

## Intermediate Salon Preparation Sheet

### Intermediate Salon List:

1. Finding the Truth.
2. TV Adverts.
3. What Makes A Friend?
4. Information Sharing.
5. A Foreign Delegation.
6. Callers and Receptionists.
7. The Passive Voice.
8. Speculating.
9. Stereo Types.
10. What Have You Done?
11. Answering Questions Well
12. Then and Now.
13. Consequences.
14. Points of View.
15. The Art of Persuasion.
16. Functions Swap.
17. Quick Thinking.
18. Asking Questions.
19. Staying Healthy.
20. Showing Interest.
21. The World of Work.
22. Summarizing And Reporting Back.
23. Life Changes.
24. Similar or Different?
25. Talking about Role Models.
26. Pronunciation and Intonation.
27. The Survival Game.
28. What's in the Papers?
29. A dangerous world
30. Figurative Language.
31. It's a Mystery.
32. Parents and Families.
33. The Future Could be Bright.
34. A Victim Of Crime.
35. Superstitions, Luck and Horoscopes

## Salon 1

Review these words and phrases:

Morals ethics interrogation interrogative dilemma historical  
Pilot drug dealer Michelangelo Beethoven Soldier Politician

### Exercises

Define the following words:

Lie

White lie

Moral Dilemma

Provide an example of each; for example:

Lie – I asked her if she did her homework and she said yes; however, her teacher told me she did not do it. She told me a lie!

1. Lie

2. White Lie

3. Moral Dilemma

### Interrogation

In an interrogation, people ask questions to determine the truth. For example:

Last night I saw a movie.

What movie did you see?

When did the movie begin?

Who was in the movie?

Where was the movie theatre?

How much was the movie ticket?

Please make five questions for the following statement.

e.g. Last night we stayed at home.

## Salon 2

Discuss the following questions with a friend:

What does the word image mean?

Why is image important to us?

Which companies have the best image? Why?

Who is your favourite spokesperson? Why?

Write 10 sentences describing your favourite TV ad. Include information about the main idea, why you like it, and what you see and hear while watching it.

## Salon 3

Review these words and phrases:

Confident	honest	outgoing	shy	sharp
Impulsive	sporty	ambitious	reserved	well off
Creative	laid-back	intelligent	popular	happy-go-lucky

Describe yourself. Use 10 adjectives to describe yourself and state why or show that it is true in your response.

Examples:

I am not very athletic because I rarely play sports.

I am very confident. I always feel that I will do well.

I am not outgoing. I am really shy around strangers.

10 Self Descriptions

## Salon 4

Review these words and phrases:

Slip	biscuit	board of directors	typist	marital status	tortoise
Musical instrument	thriller	canary	bachelor	whiskey	owner

Exercises

We can often use stem sentences to complete make many possibilities. For example:

The people who work: at McDonald's are tired of eating hamburgers.

in the street often get dirty.

at the bank like to see all the money.

Complete the following stem sentences with three different variations.

I always seem to be \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

A beach holiday can \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Cleaning your \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The cheapest way to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Some people think \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Salon 5

Discuss with a friend:

Where is good to visit in your city?

How can you get a realistic picture of a new city? How can you really understand what it is like to live there?

What is important when you are hosting guests to your city?

Have you ever been to another city/country? How comfortable were you? What made you more or less comfortable?

Make a list of 10 places you would take an official delegate to visit in your city.

## Salon 6

Review these words and phrases:

Receptionist	clarity	control	extension	formal	informal
Put through	hold on	take a message	request	contact	
On fire	mechanic	manager	toothache	hairdresser	

### Making requests on the telephone

When speaking on the telephone, it is best to be direct and to the point. Do not explain your whole story or give lots of background information. Simply state your name and your purpose (My name is Tom and I want to buy two tickets to Wuxi on Saturday). Any extra information just wastes everyone's time.

Practice giving the pertinent information for the following situations:

You are in a restaurant and you see two men beating an old man in the alley across the street. What information do you need to give the police? Use your imagination...

