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Who Are You?

WHO ARE YOU???

Happy New Year! Now, it is 2023. New Year's is a time when people think about their life and goals. They think hard about who they are and what they want. So, here are some fun ways for YOU to think about who YOU are. Please enjoy!



Astrology & the Zodiac with Sheila

Western **astrology** star signs like Leo and Gemini and Chinese **zodiac** animals like the rat and the dog can all be called 'the Zodiac' in English. Why? This is because both **systems** are based on the **cycles** of the stars and **planets** in the sky. Then, each system gives **personality traits** to each group. For example, boars are the luckiest animal in the Zodiac because they came last to the **Banquet** in the old story. And Leo's are bright and **brave** because their symbol is the lion.

The Chinese zodiac is from the Chinese **lunar** (moon) calendar. It is a cycle of 12 years with 12 animals. Each animal **represents** a year and an hour of the day. The animals in **order** are: rat/mouse, ox/cow, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep/ram/goat, monkey, rooster/bird, dog, and pig/boar.

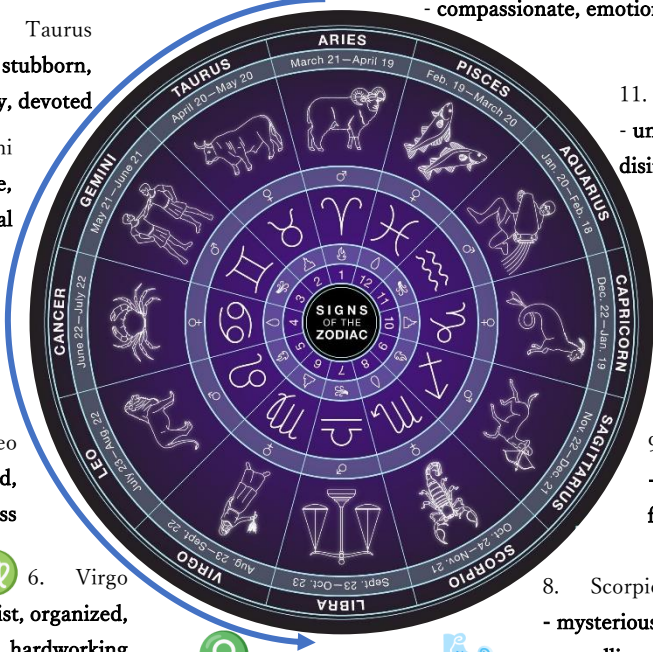
So, YOU get an animal based on the year in which you were born. This system is very popular and **important** for many countries in Asia.

Western astrology gives each star **constellation** a name and **sign**. The signs in order are: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces.

Then YOU get a sign based on what month, day, and hour you were born. Of course, where **matters** too because of **time zones**. This system is very popular in Europe and the Americas.

Do YOU match your Zodiac sign and animal? Let's see!

Western Astrology Signs



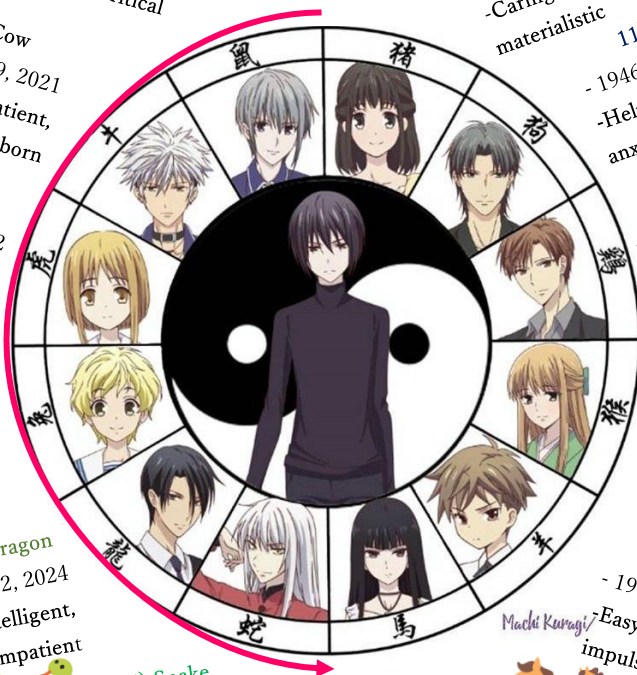
- 1. Aries - bold, confident, direct, impulsive, temperamental, positive
- 2. Taurus - materialistic, focused, consistent, stubborn, trustworthy, devoted
- 3. Gemini - playful, curious, two-faced, expressive, careless, social
- 4. Cancer - intuitive, emotional, defensive, maternal, passive-aggressive, indirect
- 5. Leo - passionate, loyal, dramatic, proud, jealous, fearless
- 6. Virgo - logical, perfectionist, organized, supportive, resourceful, hardworking

