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READING: Western Astrology

In Western astrology, the *zodiac* is made up of a cycle of 12 star signs. The sky is divided into twelve equal parts and each part has a sign that represents a constellation (a group of stars.)

Each star sign is 30 or 31 days long and the cycle is one year. The zodiac starts on the Spring equinox, usually March 20 or 21 – it depends on the sun. This is the day when, on the equator, the sun and night are the same length.

The 12 star signs are: Aries the ram (a male sheep), Taurus the bull, Gemini the twins, Cancer the crab, Leo the lion, Virgo the virgin, Libra the scales, Scorpio the scorpion, Sagittarius the archer, Capricorn the goat, Aquarius the water, and Pisces the fish.

There are also four elements, and each element has three star signs. The four elements are: Fire (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius), Earth (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn), Air (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) and Water (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces).

In Western astrology your *horoscope* is a description of what's going to happen to you in the future, based on the position of the stars and the planets when you were born. You can usually read these in the newspaper or a magazine.

Your personality also depends on your star sign. For example, people born under the sign of Leo (23rd July to 22nd August) are usually bold and brave. They are natural leaders, and proud of it. On the other hand, Leos have a reputation for being arrogant, flashy, or annoying.

Leos are often good in business, cinema, or government. They are very fond of appearances and clothes. They get along with Aries and Libra.

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QUESTIONS: Fill in the blanks.

1. The zodiac is a cycle of 12 _____.
2. There are _____star signs.
3. Each sign is about _____long.
4. There are _____elements.
5. A *horoscope* is _____
6. The zodiac starts _____or _____, it depends on _____.
7. Your personality depends on _____.
8. Leos are:
    a. •_____
    b. •_____
9. but they can also be:
    a. •_____
    b. •_____
10. They get on well with _____ and _____
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SHORT ANSWER:

- I was born _____ (month) _____ (date), so my star sign is _____.
- Three words that describe my star sign are _____, _____, and _____.

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