

Predictive Astrology Course

Learn to Make Your Own
Astrological Predictions



The Dark Pixie Astrology

Class 1: Introduction to Predictive Astrology

In this introductory class, you'll learn about the astrology basics, the core fundamentals that you need to learn first before you can dive into the grit of predictive astrology.

Lesson 1.1 Glyphs

There are symbols for every sign, planet, and aspect used in astrology. They act as a shorthand for interpreting charts and writing down important information as you go along. The very first thing you need to learn are these glyphs. You need to be able to know what the glyph stands for when you see it. Make use of the three glyph quiz videos included with this course to learn your glyphs quickly. First up, the signs (which are in order, left to right):

Aries ♈ Taurus ♉ Gemini ♊ Cancer ♋
Leo ♌ Virgo ♍ Libra ♎ Scorpio ♏
Sagittarius ♐ Capricorn ♑ Aquarius ♒ Pisces ♓

Now the planets: There are 10 planets, including the Sun and Moon, and excluding Earth (I know that's not true scientifically, but astrology came about long before anyone classified the Sun and Moon as non-planets). Note that Pluto has two symbols, one that's a combination of a P and an L, and one that looks like it's holding a circle. The one with the P and the L will usually be the one you see. Included below are also the symbols for Chiron, an asteroid, and the lunar nodes:

Sun ☉ Moon ☾ Mercury ☿ Venus ♀ Mars ♂ Jupiter ♃ Saturn ♄
Uranus ♅ Neptune ♆ Pluto ♇ Chiron ♁ North Node ♁ South Node ♁

In addition to the signs and planets, you also need to learn the glyphs for aspects. When two points are a certain distance away from each other, they're forming an aspect. You'll learn all about these aspects in lesson 7. Their glyphs are:

Conjunction ☌ Sextile ✳ Square □ Trine △ Opposition ☍
Semisextile √ Quincunx ⋈

Lesson 1.2 Zodiac Wheel

A Zodiac wheel is what we use to plot positions in a chart. This exercise will help you understand the parts of a Zodiac wheel. Begin by drawing a plain circle. Then, divide the circle into 12 parts by drawing 6 lines through it. Imagine you're cutting up a pizza. Each slice represents one whole Zodiac sign. We label each line with the signs for the Zodiac, in order, Aries through Pisces, starting on the left and going counter-clockwise.

The line just before each sign represents the very beginning of that sign, with the first line being the beginning of Aries. Every sign is comprised of 30 degrees, every degree is comprised of 60 minutes, and every minute is comprised of 60 seconds.

Note:

The symbol for degree is a superscript o: °

The symbol for minute is an apostrophe: '

The symbol for second is a quotation mark: ''

The line that leads to each sign is 0 degrees. The slice for that sign is between that line and the line for the next sign. Each slice consists of 29 degrees, 59 minutes, 59 seconds. Within the slice, there can be 29 dashes that represent every degree of that sign, 1 - 29 (plus the line leading to the sign, which is 0 degrees). You'll usually see dashes only for every 5 degrees though, since it can be hard to squeeze in 29 of them, so add 5 dashes for every sign.

Try to plot a point on the Zodiac wheel. Let's say your Sun is at 13 degrees of Aries. That would be in the middle of 10 and 15 degrees, so you'd mark a spot between the dashes for 10 degrees and 15 degrees Aries. Say your

Moon is at 27 degrees of Cancer. That would be in the middle of 25 degrees Cancer and 0 degrees Leo, so you'd mark a spot between the dashes for 25 degrees Cancer and 0 degrees Leo.

Lesson 1.3 Reading an Ephemeris

An ephemeris is a table of the locations in the Zodiac the planets and other celestial bodies are at on specific dates. It outlines the movement of the planets so you know where each planet is on any given day. You can find a free ephemeris online with a simple search, or purchase an ephemeris. For the purpose of this lesson, we'll be using the ephemeris from astro.com for the year 2016.

In the first line, you see Date and symbols that you should recognize. In order, they are the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto.

The column of numbers below each planet shows the planet's movement through the Zodiac. The sign at the top shows the sign that the planet is in at midnight on the 1st of the month (Greenwich Mean Time is used here). You can see Jupiter has an R below, and an R appears halfway down the Mercury column. The R stands for retrograde, which is when a planet appears to be moving backward from our view here on Earth. The planet isn't actually moving backward, it just appears that way because of the way the planets move in relation to Earth. Since the Earth revolves around the Sun, and the Moon revolves around the Earth, the Sun and Moon are the only planets that don't turn retrograde at any point. When a planet is retrograde, it moves backward through the sign it's in, so instead of progressing forward as 1 degree, 2 degrees, 3 degrees, etc. it goes backward as 3 degrees, 2 degrees, 1 degree. When the retrograde is over, you'll see a D on the ephemeris, which stands for direct.

Look at the Sun. The glyph at the top of the column is for Capricorn, so we know that the Sun is in Capricorn to begin January 2016. The numbers to the left read 9 - the numbers to the left are the degrees that the planet is at, so in this case, it's 9 degrees Capricorn. The numbers to the right read 58 - the numbers to the right are the minutes, so we find that the Sun is at 9 degrees 58 minutes in Aquarius to start 2016. With the astro.com ephemeris, they also include the number for seconds for the Sun, which are the second set of numbers on the right (56 = 56 seconds).