- 7. Libra - balanced, harmonious, companionable, attention-seeking, indecisive, diplomatic

- 8. Scorpio - mysterious, misunderstood, powerful, clever, controlling, intense
- 9. Sagittarius - flexible, blunt, dynamic, funny, free-spirited, unreliable
- 10. Capricorn - patient, dedicated, mischievous, unemotional, serious, judgmental
- 11. Aquarius - unique, eccentric, sensitive, disinterested, stubborn, helpful
- 12. Pisces - compassionate, emotional, creative, flexible, gentle, spiritual

Chinese Zodiac

Animals



- 1) Rat / Mouse - 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020
- Ambitious, charming, talkative, resourceful, private, frugal, critical
- 2) Ox / Cow - 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021
- Diligent, gentle, hardworking, reliable, patient, materialistic, stubborn
- 3) Tiger - 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022
- Confident, brave, magnetic, idealistic, thrill-seeking, arrogant, selfish
- 4) Rabbit - 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023
- Kind, sensitive, artistic, romantic, judgmental, timid, refined
- 5) Dragon - 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024
- Outspoken, energetic, generous, intelligent, perfectionistic, egocentric, impatient
- 6) Snake - 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025
- Clever, curious, alluring, wise, anxious, calculating, jealous

- 7) Horse - 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026
- Amusing, enthusiastic, independent, persuasive, irresponsible, moody, opportunistic
- 8) Sheep / Ram / Goat - 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027
- Easygoing, empathetic, creative, cheerful, disorganized, impulsive, lazy
- 9) Monkey - 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028
- Entertaining, intelligent, optimistic, sociable, fickle, secretive, unpredictable
- 10) Rooster / Bird - 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029
- Adventurous, charitable, funny, loyal, argumentative, boastful, self-involved
- 11) Dog - 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030
- Helpful, honest, trustworthy, unselfish, pessimistic, anxious, timid
- 12) Pig / Boar - 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031
- Caring, generous, smart, outgoing, fearful, impatient, materialistic



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Tarot Cards with Rachel

What is Tarot?

The **Tarot** is a series of cards, **similar** to playing cards, which people use to answer **important** questions, try to **predict** the future, and just have fun. If you've ever read the manga or seen the anime *Cardcaptor Sakura*, then you'll know about Clow cards. Clow cards are **actually** based on Tarot cards!



There are seventy-eight cards in a Tarot **deck**: twenty-two **Major** Arcana Cards, and fifty-six **Minor** Arcana cards. The Major Arcana represent the big themes in life, such as 'The Lovers' for **romance**, and 'The Wheel of Fortune' for luck. Some of the Major Arcana seem scary, like 'Death', but the meanings are often less **frightening** than they seem. Like **playing cards**, the Minor Arcana are split into four groups, called suits. But instead of hearts, clubs, diamonds and spades, the four Tarot suits are **cups, swords, coins** and **wands**. Each **suit**, and every number within that suit, has a **different** meaning.



