

astrology
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 астрология

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as·trol·ogy *BrE* [əˈstrɒlədʒi] ^m *NAmE* [əˈstrɒlədʒi] ^m **noun uncountable**

the study of the positions of the stars and the movements of the planets in the belief that they influence human affairs

Derived Word ↑astrological

Word Origin:

[**astrological astrology**] late Middle English: from Old French *astrologie*, from Latin *astrologia*, from Greek, from *astron* 'star'.

Example Bank:

- I read the horoscopes for fun but I don't really believe in astrology.

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as·trol·o·gy /əˈstrɒlədʒi \$ əˈstrɒlə- *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun [uncountable]**

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *astrologie* 'use of astronomy for human purposes', from Latin *astrologia*, from Greek, from *astro-* (⇒ ↑*astro-*) + *-logia* '-logy']

the study of the positions and movements of the stars and how they might influence people and events ⇒ **astronomy**

—**astrological** /,æstrəˈlɒdʒɪkəl < \$ -ˈlɒlə- **adjective**

THESAURUS

- **astrology** the study of the positions and movements of the stars and how they might influence people and events: Do you believe in astrology? | The science of astrology has existed for thousands of years.
- **horoscope** a description of people's characters and the things that will happen to them, based on the position of the stars and planets at the time of their birth – especially a description that is printed in a newspaper or magazine: I sometimes read my horoscope in the daily paper. | My horoscope says that I should be careful about investing money.
- **the signs of the zodiac** the twelve signs that you can belong to according to your birth date and the position of the stars then, which some people believe influence our characters and our lives: The carving shows the twelve signs of the zodiac.
- **star sign/sign** one of the 12 signs of the ↑**zodiac**: What sign are you? | My favourite star sign is Aquarius.
- **Aries** the first sign of the zodiac, which is represented by a ↑**ram**. People born between March 21 and April 20 belong to this sign.
- **Taurus** the second sign of the zodiac, represented by a ↑**bull**. People born between April 21 and May 21 belong to this sign.
- **Gemini** the third sign of the zodiac, represented by **TWINS**. People born between May 22 and June 21 belong to this sign.
- **Cancer** the fourth sign of the zodiac, represented by a ↑**crab**. People born between June 22 and July 23 belong to this sign.
- **Leo** the fifth sign of the zodiac, represented by a lion. People born between July 24 and August 23 belong to this sign.
- **Virgo** the sixth sign of the zodiac, represented by a young woman. People born between August 24 and September 23 belong to this sign.
- **Libra** the seventh sign of the zodiac, represented by a pair of ↑**Scales**. People born between September 24 and October 23 belong to this sign.
- **Scorpio** the eighth sign of the zodiac, represented by a ↑**scorpion**. People born between October 24 and November 22 belong to this sign.
- **Sagittarius** the ninth sign of the zodiac, represented by an animal that is half horse and half human, carrying a bow and arrow. People born between November 23 and December 21 belong to this sign.
- **Capricorn** the tenth sign of the zodiac, represented by a ↑**goat**. People born between December 22 and January 20 belong to this sign.
- **Aquarius** the 11th sign of the zodiac, represented by a man carrying water. People born between January 21 and February 19 belong to this sign.
- **Pisces** the 12th sign of the zodiac, represented by a pair of fish. People born between February 20 and March 20 belong to this sign.

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