If you go down the column for the Sun, you see that the Aquarius symbol pops up for Wednesday January 21st. This means that the day before, January 20th, the Sun entered Aquarius, and it's now at 0 degrees 21 minutes of Aquarius at midnight on Wednesday January 21st. Whenever you see a new glyph pop up on a column, that means the planet entered a new sign the day before. When a planet enters a new sign, it's called an ingress. Note that since the ephemeris uses Greenwich Mean Time, the date might be off by a day for some of you, depending on time zone.

1.4 Charts

You can buy software to cast charts or use online chart generators like astro.com for free. You can also learn how to cast charts by hand, but that takes a lot of time, and the reality is that even most pros don't cast charts by hand because of how time-consuming it is. But it's something you can learn down the road (if you're using the program, class 8 half covers this). Chart placements for planets and houses will be given to you for this course; there is also supplementary material provided with this class to show you step-by-step how to create a chart using astro.com, if you don't know how to do that.

A natal chart is a chart that shows the locations in the Zodiac of the planets and other objects/points at the exact moment of your birth from the location you were born at. A standard natal chart has the 10 planets, Chiron, True Node (North Node), and the 12 houses, and they all represent different parts of your personality and areas of your life. We'll cover the planets, signs, houses, and other important stuff in the chart in the next lesson.

To create a natal chart, you need a person's birth data: date of birth, time of birth, and the town and state/country of birth.

The 12 houses are derived in different ways. The 1st house is the exact position in the Zodiac that was ascending on the horizon at the moment of your birth from the location you were born at. This is why you'll see the sign on the 1st house called the Rising Sign, as it's the sign rising on the horizon. The 1st house is also called the Ascendant. The 10th house is the exact position in the Zodiac the meridian intersects with the ecliptic. This house is

also called the Midheaven, and it's the highest point in your chart, so it's associated with what you aspire for in life.

For this course, you'll be working with an imaginary female who will be referenced as Person A. Here is her birth data and natal chart placements:

Person A (female): Born January 23rd, 1971 at 5:16AM in Los Angeles, California

Sun: 2 degrees 53 minutes Aquarius

Moon: 17 degrees 45 minutes Sagittarius

Mercury: 9 degrees 11 minutes Capricorn

Venus: 16 degrees 3 minutes Sagittarius

Mars: 0 degrees 18 minutes Sagittarius

Jupiter: 1 degrees 29 minutes Sagittarius

Saturn: 15 degrees 43 minutes Taurus

Uranus: 13 degrees 33 minutes Libra, retrograde

Neptune: 2 degrees 36 minutes Sagittarius

Pluto: 29 degrees 34 minutes Virgo, retrograde

1st house: 5 degrees 32 minutes Capricorn

2nd house: 12 degrees 32 minutes Aquarius

3rd house: 21 degrees 31 minutes Pisces

4th house: 24 degrees 47 minutes Aries

5th house: 21 degrees 10 minutes Taurus

6th house: 13 degrees 34 minutes Gemini

7th house: 5 degrees 32 minutes Cancer

8th house: 12 degrees 32 minutes Leo

9th house: 21 degrees 31 minutes Virgo

10th house: 24 degrees 47 minutes Libra

11th house: 21 degrees 10 minutes Scorpio

12th house: 13 degrees 34 minutes Sagittarius

If you want to create a chart for yourself, you can visit the [Free Astrology Courses](#) page on The Dark Pixie Astrology for a video on how to create using astro.com, a website where you can generate charts for free. This is what the chart for Person A would look like:

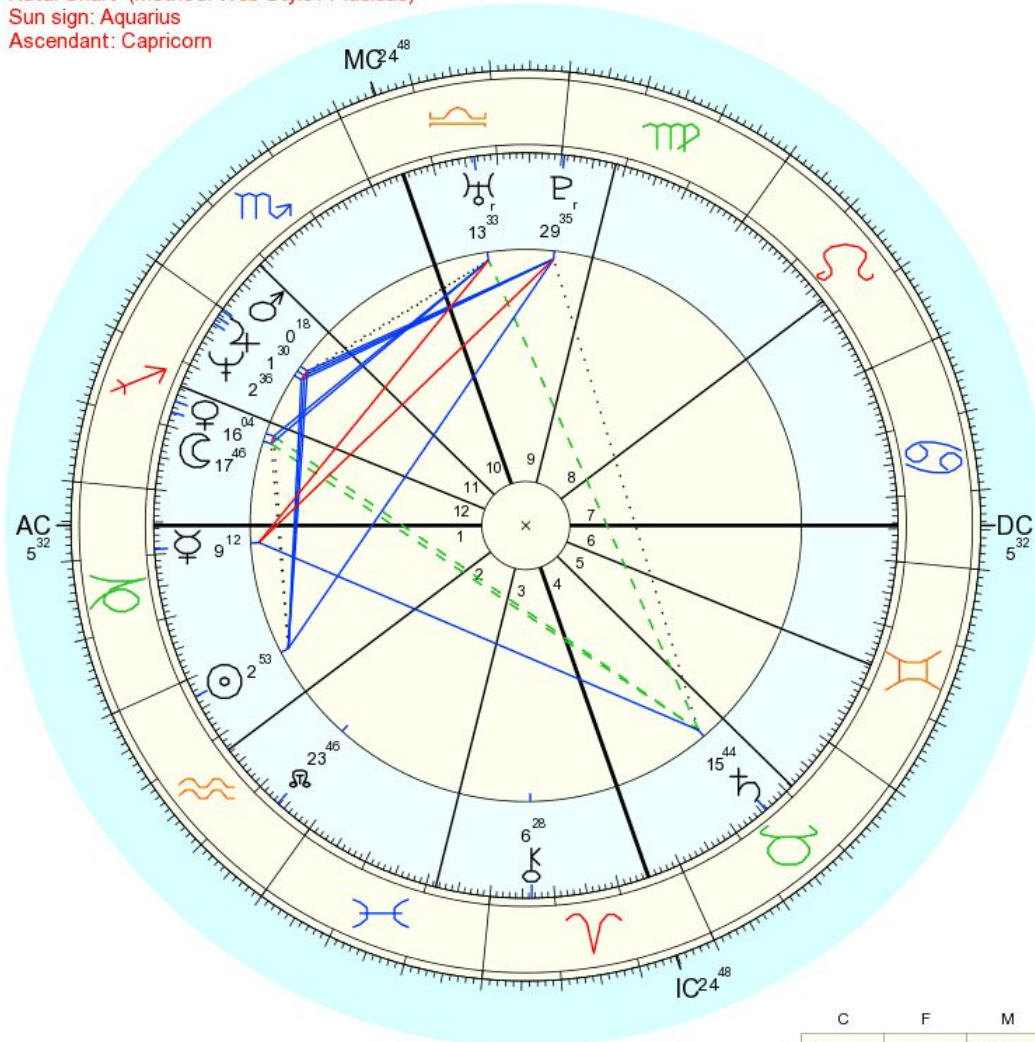
Name: ♀ A
 born on Sa., 23 January 1971
 in Los Angeles, CA (US)
 118w15, 34n03