Together, several Tarot cards can **combine** to create messages that some people believe give you important **knowledge** about your life.

How do you use Tarot cards?



The best way to use the Tarot is to ask a question, then pick some cards to find the answer. For example, you could ask 'what type of job should I do after I **graduate** high school?', then take a few Tarot cards from the deck to answer your question. If you see '**Justice**' or '**Judgement**', then maybe the cards are telling you that you would make a great **lawyer**, or police **officer**. But if you see 'The Star', then perhaps you should choose a more **creative** career, and try to do a job making something **completely** new.



Of course, it probably isn't a good idea to base big life **decisions** on Tarot cards – but you can still use them to **discover** new ideas and **inspiration**. Personally, I **collect** Tarot cards because I love the various art styles of different decks. Since my hobby is **creative writing**, the cards sometimes give me new ideas for stories. And I also do readings for friends from time to time...but only for fun!

XOXO,
Rachel





Blood types in Japan

In Japan, the most popular way to predict personalities is by using a person's **blood type**. This **system** uses the 4 main blood types like this:



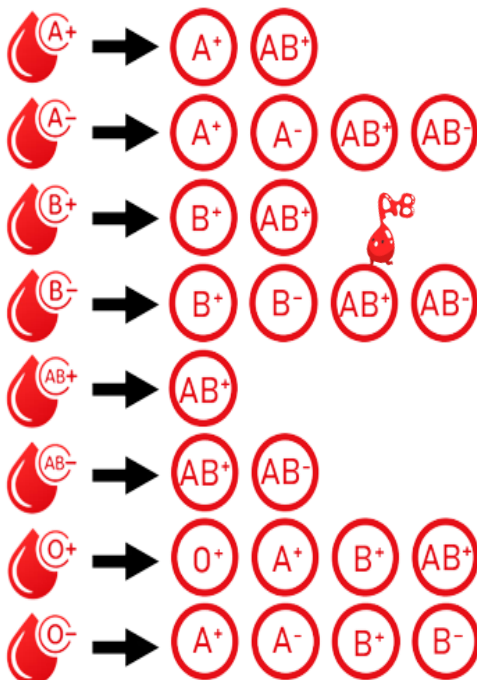
A			B		
Organised	Polite	Shy	Outgoing	Independent	Curious
AB			O		
Genius/Psycho	Outgoing/Shy	Unpredictable	Optimistic	Confident	Leaders

Should we judge people based on their blood type?

Sometimes people in Japan are **discriminated** against because of their blood type. For example, people might vote against a **politician** just because they are not type O, or companies might choose not to hire '**unpredictable**' type ABs. I don't believe in blood type personalities, so I don't think we should **judge** people like this.

The most popular **theory** against blood typing, horoscopes, & tarot is the **Barnum Effect**. This theory describes how **personality** tests pretend to give **specific** advice, but actually use **vague** terms that could apply to anyone. Studies on this can be fun to read! Like a university study where **participants** were given a personality test and asked to rate its **accuracy**. Most people thought it was very accurate, but then the **researchers** revealed that everyone had been given the exact same test results!

Blood donations- a better reason to care about blood types!



1 person's **donation** can save up to 3 lives! And if you're the one getting blood, it's important to know your blood type. **Negative** blood types are very rare. This is **unfortunate** because they can donate to many different people. Some people are also better **suited** to different types of donations. For example, ABs are suited to donating **plasma**. AB plasma is **special**- it can be given to anyone. AB people are rare in Japan, & sometimes disliked because of personality predictions. But for people with rare **diseases**, ABs are amazing! Like the **vtuber** Ironmouse- she needs weekly plasma donations, and has raised thousands of dollars for **charities** that help others just like her. When you are old enough, I hope some of you will **donate** blood!

Blood types in Japan	A+	A-	B+	B-	AB+	AB-	O+	O-
	39.8%	0.2%	19.9%	0.1%	9.9%	0.05%	29.9%	0.15%

