablo Picasso, William Herschel, Billie Jean King, Linda Evans, Martin Luther

Kamal Hassan

SAGITTARIUS : NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21 => ARCHER

He is the real honest person - he is completely free of malice and he blurts out his shockingly direct speech in total innocence. He is normally restless and has natural friendliness. He fears nothing and an element of risk excites him. He has fantastic memory; he always sticks to the truth. Whatever is on his mind and heart is almost instantaneously on his lips; he is totally unaware of its effects. He speaks and acts first, and considers the consequences later. He is naive and optimistic; pretense and deception in any form appalls him. His unique combination of fiery drive, intelligence and wit usually makes him a winner everywhere. He loves animals passionately.

Nature/Appearance : Curious eyes, Open and cheerful behaviour
Lucky Metal : Tin
Lucky Jewel : Topaz
Examples : Beethoven, Winston Churchill, Walt Disney, John Milton, Humphrey Davy, Mark Twain, Steven Spielberg, Max Muller, Chris Evert, Jane Fonda, Woody Allen, Imran Khan, Rajaneesh, Walter Scott, Warren Hastings

Rajanikanth, Steven Spielberg

CAPRICORN : DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20 => GOAT

He is a winner - he always wins in any circumstances and he keeps his ambitions secret. He carefully avoids the obstacles and normally remains in the background. He looks naive, but remains tough inside. He carefully and calculatively plans his life. He never involves himself in other's affairs - as he is fully involved in his own. He digests insults, worries and disappointments - quality of a true winner. He uses others' weaknesses to make himself stronger. He remains serious in his youth, but relaxes gradually as he matures. He guards the past and protects the present, so that he can build the future safely.

Nature/Appearance : Steady eyes, Calm and deliberate actions
Lucky Metal : Lead
Lucky Jewel : Blue Sapphire
Examples : Mohammad Ali, Ava Gardner, Cary Grant, Joan of Arc, Benjamin Franklin, Stalin, Mao Tse-tung, Kapil Dev, Isaac Newton, Louis Pasteur, Edgar Allan Poe, Kepler, Woodrow Wilson, Mallikarjuna Mansoor, Mohammad Rafi, K. V. Puttappa, Rudyard Kipling, Swamy Vivekananda, Martin Luther King, Isaac Asimov

Ratan Tata

AQUARIUS : JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19 => WATER-BEARER

He is a humanitarian - he follows truth and morality honestly. He is cool and logical. He keeps analysing things, with a sharp perception. Tradition and authority leave him unimpressed. He has varied interests in many subjects. He is very much interested in friendship and he wants to have it in all circles. He is fiercely independent, original, diplomatic and sympathetic. He is a group man and teamwork comes naturally to him. Sometimes he isolates himself from the local happenings. He keeps his word and he expects others also to do the same. He thinks far ahead of others and he is a born lover of freedom. Because of his blunt speech and sudden actions, he is often misunderstood by others. He does not bother himself with past and present, as he lives more in future.

Nature/Appearance : Dreamy eyes, Physique of dual gender
Lucky Metal : Uranium
Lucky Jewel : Sapphire
Examples : Francis Bacon, Lewis Carroll, Charles Darwin, Galileo, Charles Dickens, Thomas Edison, Clark Gable, Mozart, Abraham Lincoln, Somerset Maugham, Paul Newman, Ronald Reagan, John McEnroe, Franklin D. Roosevelt, K. M. Kariyappa

Subhashchandra Bose

PISCES : FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20 => FISH

He represents the end of the zodiac, implying consciousness of the soul. He has knowledge of everything; but he does not bother with those things. He is passionate and creative. By meeting challenges, he finds true peace and happiness. To help is his first instinct and he spends his energy in helping others, rather than taking care of himself. He is wiser than he knows and stronger than he thinks. He is a perfect realist in deeds, but he likes to live on dreams. He adapts himself to any situation beautifully. He is a master of satire - he wears his laughs to disguise his emotions. He is subtle and he has no prejudices. He has knowledge of yesterday, tolerance of today and carelessness about tomorrow.

Nature/Appearance : Beautiful and liquid eyes, Noticeable feet
Lucky Metal : Artificial
Lucky Jewel : Topaz
Examples : Albert Einstein, Victor Hugo, Edward M. Kennedy, Elizabeth Taylor, George Washington, Morarji Desai, Alexander Graham Bell, James Madison, Michael Angelo

IMPORTANT : The two planets mentioned above, namely APOLLO and VULCAN are yet to be invented. As per old concepts, the ruling planets of TAURUS, VIRGO, SCORPIO, AQUARIUS and PISCES are VENUS, MERCURY, MARS, SATURN and JUPITER respectively. Although Sun is a star and Moon is a satellite, they are mentioned as planets, for a consistent vocabulary. In fact, all of them can be collectively called as **CELESTIAL BODIES**. The bodies in the solar system impose their cosmic powers on the system's inhabitants. As per astrological concepts, each planet affects the respective qualities and influences the respective fields, as given below :

