

## The Weekend - The Zodiac and Horoscopes (C0273)

Angela: Hey Lydia, what are you reading?

Lydia: I'm looking at my horoscope for this month! My outlook is very positive. It says that I should take a vacation to someplace exotic, and that I will have a passionate summer fling!

Angela: What are you talking about? Let me see that... What are horoscopes?

Lydia: It's a prediction of your month, based on your zodiac sign . You have a different sign for the month and date you were born in. I was born on April 15th, so I'm an Aries. When were you born?

Angela: January 5th.

Lydia: Let's see... you're a Capricorn. It says that you will be feeling stress at work, but you could see new, exciting developments in your love life . Looks like we'll both have interesting summers!

Angela: That's bogus. I don't feel any stress at work, and my love life is practically nonexistent. This zodiac stuff is all a bunch of nonsense.

Lydia: No it's not, your astrology sign can tell you a lot about your personality. See? It says that an Aries is energetic and loves to socialize.

Angela: Well, you certainly match those criteria, but they're so broad they could apply to anyone. What does it say about me?

Lydia: A Capricorn is serious-minded and practical. She likes to do things in conventional ways. \* laughs \* That sounds just like you!

### Key Vocabulary

horoscope	<i>N</i>	future predictions based on person's birth
outlook	<i>N</i>	forecast; the way that a person thinks about things
fling	<i>N</i>	short romantic relationship, a romantic encounter

Aries	<i>N</i>	the first sign of the zodiac
Capricorn	<i>N</i>	the 10th sign of the zodiac
zodiac	<i>N</i>	12 imaginary areas in the sky
astrology	<i>N</i>	the study of how the positions of the stars affect our being

### Supplementary Vocabulary

Psychic	<i>N</i>	a person who professes an ability to perceive information hidden from the normal senses through extrasensory perception
Tarot	<i>N</i>	Any of a set of cards depicting vices, virtues, and elemental forces, used in fortunetelling.

Fortune Teller	<i>N</i>	A person that is able to predict your future by reading cards or your hands
Voodoo	<i>N</i>	a religious tradition originating in West Africa, also called black magic
Oracle	<i>N</i>	a person or agency considered to be a source of wise counsel or prophetic opinion