Time: 5:16 a.m.
 Univ. Time: 13:16
 Sid. Time: 13:31:53



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Natal Chart (Method: Web Style / Placidus)
 Sun sign: Aquarius
 Ascendant: Capricorn



☉ Sun	2	Aqu	53' 9"	
☾ Moon	17	Sag	45' 46"	
☿ Mercury	9	Cap	11' 37"	
♀ Venus	16	Sag	3' 33"	
♂ Mars	0	Sag	18' 26"	
♃ Jupiter	1	Sag	29' 57"	
♄ Saturn	15	Tau	43' 56"	
♅ Uranus	13	Lib	33' 8" r	
♆ Neptune	2	Sag	36' 11"	
♇ Pluto	29	Vir	34' 40" r	
♁ True Node	23	Aqu	46' 13"	
♄♅ Chiron	6	Ari	28' 27"	
AC: 5 Cap 32' 2"	2: 12	Aqu 32'	3: 21	Pis 31'
MC: 24 Lib 47' 59"	11: 21	Sco 10'	12: 13	Sag 34'

	C	F	M
F	♄		♁♂♂♂♂
A	♃♄	☉♁	
E	♀♁♄	♃	♄
W			

You see a Zodiac wheel with signs, planets, and some lines going through it. You should be able to recognize the signs and planets. This is the picture of the person's chart. See the positions for the planets and houses in the lower left corner. For Person A, see where the Sun says 2 Aqu 53'9". That means the Sun is at 2 degrees 53 minutes 9 seconds of Aquarius (on astro.com, the signs are shorted to the first 3 letters). On the Zodiac wheel, the Sun is by the sign of Aquarius, with a little blue line at the 2 degree mark. On the Zodiac wheel, you can see it's in the 1st house, along with Mercury. The numbers in the center of the Zodiac wheel show the 12 houses, and the lines leading out show where in the Zodiac each house begins. AC is the 1st house, IC is the 4th house, DC is the 7th house, and MC is the 10th house (more on those abbreviations in a bit).

Lesson 1.5: Basic Definitions

So now you know the glyphs, you know how to read an ephemeris, and you know what a chart looks like and can read it. Now you need to start getting into what each planet, sign, house, etc. actually means!

PLANETS

Will show in natal (in the natal chart), in predictions (when a transit planet hits the natal planet) and in transit (the energy of that planet as a transit planet).

Sun: The Sun rules who you are on the inside, the real you, the you that you are around those you know best. This is why the Sun is considered the most important part of your chart. In prediction, the Sun rules you, your body, your physical self, and in transit, the Sun rules areas where you'll shine, get recognition, feel most like yourself, or feel most comfortable. Transit Sun can shine a light on something in your life, or bring an opportunity. The Sun also rules men and your vitality. Rules the 5th house and Leo.

Moon: The Moon rules your emotional self, how you react emotionally, and what you need to feel emotionally secure. This is why the Moon is considered the second most important planet in your chart. In prediction, the Moon rules your emotions and how your emotions will be swayed, and in transit, the Moon shows where you'll be focused emotionally. The Moon also rules women and your nurturing side. Rules the 4th house and Cancer.

Mercury: Mercury rules your mind, your learning and communication styles, and how your mind works. In prediction, Mercury rules your mind, so when

it's touched by another planet, it impacts your learning, communications, and how your mind works. In transit, Mercury shows where your mental focus will be. Mercury also rules your siblings and neighbors. Rules the 3rd and 6th houses and Gemini and Virgo.

Venus: Venus rules love, of course, your affectionate side, your sensual side, as well as your finances. In prediction, when Venus is hit by a planet, it can impact how you express love and affection, and make you more or less indulgent. In transit, Venus shows where you have an easier time with things, are lazier, can get your way, and what you take the most pleasure in. Rules the 2nd and 7th houses and Taurus and Libra.

Mars: Mars rules your energy and drive, how you attack things, and what you fight for. In prediction, when Mars is hit by a planet, it impacts your energy levels, your drive, your enthusiasm, and your pioneering spirit. In transit, Mars shows where you're most driven to make an impact in your life, how your energy is being utilized, and what you're pushing for. I tend to find in readings that wherever Mars is in a person's chart shows what they really want to know about. Rules the 1st house and Aries.

