

zodiac[ˈzəʊdiæk] *n*

1. *асгр.* зодиак, солнечный путь
signs of the zodiac - знаки зодиака
2. *редк.*
1) (жизненный) путь; круг, круговорот
2) масштаб, охват
3) дюжина

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zo·diac [zodiac zodiacs] *BrE* [ˈzəʊdiæk] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈzoʊdiæk] [ⓘ] **noun**

1. **the zodiac** *singular* the imaginary area in the sky in which the sun, moon and planets appear to lie, and which has been divided into twelve equal parts each with a special name and symbol

- the **signs of the zodiac**

2. **countable** a diagram of these twelve parts, and signs that some people believe can be used to predict how the planets will influence our lives

Derived Word ↑ **zodiacal**

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **zodiaque**, via Latin from Greek **zōidiakos**, from **zōidion** ‘**sculptured animal figure**’, diminutive of **zōion** ‘**animal**’ .

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** zodiaque, from Greek zoidiakos ‘*animal figures*’]

the zodiac an imaginary area through which the sun, moon, and ↑ **planets** appear to travel, which some people believe influences our lives ⇒ **astrology**

sign of the zodiac (=one of the 12 parts that this area is divided into)

‘Which sign of the zodiac were you born under?’ ‘Leo.’

⇒ ↑ **horoscope**

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