

# GETTING STARTED WITH SYNASTRY



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## Introduction

Synastry is the comparison of one natal chart to another's to gauge how they interact. When you look at your chart compared to someone else's, you can see how well you get along (or don't), what kind of chemistry you have, if you can communicate with each other, and how you impact one another. It can show who you can work well with, who you love, and who you can't stand! So let's get started.



## Linkages & Aspects

Planetary linkages can be great indicators of compatibility and show how well you understand each other. This is first seen through the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant, and the signs they are in. When you and the other person both have one of those three in the same sign, this can show you have a certain understanding of one another. The Sun, Moon, and Ascendant are the foundation of who we are, so having this can be very beneficial, and often, the people you're close to, family, friends, and lovers, will have this kind of link present.

It can also be an elemental linkage rather than having the exact same sign. If your Sun sign is Aries, you can pair well with Leo and Sagittarius as well because you're all fire signs. Signs of the same element operate in the same basic way, and so they bring about a basic compatibility.

It doesn't have to be a sign linkage though. You can also have this linkage through the houses or through conjunctions. Let's say you have your natal Moon in Gemini, and their natal Sun is in Capricorn. This wouldn't shout, super compatible! But if your natal Moon is in your 10th house, this house is naturally ruled by Capricorn, or if their natal Sun was in the 3rd house, this house is naturally ruled by Gemini, and so you would have a linkage.

To have the linkage through conjunctions, in the Gemini Moon, Capricorn Sun example, if your Moon were conjunct Saturn, this is the natal ruler of Capricorn, or if their Sun were conjunct Mercury, this is the natal ruler of Gemini. If your Sun or Moon is conjunct a planet, you can link with people who are of the sign that planet rules. If you have any natal planets in your 1st house, you can also link with someone of the sign that planet rules.



The 7th house can also bring about linkages, and you may link with someone of the sign of your 7th house, or of the sign ruled by any planets in your 7th house.

After assessing the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant for linkages, take a look at Venus and Mars for a romantic relationship. Venus is love, Mars is passion, and when you find someone whose Mars conjuncts your Venus or Venus conjuncts your Mars, this tends to generate major attraction and heat. Having your Venuses in the same sign or the same element can help you to be on the same page with what you both want and need in love and relationships. One person's Venus conjunct the other person's Sun, Moon, Ascendant, or Descendant can also be very beneficial, and help you get along well and share affection.

Then you can look at the other planets. Assess each person's Mercury for how well or challenging communication may be. Again, same sign or same element helps, while squares and oppositions can mean communication is difficult.

Jupiter connections can be extremely helpful, with one or more personal planets in the sign of the other person's Jupiter. Jupiter helps bring genuine like, and we can enjoy and appreciate the people who have their natal Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Ascendant, or Descendant in our Jupiter sign.

Saturn connections can be on the challenging side, though not fully. When someone has a personal planet conjunct our Saturn, the relationship may feel restrictive, limiting, or suffocating in some way. Generally, this is usually only a good connection if the person has a prominent Saturn, 10th house, or lots of Capricorn, otherwise it can feel uncomfortable. Saturn squares and oppositions can make it difficult for the relationship to continue, while sextiles and trines can be helpful for commitment and keeping you together.



Pluto connections can also be challenging, presenting to use a relationship where struggles over power and control is present, and you may feel like you're constantly trying to take control over each other. Like with Saturn, you may be able to handle this if the personal planet person has a prominent Pluto, 8th house, or lots of Scorpio. Some Pluto hard aspects can bring about extra passion, but it needs to be controlled, otherwise there can be struggles with unhealthy obsession.

Neptune connections can show someone you feel a soul connection to. If this is balanced with some genuine affinity and maybe a little Saturn to maintain reality, this can be a great thing. But if it's not balanced, you can be easily deceived by someone you have a Neptune connection with, especially when it's Neptune with the Sun, Moon, or Venus. Neptune likes to make us see what we want rather than what is actually there, so always be mindful of grounding yourself to reality when you see a Neptune connection. This isn't much worry with sextiles and trines, but is definitely something to consider with conjunctions, squares, and oppositions, especially conjunctions.

Soul connections can also be found with the lunar nodes, the points where the Moon's orbit crosses the ecliptic. The lunar nodes are spiritual, karmic points, and when one person has a personal planet in the other person's North Node sign, this can show you're meant to come together in this life. The downside is, there can be discomfort because the North Node is unfamiliar, so you have to push through that. North Node connections can help you grow into your full potential. South Node connections can be very familiar, with some believing it shows that you knew one another in past lives. It can be an easy connection, but it can also be one that drags you into bad habits or makes you more reliant on emotional crutches, so this is something you have to keep in mind.



Chiron, an asteroid dubbed the Wounded Healer, can also be an important point to assess in synastry. It can be good to see sextiles and trines between one person's personal planets and the other's Chiron because it can show that the connection will help with healing in your life. Squares and oppositions can be difficult, and may show you can cause one another wounds. Conjunctions can go either way, and can either help fuel healing or make it easier to wound.