Jupiter: Jupiter rules what you're happiest with, have the easiest time with, and can grow and expand with. In prediction, when Jupiter is hit by a planet, it impacts your optimism, your ability to expand and have opportunities, and how "lucky" you are. In transit, Jupiter shows where you can expand your life in new ways and have new experiences, and have an easier time making things go in your favor, if you're not lazy. The energy of Jupiter is expanding. Rules the 9th house and Sagittarius.

Saturn: Saturn rules what you have to work hard at, what requires more of you, and where you'll likely be a late bloomer and struggle with until after your first Saturn return. In prediction, when Saturn is hit by a planet, it can make you more hard-working, disciplined, and focused, practical and cautious. On the downside, it can make you pessimistic, feel stifled and restricted, and make you put in tons of work but get absolutely nowhere. In transit, Saturn shows where you'll need to become more responsible and mature, learn lessons and grow, get punished for bad behavior and dumb choices, and you can get great rewards from Saturn (usually toward the end of the transit) if you learn, grow, and behave responsibly. The energy of Saturn is restricting. Rules the 10th house and Capricorn.

Uranus: Uranus rules where you're different, go against the norms, need to break out, and don't want to conform. In prediction, when Uranus is hit by a planet, you can have a rebellious streak, get yourself out of a rut, do something totally unlike yourself, are innovative, and push boundaries. In transit, Uranus shows where you'll want to go in the opposite direction in your life, where you'll be bored and restless and desire change, where you need to spice things up, and where the status quo just won't do it anymore. The energy of Uranus is changeable. Rules the 11th house and Aquarius.

Neptune: Neptune rules where you can have a hard time with reality, preferring imagination over being practical, and struggle to grasp in the real world. In prediction, when Neptune is hit by a planet, your imagination can soar to great heights, sometimes too high and you don't see who a person really is or what's going on in a situation right in front of you. Neptune rules illusions and delusions, escapism and art. In transit, Neptune has dissolving energy, and you can see people or things leave your life where Neptune touches. Transit Neptune also shows where you'll have to fight harder to see

reality, be practical, and stick with something. Rules the 12th house and Pisces.

Pluto: Pluto rules where you feel most powerful, where you want control, where you can be dominating and controlling, and where others can try to dominate and control you. In prediction, when Pluto is hit by a planet, you can gain more control over yourself and life, or you fight more with others who want to control you. You can have power struggles, or you can gain more power. In transit, Pluto shows where you need to transform. Pluto wants you to change and grow into a better person. He'll tear down anything that he feels is holding you back, even if you think it's what you need. He can be a destructive force. The energy of Pluto is transforming. Rules the 8th house and Scorpio.

SIGNS

Aries: The first sign of the Zodiac, Aries is the sign of great energy, enthusiasm, and is the pioneer. Aries is willing to go where no other sign has gone yet, but doesn't stick with anything for very long. Aries loves life, and wants to enjoy themselves. Ruled by Mars, natural ruler of the 1st house, and is a cardinal sign. Opposing sign is Libra.

Taurus: The second sign of the Zodiac, Taurus is the sign of calm, stubborn energy, immovable and indulgent, sometimes lazy but always sensual. Taurus wants to experience life through the body and senses. Ruled by Venus, natural ruler of the 2nd house, and is a fixed sign. Opposing sign is Scorpio.

Gemini: The third sign of the Zodiac, Gemini is the sign of the mind, has great mental energy, but is scattered, all over the place, unfocused. Gemini is naturally curious about the world, and wants to learn a little about a lot. Ruled by Mercury, natural ruler of the 3rd house, and is a mutable sign. Opposing sign is Sagittarius.

Cancer: The fourth sign of the Zodiac, Cancer is the sign of emotions, and feels everything to their core. They're sensitive, hiding in their shell, not wanting to get hurt by the world. They love familiar surroundings and people that encourage and support them. Ruled by the Moon, natural ruler of the 4th house, and is a cardinal sign. Opposing sign is Capricorn.

Leo: The fifth sign of the Zodiac, Leo is the sign of the dramatic, is theatrical and fun, loves to laugh, but is a bit self-centered. They have a big heart, but they demand attention and affection, and pride can get in the way. Ruled by the Sun, natural ruler of the 5th house, and is a fixed sign. Opposing sign is Aquarius.

Virgo: The sixth sign of the Zodiac, Virgo is the sign of work, organization, structure and order, keeping everything in its proper place, no matter where that is. Virgo can be a neat freak, perfectionist, and lack imagination, but takes care of business. Ruled by Mercury, natural ruler of the 6th house, and is a mutable sign. Opposing sign is Pisces.

Libra: The seventh sign of the Zodiac, Libra is the sign of committed relationships and partnerships. Libra wants everyone to get along, and will act as the mediator and negotiator. Libra wants equality, justice, and balance, but can't make up their mind about anything else. Ruled by Venus, natural ruler of the 7th house, and is a cardinal sign. Opposing sign is Aries.

Scorpio: The eighth sign of the Zodiac, Scorpio is the sign of transformations, the phoenix rising from the ashes, with a strong will and determination. Scorpio is intense, passionate, brooding, and dark, extreme at times, and feels very deeply. Ruled by Pluto, natural ruler of the 8th house, and is a fixed sign. Opposing sign is Taurus.

Sagittarius: The ninth sign of the Zodiac, Sagittarius is the sign of adventure, travel, and exploration. Sagittarius wants to wander through every crack and crevice of the world, expanding their mind and learning about how others live, but avoiding a home of their own. Ruled by Jupiter, natural ruler of the 9th house, and is a mutable sign. Opposing sign is Gemini.

