

THE INTERVIEW



- a You are going to listen to an interview with Frank Clifford, an astrologer and palmist. Before you listen, read the glossary and look at how the words are pronounced to help you understand what he says.

Glossary

birth chart /bɜːθ tʃɑːt/ a map which shows the position of the planets when a person was born

unalterable /ʌn'ɒltərəbl/ which can't be changed

destiny /'destəni/ what will happen to somebody in the future

genuine /'dʒenjʊn/ real, authentic

scared the life out of me terrified me

curse /kɜːs/ a word or phrase which has magic power to make something bad happen



- b 1.18 Listen to part 1. Answer the questions with a partner.

- What does an astrologer find out from a person's birth chart?
- What does a palmist find out from reading someone's palm?
- How can astrologers and palmists help people with their future?
- Would Frank Clifford tell people if he 'saw' that they were going to have a serious illness? Why (not)?

- c 1.19 Listen to part 2. Answer the questions with a partner.

What does he say about...?

- choosing an astrologer or palm reader
- a palmist he visited when he was 17
- the kind of people who visit him
- the different attitudes of men and women
- predicting his own future

- d 1.20 Listen and complete the phrases. What do you think they mean?

COMMON PHRASES

- ...or he may do a print and have _____ at what is being shown in the hands now...
- So it's our job really to encourage people to live their _____.
- I'm not a doctor so I wouldn't _____. (informal)
- ...so I thought I'd learn this subject and understand _____ on earth she was talking about. (informal)
- A lot of people would expect bored housewives, and people with _____ to do, or...
- ...but in fact the truth is you tend to get _____ of people. (informal)

- e Listen to the interview again with the tapescript on page 121. Would you like Frank Clifford to read your palm or do you a birth chart? Why (not)?

IN THE STREET



- a 1.21 Listen to five people talking about horoscopes. Write the number of the speakers next to their star sign. Which people believe strongly that star signs can influence people's personality?



Cherry

Miles

Mike

Theresa

Kurt

Aries /'eəriːz/

Taurus /'tɔːrəs/

Gemini /'dʒemɪni/

Cancer /'kænsə/

Leo /'liːəʊ/

Virgo /'vɜːɡəʊ/

Libra /'liːbrə/

Scorpio /'skɔːpiəʊ/

Sagittarius /sædʒɪ'teəriəs/

Capricorn /'kæprɪkɔːn/

Aquarius /ə'kwɛəriəs/

Pisces /'paɪsɪz/

- b Listen again and write the name of the person.

- Who thinks they are typical of their star sign?
- Who thinks you can often know what someone is like if you know their star sign?
- Who nearly forgets what star sign they are?
- Who is the most sceptical about horoscopes and star signs?
- Who sometimes enjoys reading his / her horoscope?

- c 1.22 Listen and complete the phrases with one word. What do you think they mean?

COMMON PHRASES

- _____ particularly, no.
- I think it's _____ minimal. (informal)
- You can definitely _____ their, sort of, personality straight away.
- _____ whatsoever.

- d Listen to the interviews again with the tapescript on page 122. Then answer the questions with a partner.