



A QUICK GUIDE TO SIGNS, PLANETS, AND HOUSES

There's no way around it: memorizing essential concepts for each sign, planet, and house is the only way to learn astrology. You can learn these concepts quickly—but still it takes some effort. I made flash cards and tested myself for weeks. Eventually I learned the difference between Mars and Mercury and between Sagittarius, Pisces, and Taurus. I learned that my money was in the 2nd house and my husband in the 7th. Mastering the keywords is just the beginning. The archetypes they refer to have a living quality. They're not flat cartoons. Therefore, the keywords are just pointers. Expect the archetypes to perform with infinite creativity within the confines of their basic natures. You need to use your imagination!

PLANETS

Sun: Our vitality and magnetism; self-identity, ego.

Roles: The Self, the Hero, the Performer, the King.

Moon: Intuition, emotion, nurture.

Roles: The Mother, the High Priestess, the Child.

Mercury: Mind; physical dexterity and mental agility.

Roles: The Thinker, the Communicator, the Student, the Trickster, the Merchant, the Thief.

Venus: Our capacity for pleasure, receptivity, creativity, and social connection. Also indicates our relationships, self esteem, and financial abundance.

Roles: The Lover, the Seductress, the Artist.

Mars: Desire, initiative, anger.

Roles: The Protector, the Athlete, the Warrior.

Jupiter: Luck, opportunity, expansion, higher learning, religion.

Roles: The Scholar, the Gypsy, the Traveler, the Monk, the Professor.

Saturn: Hard work, commitment, focus, inadequacy, leadership, suffering, loss.

Roles: The Task Master, the Grim Reaper, the Wise Old Man, the Builder, the Cynic, the Boss.

Uranus: Change, breakthroughs, upsets, discoveries.

Roles: The Revolutionary, the Humanitarian, the Visionary, the Snob.

Neptune: Imagination, spirituality, idealism, addictions, deception, compassion.

Roles: The Artist, the Romantic, the Guru, the Addict, the Martyr, the Victim.

Pluto: Transformation, power, psychological dynamics, helplessness.

Roles: The Terrorist, the Detective, the Psychotherapist, the Dictator, shady people.

SIGNS

Aries: Pioneering, competitive, selfish, impatient, courageous, reckless, independent, dynamic, domineering, "Me first!"

Taurus: Patient, stable, lazy, dependable, practical, sensual, stubborn, artistic, possessive, greedy, gentle, loyal.

Gemini: Intelligent, curious, adaptable, quick-witted, restless, clever, scatterbrained, lacking

follow-through.

Cancer: Nourishing, intuitive, protective, moody, sensitive, maternal, domestic, childish, cautious, creative.

Leo: Proud, dignified, vain, expressive, romantic, generous, childish, overbearing, self-assured, creative.

Virgo: Perfection-seeking, practical, methodical, petty, critical, studious, discriminating, cautious, never satisfied.

Libra: Charming, sociable, peace-loving, refined, diplomatic, artistic, indecisive, apathetic, easily deterred.

Scorpio: Passionate, secretive, penetrating, resourceful, suspicious, manipulative, jealous, sarcastic, intolerant, determined, aware.

Sagittarius: Freedom-loving, philosophical, optimistic, enthusiastic, careless, impatient, talkative, a know-it-all, broadminded, athletic, honest.

Capricorn: Serious, responsible, practical, hardworking, stubborn, brooding, inhibited, status-conscious, domineering, unforgiving.

Aquarius: Progressive, individualistic, unpredictable, cold, intellectual, artistic, eccentric, shy, impersonal, scientific.

Pisces: Compassionate, intuitive, ungrounded, romantic, impractical, self-sacrificing, seductive, musical, artistic.

HOUSES

First House: Personality, physical body, beginnings. Includes the Ascendant and rules physical appearance, the image you project to others, your general outlook on life, how you start

things; may describe your role in your family system, often guides your first impression of immediate environment.

Second House: Money and personal finances, sense of self-worth and basic values, personal possessions, talents.

Third House: Communication, thoughts, language skills like writing and speaking, early schooling, siblings and neighbors, short trips, coming and going around town.

Fourth House: Your home, psychological foundations and roots, family, parents, domestic life, instinctive behavior, ancestry, your connection with the past, sense of security, domestic life, real estate. conditions at the end of life.

Fifth House: Children, creativity, romance; pleasure, entertainment, self-expression; all forms of "play", speculation, gambling, and attitude towards taking risks; hobbies, attitude towards romance, lovers as opposed to partners, attitude towards having fun.

Sixth House: Work and job (as opposed to career), daily life, attitude towards service and coworkers, helpfulness, pets, attitude towards routine and organization, how you refine and perfect your skills.

Seventh House: Partnerships, one-to-one relationships, marriage, the first marriage, the "significant other", business partnerships, competitors, open enemies, lawyers, mediators, counselors, contracts, negotiations, agreements. clients/the public.

Eighth House: Transformations and crisis, your ability to meet and rebound from crisis and change, sexuality; sex, death and rebirth, rituals and personal growth, your partner's resources, addictions, psychology, other people's money, taxes, divorce/alimony, inheritance.

Ninth House: Attitude toward expanding horizons, religious beliefs and personal philosophy, higher education, long-distance travel, morals, foreign languages and cultures, personal truths, publishing, commerce, advertising, your sense of adventure.

Tenth House: Career and profession, your contribution to society, social status, public reputation, material success, how you carve out a public identity for yourself; attitude toward authority figures, parents, caregivers, bosses, governments, attitude towards responsibility,

desire for achievement.

Eleventh House: Friends, groups, organizations; hopes, wishes, aspirations, personal goals; your philanthropic attitude, concern for the collective, humanity; like tenth, can bring recognition and honors for fulfilling hopes and dreams.

Twelfth House: What's hidden beneath the surface, karmic dustbin, limiting childhood/past-life messages, self-undoing, hidden enemies, hidden weaknesses, dreams, secret affairs, lost items, hospitals and prisons, hidden strengths, spiritual studies and soul growth.