Capricorn: The tenth sign of the Zodiac, Capricorn is the sign of ambition, goals, and achievement. Capricorn wants to achieve status in life, to have success and build a solid foundation for their life, and is the late bloomer sign. Ruled by Saturn, natural ruler of the 10th house, and is a cardinal sign. Opposing sign is Cancer.

Aquarius: The eleventh sign of the Zodiac, Aquarius is the sign of eccentricity, individualism, and rebellion. Aquarius wants to be themselves no matter what, and looks toward the future, idealistic and dreaming and hoping. Ruled by Uranus, natural ruler of the 11th house, and is a fixed sign. Opposing sign is Leo.

Pisces: The twelfth and last sign of the Zodiac, Pisces is the sign of spirituality, your subconscious, and getting lost in other worlds. Pisces is hypersensitive to the cruelty of this world, and escapes into their

imagination. Ruled by Neptune, natural ruler of the 12th house, and is a mutable sign. Opposing sign is Virgo.

HOUSES

1st House: The beginning of this house is also called the Ascendant (AC for short), and the sign is called the Rising Sign because it's the point on the horizon when you're born from where you're born at. The 1st house is the house of the self, and in prediction, rules the person as a whole, and their physical bodies. Naturally ruled by Aries and Mars. Opposing house is the 7th house (1st house = me; 7th house = us).

2nd House: This is the house of money, ruling your disposable income, as well as what you need for security, your self-confidence and self-esteem, what you value, and your value system. In prediction, aspects to this house tend to impact how a person feels about themselves, as well as their finances. Naturally ruled by Taurus and Venus. Opposing house is the 8th house (2nd house = mine; 8th house = ours).

3rd House: This house rules learning on a lower level, so your education before college/university. It also rules the learning you do on your own, informally, what you're interested in, your communication style, and how your mind works. In prediction, aspects to this house tend to impact a person's mind, their ability to learn, focus, communicate, their outlook on life, and ability to express themselves. Naturally ruled by Gemini and Mercury. Opposing house is the 9th house (3rd house = I learn on my own; 9th house = I learn from the world).

4th House: The beginning of this house is also called the Immum Coeli (IC for short) or the Nadir, and this house rules your home and family, as well as your emotions, and your inner foundation, the very core of your being. It's the house at the very bottom of the Zodiac wheel, so it's your base for who you are way deep down. In prediction, aspects to this house tend to impact your home and family life, or your emotions. Naturally ruled by Cancer and the Moon. Opposing house is the 10th house (4th house = internal foundation; 10th house = external foundation).

5th House: This house rules your hobbies, the things you take pleasure in, dating and love (the fun kind, not the serious kind, so it's new love and new relationships), children, and creativity. In prediction, aspects to this house tend to impact your ability to have fun, what you'll be interested in, your attitude toward love, and if you're open or closed to love. Naturally ruled by Leo and the Sun. Opposing house is the 11th house (5th house = I love me; 11th house = I love the world).

6th House: This house is the house of work, health, pets, and daily habits. It's your structure, your routine, your everyday life. In prediction, aspects to this house tend to impact your work environment or job, what kind of work you want to do, your attitude toward routine and daily tasks, how hard-working you are, how focused you may be, and how your health is. Naturally ruled by Virgo and Mercury. Opposing house is the 12th house (6th house = I serve you; 12th house = I serve the world).

7th House: The beginning of this house is called the Descendant, DC for short, and this is the house of committed relationships and partnerships. In prediction, aspects to this house tend to impact your ability to enter into new relationships or partnerships, how you feel within existing relationships

and partnerships, and how willing you are to play well with others. Naturally ruled by Libra and Venus. Opposing house is the 1st house.

8th House: This house rules other people's money, which covers things like taxes, debts, loans, inheritances, and joint finances (both personal and business). It also rules transformations, which covers things like sex, pregnancy, and death. In prediction, aspects to this house impact dealings with other people's money, where you can be extreme or pessimistic, your will, and how or where you need to transform. Naturally ruled by Scorpio and Pluto. Opposing house is the 2nd house.

9th House: This house rules higher education, so college/university. It's your more formal education, and the stuff you learn to expand your mind and view of the world. This house also rules the law and your beliefs. In prediction, aspects to this house can impact legal dealings, your attitude toward your beliefs, whether you want to learn more about the world, and getting an education. Naturally ruled by Sagittarius and Jupiter. Opposing house is the 3rd house.

10th House: The beginning of this house is also called the Medium Coeli, MC for short, or the Midheaven. It's the house of career, and rules your goals, your life path, and your external foundation. It's the highest part of the chart, showing what you aspire to be. In prediction, aspects to this house can impact your career, whether or not you attain goals, the direction your life is taking, and what you want from your life. Naturally ruled by Capricorn and Saturn. Opposing house is the 4th house.

11th House: This house rules your friends, the groups you belong to, causes you fight for, and your hopes, dreams, and wishes for the future. In

prediction, aspects to this house can impact your friendships, ability to make new friends or join new groups, how charitable you'll be, and your attitude toward your future dreams. Naturally ruled by Aquarius and Uranus.

Opposing house is the 5th house.

12th House: This house rules your spirituality, your subconscious mind, your karma, and endings since it's the last house. In prediction, aspects to this house can impact how spiritual you'll be, whether subconscious issues will come to the forefront or not, if karma will come back for you, and what you need to let go of. Naturally ruled by Pisces and Neptune. Opposing house is the 6th house.