SUN : Brilliancy, Fruitfulness -> Career
 MOON : Changeability, Imagination -> Love
 MERCURY : Mentality, Intelligence -> Education
 VENUS : Sensuality, Romance -> Properties
 MARS : Vitality, Courage -> Adventure
 JUPITER : Ambition, Wisdom -> Business
 SATURN : Melancholy, Seriousness -> Health
 URANUS : Analysis, Concentration -> Invention
 NEPTUNE : Knowledge, Fantasy -> Literature
 PLUTO : Passion, Desire -> Sex

SHORT SUMMARY

SIGN	KEYWORD	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
ARIES	: Self	: Courage	: Rudeness
TAURUS	: Money	: Endurance	: Stubbornness
GEMINI	: Mind	: Versatility	: Capriciousness
CANCER	: Family	: Sympathy	: Clannishness
LEO	: Children	: Love	: Egotism
VIRGO	: Work	: Purity	: Cynicism
LIBRA	: Marriage	: Justice	: Vacillation
SCORPIO	: Sex	: Survival	: Vengeance
SAGITTARIUS	: Travel	: Openness	: Lawlessness
CAPRICORN	: Career	: Depth	: Narrowness
AQUARIUS	: Friends	: Altruism	: Unpredictability
PISCES	: Confinement	: Universality	: Escapism

HINDU ASTROLOGY

As per Hindu Astrology, depending on the SOURAMAANA system, the months are decided as follows. The dates between two months differ by one or two days depending on the name of the year, i.e., SAMVATHSARA.

MESHA	: MANGALA	: April 13 - May 13	: Havala
VRISHABHA	: SHUKRA	: May 14 - June 14	: Vajra
MITHUNA	: BUDHA	: June 15 - July 15	: Pachche
KARKATAKA	: CHANDRA	: July 16 - August 16	: Muththu
SIMHA	: SOORYA	: August 17 - September 16	: Kempu
KANYA	: BUDHA	: September 17 - October 16	: Pachche
THULA	: SHUKRA	: October 17 - November 15	: Vajra
VRISHCHIKA	: MANGALA	: November 16 - December 15	: Havala
DHANUSH	: GURU	: December 16 - January 14	: Pushyaraaga
MAKARA	: SHANI	: January 15 - February 12	: Neela
KUMBHA	: SHANI	: February 13 - March 13	: Indraneela
MEENA	: GURU	: March 14 - April 12	: Pushyaraaga

Even though Astrology was born in India and then spread outside India, the English and Hindu systems differ in many ways. There exists a difference of about 22 degrees between Western and Hindu zodiacs. i.e., according to Hindu horoscope if a planet is in 20 degrees CANCER, it will be situated in the 12th degree of LEO as per Western astrology. However, the basic principles and ultimate results remain the same.

SOME FINAL POINTS

- * Not all Scorpio are dangerous and not all Sagittarians are honest; there are exceptions - once again, it depends on the ascendants.
- * Both Leo and Taurus love their families extremely. Taurus loves his home and properties as well.
- * When Aquarian comes to a conclusion, he is as stubborn as Taurus.
- * Out of all the twelve signs, Geminians are the fastest workers.
- * Sometimes Virgo is too much demanding - it is a fact that most of the times he remains unmarried, as he cannot find a perfect partner.
- * Piscean is represented by two fish swimming in opposite directions : it indicates two different and quite opposite emotions, but the emotions remaining susceptible - like a water flow. It also indicates the two choices given : swim to the top or swim to the bottom.
- * Taurus, Cancer and Capricorn - all of them have surplus of finance, as they use money carefully.
- * One of the strangest patterns in astrology is the death of a relative in the family within either a year before or the year after the birth of a Scorpio, and vice versa.
- * Sometimes Aquarian asks such silly questions, people wonder what a fool he is; in fact, he is not - he is just absent minded.
- * Typically, there are three Scorpio natures - fierce eagle, naive gray lizard and stinging scorpion : each with the respective characters.
- * Slow decisions are of Libran, and double decisions are of Geminian.
- * Astrologers state that - whatever Aquarian thinks today, the world will think like that after fifty years; so he gets credit as a revolutionist.
- * It is a strange fact that some Scorpio, knowing that their eyes are intense, wear sun-glasses even at night.
- * Sagittarian tells the bad truth unknowingly, Scorpio tells it knowingly.
- * Normally, Capricorn person remains materialistic in the younger age and turns himself into spiritual study in the later days.
- * Some astrologers state that the planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto don't have any significance in Astrology - as they can't be seen with bare eyes and as they are very far off, they don't have any considerable effects on this planet earth.

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