

Vocabulary

astrology

Meaning: The study of how the positions of the stars and planets might influence people's lives and behavior.

Examples:

1. Some people follow astrology to understand their future.
2. Astrology is popular in many cultures around the world.

horoscopes

Meaning: Predictions about a person's future based on the position of the stars and their birth date.

Examples:

1. I read my horoscopes once or twice a week.
2. Her horoscopes said she would meet someone new soon.

linger over

Meaning: To spend more time than usual thinking about or looking at something.

Examples:

1. I sometimes linger over the horoscopes when I feel uncertain.
2. He lingered over the photo, remembering the past.

direction

Meaning: Guidance or purpose about where to go or what to do.

Examples:

1. People use astrology to find direction in their lives.
2. He's looking for direction in his career.

star sign

Meaning: One of the twelve parts of the zodiac that is based on the position of the sun when a person was born.

Examples:

1. I know which star sign I am and which one my mom is.
2. What's your star sign? I'm a Leo.

character

Meaning: The qualities that make a person different from others.

Examples:

1. We can learn about people's characters from their star signs.
2. He has a kind and honest character.

guidance

Meaning: Help or advice about what to do in a situation.

Examples:

1. Some people look to astrology for guidance in life.
2. The teacher gave her guidance on choosing a career path.

potential

Meaning: The ability to develop, succeed, or become something in the future.

Examples:

1. I check the horoscopes of any potential friends I meet.
2. She has great potential as a writer.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences below with the vocabulary words above.

1. Winning isn't ___ important.
2. Francis is ___ taller than me.

3. His ___ traits make Joe seem mean, but he's not.
4. Brad asked the teacher for ___ in his studies.
5. I often ___ my answers on a test.

Elaine / England 

Do you follow astrology?

Hello, my name's Elaine. I'm from England. My question today do you follow astrology?

I read my horoscopes, not every day, maybe once or twice a week. Sometimes, I forget to read them completely, so they're not **really that** important to me, but I do read them. I read them usually when I'm **a little bit** uncertain about what to do with my life, or I have a decision to make. I'll find myself **lingering over** the horoscopes a little bit longer than normal. I know which star sign I am. I know which star sign my mum is, any potential friends are.

I feel like we can gain a little bit of insight into **people's characters** based on their star sign. Although, I don't take it too seriously. I think some people use horoscopes and astrology in the same way that they use religion. They need guidance and a connection to the universe, a bigger picture to understand where they're going in their lives, that give them some **direction**, just in the same way that other people use religion. So, it's different for everybody. What about you? Do you believe in astrology, or do you believe in something different?

Quiz

Answer the following questions about the interview.

1) How often does she read her horoscope?

- a) Every day
- b) Twice a week**

2) What can she gain insight into?

- a) The movement of stars
- b) The character of people**

3) What does she compare astrology to?

- a) Religion
- b) Philosophy**

Corporate Terminology

Red Tape

Meaning: Bureaucratic rules and regulations that make it difficult to get things done

Example: “We’re trying to get a permit for the new building, but we’re stuck in red tape.”

Start with a Clean Slate

Meaning: To start fresh, without any past mistakes or problems

Example: “Let’s put the past behind us and start with a clean slate.”

Stumbling Block

Meaning: Something that prevents progress or causes difficulty

Example: “The lack of funding is a major stumbling block for our research project.”