ELEMENTS

The twelve signs are divided into four groups called elements. The elements are fire, earth, air, and water. The fire signs are Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, and are action-oriented. The earth signs are Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, and are practical and earthy. The air signs are Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius, and are social and intellectual. The water signs are Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces, and are emotion-based.

QUALITIES

The twelve signs are also divided into three groups called qualities. The qualities are cardinal, fixed, and mutable. The cardinal signs are Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn, and are action-oriented. The fixed signs are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius, and are practical and immovable. The mutable signs are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces, and are flexible and adaptable. Qualities are also sometimes called modalities.

PERSONAL AND OUTER PLANETS

The ten planets can be divided into two groups, personal planets and outer planets. Personal planets are faster-moving, and relate closely to your personality. They are the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars. Outer planets are slower-moving, and the last three are generational planets. They are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

HOUSE TYPES

The twelve houses are divided into three groups of house types. The house types are angular, succedent, and cadent. The angular houses are the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th houses, ruled by the cardinal signs, and are action-oriented. The succedent houses are the 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th houses, ruled by the fixed signs, and are hard-working and stable. The cadent houses are the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th houses, ruled by the mutable signs, and are adaptable.

HOUSE CUSPS & RULERS

A house cusp is the very beginning of the house, the exact position in the Zodiac that the house starts at. The ruler of a house is the planetary ruler of the sign on the cusp. For example, if Leo is on the cusp of the 2nd house, the ruler of the 2nd house is the Sun, which is the planetary ruler of Leo. Any aspects that occur to the planetary ruler of the house impacts the planet as well as the house it rules. In this case, any aspects to the Sun would also impact the 2nd house.

Lesson 1.6: Planetary Movement through the Houses

We can track when transit planets move through the houses of a chart using an ephemeris. When a transit planet is in a house, it infuses its energy into the areas of life ruled by that house. This data is used in conjunction with aspects for making predictions.

You'll need the chart positions for Person A and the 2016 ephemeris for this lesson. The Sun was at 9 degrees 58 minutes Capricorn for January 1st. Find where Capricorn is in the chart of Person A. The 1st house for Person A is 5 degrees 32 minutes Capricorn. Since 9 degrees is after 5 degrees, the Sun was in Person A's 1st house as 2016 begins.

Now we look to see when the Sun will enter their next house, which is the 2nd house. Person A's 2nd house is 12 degrees 32 minutes Aquarius. The Aquarius glyph pops up in the Sun column January 21st, so we look for when it hits 12 degrees. On February 2nd, it's at 12 degrees 33 minutes Aquarius. Person A's 2nd house is just before that at 12 degrees 32 minutes (1 minute before), so the Sun enters their 2nd house on the day before, February 1st.

Now move on to their next house, which is the 3rd house. Person A's 3rd house is at 21 degrees 31 minutes Pisces. The Pisces glyph shows up in the Sun column on February 20th. On March 12th, the Sun is at 21 degrees 50 minutes Pisces. That's after Person A's 3rd house (19 minutes after), so the Sun enters their 3rd house the day before, March 11th.

Let's try another planet, Saturn, so you can see how a planet goes back and forth when you consider retrograde motion. Saturn began 2016 at 11 degrees 9 minutes Sagittarius. Person A's 12 house is at 13 degrees 34

minutes Sagittarius, which is after the position Saturn is at, so Saturn begins the year in Person A's 11th house. Saturn enters the 12th house on January 25th (is at 13 degrees 37 minutes January 26th, just after, and at 13 degrees 32 minutes on January 25th, just before, so enters on January 25th).

Follow the movement of Saturn, and you see the R pop up in the Saturn column on March 24th, signaling Saturn turned retrograde the day before. Further down, in May, Saturn comes to 13 degrees again. When the planet is retrograde, it enters the house on the day that is just AFTER the position of the house cusp instead of before. That happens on May 28th. On that day, Saturn retrogrades back into the 11th house again. Keep going down the Saturn column, and you find the D pops up on August 13th, meaning Saturn turned direct, ending the retrograde the day before. Further down the Saturn column, he comes to 13 degrees again in October, and enters the 12th house again on October 23rd.

Lesson 1.7: Aspects

An aspect is when two points are at specific distances from one another. Astrological aspects are classified as major or minor. There are five major aspects, and we'll go into each of them: conjunction, sextile, square, trine, and opposition. Of the minor aspects, we'll cover the semisextile and quincunx.

Note: Why are you only covering the semisextile and quincunx minor aspects?

Minor aspects can have a lot of importance in the natal chart, but in prediction, they don't seem to have as much of an impact. The semisextile and quincunx have the greatest energy of the minor aspects, and are more like halfway between major and minor. With the rest of the minor aspects, they tend to only have an impact when it's the slowest moving planets making the aspect - Uranus, Neptune, Pluto - and when it's a harsh aspect, like a semisquare, sesquiquadrate, or quindecile. And, the impact of them is for a much shorter period of time than with the others. It's recommended you don't look into the other minor aspects predictively until you advance further in your studies.

Sextiles, semisextiles, and trines are considered positive aspects in astrology. These are the aspects that help bring good things into your life with greater ease. We'll go into each one at a time.