If one person has Mercury, Venus, or Mars retrograde, this can be difficult for the relationship if the other person doesn't have that planet retrograde as well. But they don't need the planet retrograde in the natal chart, if the planet is retrograde in the progressed chart, this can bring a better understanding of the retrograde energy for the native. For Mercury retrograde specifically, you may also have affinity with a 12th house native (especially 12th house personal planets). Both are positions where the native feels misunderstood, so this lends itself to helping you connect.



## Chart Overlay

When you overlay charts, you see where your natal planets fall in their houses, and their natal planets fall in your houses. Their natal planets show how they impact you, and your natal planets show how you impact them (what you do to me, what I do to you).

In a romantic relationship, it's good to see planets falling in the 5th and 7th houses. In a professional relationship, it's good to see planets falling in the 6th and 10th houses. In a family relationship, it's good to see planets falling in the 4th and 5th houses. In a friendship, it's good to see planets falling in the 3rd and 11th houses.

Remember what each planet rules, the energy they bring, and how that impacts the house that they fall in. Where Saturn falls, restricted, limited energy comes in. Where Jupiter falls, expansive, buoyant energy comes in. In a romantic relationship, pay close attention to Venus and where she falls.

Watch for planets falling in the 8th house. In a romantic relationship, this can increase the sizzle, especially with the Sun, Moon, Venus, or Mars. You may find that the people who really generate sparks within you have one of those planets in your 8th house, or one of yours falls in someone's 8th house and they get that way with you.

Also watch for planets falling in the 12th house. The 12th house is the house of the hidden, hiding the energy of any planets in it. This is especially difficult with the Sun, Moon, or Venus falling in the 12th house, and it can prevent you from being more open. I'll give you an example - when I was about 19, I met a boy I had incredible connections with. His Venus and Mars were conjunct in Libra and I'm a Libra Sun; my Venus and Mars are conjunct in Virgo and he was a Virgo Sun; both of



our Moon's conjuncted the other person's Descendant, and on and on it went. Yet something kept getting in our way, and it was the darn 12th house. His Venus and Mars fell in my 12th house, and my Venus and Mars fell in his. Que sera, sera!



## Chemistry

For a quick look at chemistry, first take a look at Venus and Mars. Venus is love, Mars is passion, and when you find someone whose Mars conjuncts your Venus or Venus conjuncts your Mars, this tends to generate major attraction and heat. I find this connection makes it very difficult to resist each other (fire signs in particular tend to jump right in!). But this doesn't only come with a conjunction - you can actually see it just as strong, if not stronger sometimes, with a square or opposition between Venus and Mars. The hard aspects generate more friction, which translates to more chemistry. But if you want it to be a relationship that lasts, the conjunction is best, because the squares and oppositions might make you drive each other crazy sometimes!

One person's Pluto conjunct the other person's Sun, Moon, or Venus can also generate some serious chemistry. Pluto is passionate and intense, so the connection can be strong. Maybe borderline stalker! So definitely take care with this connection. You may suffocate each other and that won't be good (maybe literally).

The 8th house also tends to generate a lot of heat when one person has a personal planet falling in the other person's 8th house. We can be super attracted to people who have their Venus or Mars in our 8th house. The 8th house is naturally ruled by Pluto, so that explains the intense attraction. But the 8th house is also ruler of our dark side, that which we hide deep inside even from ourselves, so there can be some uncomfortable energy associated with this connection if you're not ready to dive deep into yourself. If you are ready, the connection can prove to be transforming.

Also take a look at asteroid Eros, the asteroid of sex. When one person's Eros conjuncts the other person's Sun, Moon, Venus, Mars, Ascendant,



or Descendant, this can generate a lot of sexual chemistry, though Eros is more pure sex rather than anything emotional, so it can be good for flings and casual relationships (whereas Pluto and the 8th house won't be able to handle casual at all!). You generally want to see other connections that will help ground Eros in a lasting relationship.



## A Note on Progressions

There may be times when someone comes into your life that you have a strong connection with, but you don't really see the links in your natal charts. This may be a time when your progressed charts come into play. Your progressed chart shows who you are now, who you've grown into and become, and it evolves as you evolve, so the progressed chart can bring connections with people reflecting who we've become rather than the natal connections (connecting with who we'll always be). Connections with the progressed charts may not last since the progressed chart changes, unless there are also connections with the natal charts. Natal chart connections can be for a lifetime, while progressed chart connections can be for a season.

We tend to gravitate and attract people of the sign our Progressed Moon is in since the Progressed Moon reflects where our emotions are currently at. We can also attract or gravitate to people of the sign ruled by a natal planet the Progressed Moon is aspecting, or ruled by the natal or progressed house the Progressed Moon is touring.

Your Progressed Venus can also show people who you can develop connections with, and since the Progressed Venus spends about 30 years in a sign, these connections have a chance to last a while. But if you come together not long before Progressed Venus changes signs, this can be a challenge to stay together.