✳️ SEXTILE

The sextile occurs when two points are 60 degrees apart, or two signs. The signs that sextile are:

Aries: Gemini, Aquarius

Taurus: Cancer, Pisces

Gemini: Aries, Leo

Cancer: Taurus, Virgo

Leo: Gemini, Libra

Virgo: Cancer, Scorpio

Libra: Leo, Sagittarius

Scorpio: Virgo, Capricorn

Sagittarius: Libra, Aquarius

Capricorn: Scorpio, Pisces

Aquarius: Aries, Sagittarius

Pisces: Taurus, Capricorn

Sextiles are considered positive aspects, but they require you to put in some effort. They generally won't bring good things into your life unless you do something with the energy. They can assist you in creating opportunities for yourself, but won't just hand those opportunities to you on a silver platter. When you see a sextile occurring in prediction, you know that you have the opportunity for good things, that the energy is there for you if you want to use it, but you have to be the one to do something about it.

∨ SEMISEXTILE

The semisextile occurs when two points are 30 degrees apart, or one sign (the sign before and after). The signs that semisextile are:

Aries: Taurus, Pisces

Taurus: Aries, Gemini

Gemini: Taurus, Cancer

Cancer: Gemini, Leo

Leo: Cancer, Virgo

Virgo: Leo, Libra

Libra: Virgo, Scorpio

Scorpio: Libra, Sagittarius

Sagittarius: Scorpio, Capricorn

Capricorn: Sagittarius, Aquarius

Aquarius: Capricorn, Pisces

Pisces: Aries, Aquarius

Semisextiles are halfway between conjunctions and sextiles, and are generally considered positive aspects. Like sextiles, they require you to put in an effort, but you'll have to put in more of an effort with a semisextile. The good energy is there for you to use, but it's fainter than with a sextile, so it requires more of your input and effort. Since the energy is fainter, it can be easy to not notice the positive energy that's there for you to use, so you have to pay more attention with a semisextile.

TRINE

The trine occurs when two points are 120 degrees apart, or four signs. The signs that trine are the signs of the same element. As a reminder, they are:

Fire signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Earth signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Air signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Water signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

Trines are considered the most beneficial because they require the least amount of work. With a trine, you can see positive developments even if you do nothing. But the best results come when you do put in some effort, even just a little, because the trine will take it and run with it. You can make something good into something great. The energy surrounding a trine is very positive, and the trine wants good things for you. The downside is that because the energy is so easy, you can be lazy with trines and squander good opportunities. So when you see a trine in prediction, you want to make sure that you don't just sit back and let it happen. Take that trine and make it work for you.

Squares, quincunxes, and oppositions are considered negative aspects in astrology. Now, I write that with a wince, because I'm not someone who believes that aspects are only positive or negative. It's not that simple (and in the natal chart, it's even less simple). You can squander positive aspects, and you can turn negative ones into great opportunities. The choices you make are key. But in prediction, these aspects are much more difficult to get a handle on than the "positive" aspects.

□ SQUARE

The square occurs when two points are 90 degrees apart, or three signs. The signs that square are:

Aries: Cancer, Capricorn

Taurus: Leo, Aquarius

Gemini: Virgo, Pisces

Cancer: Aries, Libra

Leo: Taurus, Scorpio

Virgo: Gemini, Sagittarius

Libra: Cancer, Capricorn

Scorpio: Leo, Aquarius

Sagittarius: Virgo, Pisces

Capricorn: Aries, Libra

Aquarius: Taurus, Scorpio

Pisces: Gemini, Sagittarius

Squares are considered negative aspects because they bring friction into your life. Squares are internal aspects, and will often make you feel uneasy, and force you to look within yourself at something you don't want to see. Squares with Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto tend to be the most difficult, and create the harshest energy. Despite the square perhaps being the most difficult, it's actually the easiest to turn into a positive for you because it's so internal and so focused that you have control over it (the opposition is external, and the quincunx is erratic). It also contains the most energy of the aspects, so when you can get control over it, you can get the biggest results. When you see a square in prediction, you know that you're going to have some difficulties, and that you'll have to put in far more work.

⌘ QUINCUNX

The quincunx occurs when two points are 150 degrees apart, or five signs. The signs that quincunx are:

Aries: Virgo, Scorpio

Taurus: Libra, Sagittarius

Gemini: Scorpio, Capricorn

Cancer: Sagittarius, Aquarius

Leo: Capricorn, Pisces

Virgo: Aries, Aquarius

Libra: Taurus, Pisces

Scorpio: Aries, Gemini

Sagittarius: Taurus, Cancer

Capricorn: Gemini, Leo

Aquarius: Cancer, Virgo

Pisces: Leo, Libra

Quincunxes are considered negative aspects because they have erratic, frazzled energy, which is difficult to get control over. The key with the quincunx is to make adjustments as you go along, but people tend to fight that. When you see a quincunx in prediction, you know that you need to be more flexible with what comes, and not get so crazed by the energy.

OPPOSITION

The opposition occurs when two points are 180 degrees apart, or in opposing signs. To remind you, the opposing signs are:

Aries-Libra

Taurus-Scorpio

Gemini-Sagittarius

Cancer-Capricorn

Leo-Aquarius

Virgo-Pisces

Oppositions are considered negative aspects because they bring oppositional energy into your life. Often, with an opposition, what manifests can seem to be out of your control, with other people bringing chaos into your life and causing problems. Similar to a quincunx, you have to be more flexible. The worse you react, the worse it gets. You should also look in the mirror if you keep confronting similar people/situations, because while it may seem like they're the cause of your problems and it's all out of your control, it's more likely that you're attracting them subconsciously, they're reflecting something you don't want to see, or you're projecting your own issues.

The conjunction occurs when two points are in the same exact position in the Zodiac, so they're 0 degrees apart. A conjunction is considered a neutral aspect because the energy of it is amplifying. Whether it's amplifying positively or negatively depends on the other aspects involved, as well as the planets involved in the conjunction. If the other aspects are largely positive, then the conjunction will make them more positive. If the other aspects are largely negative, then the conjunction will make them more negative. The conjunction can also amplify the energy of the two planets involved, and increase their influence on one another.

Lesson 1.8: Calculating Aspects

Let's start actually finding the aspects! You'll need Person A's natal chart positions and the 2016 Ephemeris for this exercise. We'll find the aspects for 2016 for Person A's Sun by the Transit Sun. Their Sun is located at 2 degrees 53 minutes Aquarius. The transit Sun began 2016 at 9 degrees 58 minutes Capricorn. Capricorn is semisextile to Aquarius, but the transit Sun has passed A's natal Sun (9 degrees for transit Sun, 2 degrees for natal Sun). The next sign the transit Sun enters is Aquarius, which is Person A's Sun sign, so we know a conjunction will occur. The transit Sun conjuncts Person A's natal Sun on January 23rd.

The next sign the Sun enters is Pisces, which is semisextile A's natal Sun. The transit Sun semisextiles A's natal Sun on February 22nd. The next sign is Aries, which is sextile Person A's Aquarius Sun. The transit Sun sextiles A's Sun on March 23rd. The next sign is Taurus, which is square A's Sun. The transit Sun squares A's Sun on April 22nd. The next sign is Gemini, which is trine A's Aquarius Sun. The transit Sun trines A's Sun on May 23rd. The next sign is Cancer, which is quincunx A's Sun. The transit Sun quincunxes A's Sun on June 23rd. The next sign is Leo, which is opposite A's Aquarius Sun. The transit Sun opposes A's Sun on July 25th. The next sign is Virgo, which is quincunx A's Sun. The transit Sun quincunxes A's Sun on August 25th. The next sign is Libra, which is trine A's Sun. The transit Sun trines A's Sun on September 25th. The next sign is Scorpio, which is square A's Sun. The transit Sun squares A's Sun on October 25th. The next sign is Sagittarius, which is sextile A's Sun. The transit Sun sextiles A's Sun on November 24th. The next sign is Capricorn, which is semisextile A's Sun. The transit Sun semisextiles A's Sun on December 24th. That's the last aspect the transit

Sun makes to A's Sun for 2016. So, the list for aspects to Person A's Sun by the transit Sun looks like this:

- ♋ Jan 23rd
- ♌ Feb 22nd
- ♍ Mar 23rd
- ♎ Apr 22nd
- ♏ May 23rd
- ♐ June 23rd
- ♑ July 25th
- ♒ Aug 25th
- ♓ Sept 25th
- ♈ Oct 25th
- ♉ Nov 24th
- ♊ Dec 24th

When it comes to aspects, they go in order. The order is:

- Conjunction
- Semisextile
- Sextile
- Square
- Trine
- Quincunx
- Opposition

And then they'll go in reverse order:

Opposition

Quincunx

Trine

Square

Sextile

Semisextile

Conjunction

So it goes like this:

Conjunction

Semisextile

Sextile

Square

Trine

Quincunx

Opposition

Quincunx

Trine

Square

Sextile

Semisextile

Conjunction

Semisextile

etc.

The times when they won't go like that will be when you have a planet retrograde. Because the planet is retrograde (backward motion), you can have some aspects repeat several times.

Lesson 1.9: Orbs

An orb is the orb of influence for which an aspect can be felt. When you calculate aspects, you calculate the date that the aspect is exact, meaning when the aspect exactly occurs. But aspects don't only influence you at the moment that they occur. Depending on the planets involved, aspects can impact you for as little as a few hours to as much as several years.

How long an aspect will have an impact depends on which planet is making the aspect. The exact orb for aspects varies from astrologer-to-astrologer, with some using very tight orbs and others using very wide orbs, some using different orbs for the before than the after, and some using the same orb for every planet while others use different orbs for each planet. Puzzling, I know! For the sake of this course, you'll stick to a 2 degree orb of influence for all planets, but once you get more comfortable, you can experiment.

The 2 degree orb of influence begins 2 degrees before an aspect will go exact, and ends 2 degrees after an aspect goes exact. Let's go into some examples. Person A's Sun is 2 degrees 53 minutes Aquarius. This means that when a planet is 2 degrees before and after, it's in orb. For Person A's Sun, this would be between 0 degrees 53 minutes and 4 degrees 53 minutes.

In the last lesson, we found the dates that aspects were exact by the transit Sun to Person A's Sun. The first aspect was a conjunction on January 23rd. Looking at the 2016 ephemeris to see when the transit Sun was at 0 degrees 53 minutes Aquarius, we find it was on January 21st. The transit Sun was at 4 degrees 53 minutes Aquarius on January 25th. So while the conjunction

aspect was exact on January 23rd, the impact of that aspect began January 21st and ended January 25th.

The beginning of the orb of influence can be faint at first, and as it gets closer to going exact, becomes more and more powerful. The most powerful point is when the aspect is exact. As you pull away to the end of the orb, the impact is less and less.

Using the 2 degree orb of influence, Moon aspects will last about 4 hours; aspects by the Sun, Mercury, and Venus will last about 2-4 days; Mars aspects will last about 4-5 days; Jupiter aspects will last about 1-2 weeks; Saturn aspects will last about 1-2 months; Uranus and Neptune aspects will last several months at a time over the span of 1-2 years; and Pluto aspects will last a total of about 1 ½ - 2 years over the course of 3 years.