Name

Location

Crime

Number of Perpetrators

Description of Perpetrators

Number of Victims

Description of Victim

Urgency

You wish to book a hotel in Sanya for you and your family for the first week in March. What information do you need to ask the hotel?

Name

Date of Stay

Length of Stay

Number of Rooms

Size of Rooms

Room Location (on the beach?)

Special Considerations

## Salon 7

“Shakespeare wrote ‘Romeo & Juliet’”

“‘Romeo & Juliet’ was written by Shakespeare”

The second sentence uses the ‘passive voice’. Why do we often use the passive voice?

Change the following ‘active’ sentences into ‘passive’ ones:

David cooked dinner.

The mechanic fixed my car.

They built the church in 1380.

The driver picked me up at the airport.

A policeman helped him.

## Salon 8

Think of some inventions made in the last 100 years. What are they and which do you think are the most important?

## Salon 9

Review these words and phrases:

punctual	outgoing	hospitable	aggressive
tolerant	nationalistic	talkative	polite
romantic	well-dressed	sociable	rude
respectful	humorous	serious	arrogant
hard-working	lazy	quiet	ignorant
emotional	sophisticated	formal	casual

People often use adjectives to describe characteristics of certain groups.

The diplomat is a very formal woman.

He is a very serious professor.

The TV game show host is a sociable man.

Use ten of the adjectives in the list above to describe different groups of people and WHY it is true. For example: The librarian is a quiet man, he rarely talks at work.

## Salon 10

Review these words and phrases:

Present perfect simple      continuous active passive      jumble      sensible  
Annoy      overwork fancy      traditional      bring up      cardinal

Exercises

We use the following to discuss activities we started in the past and continue to do today:

I've been [ACTIVITY- ing verb ending] since [APPROXIMATE DATE]

I've been exercising three times a week since the spring of 2003.

I've been living with my husband since we were married in 2001.

Write two sentences using the model, and answer the following questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do you do it?

What is an advantage?

What is a disadvantage?

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do you do it?

What is an advantage?

What is a disadvantage?

We use the following to discuss an activity we often did before but do not do now:

I was [ACTIVITY -ing] between [DATE] and [DATE].

I was studying in university between 1998 and 2001.

I was working in a restaurant between June and September.

Write one sentence using the model, and answer the following questions:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Why did you stop this activity?

Do you want to do it again?

## Salon 11

Compare the Overemphasized answer and the Avoidant answer with the effective answer.

How are they different?

What can you learn from the effective answer? How can you use this to answer other difficult questions?

What are your weaknesses?

*Overemphasized:* I am not a good manager.

*Avoidant:* I always get my work done on time. When other people drop the ball, sometimes I get frustrated with them.

*Effective:* I prioritize continual growth and improvement. An area on which I would like to focus is managing others who have different expectations from me. What needs to be done in order to complete responsibilities is intuitive for me, so I am learning how to give better direction to others who are not self-motivated.

Find an English word that is the opposite of each of these negative ways to answer questions:

Negative	Positive
Vague	
Dangerous	
Disrespectful	
Unbelievable	
Dismissive	
Exploitative	
Scattered	
Concerning	
Frightening	
Evasive	
Too much information	
Dangerous judgment	

## Salon 12

Review these words and phrases:

Used to do      previous   a long time ago      past life      ages ago  
Current      currently   present      presently      modern

Exercises

There are several ways to describe actions in the past and current actions. Practice using them below.

Used To

Used to is to describe things you did before but don't do now. For example: I used to play the bass but now I do not.

Write 3 things you used to do in the space below:

#### Present Perfect Continuous

The present perfect continuous [has/have + been + verb(ing)] is to describe something that started in the past and continued up to now. They have been talking for the last two hours. I have been working at my company since June. She has been cooking for her family all day.

Write about three activities you started before and are currently doing.

## Salon 13

List 5 consequences for each of these things:

new laws   Pollution   scientific developments   price increases   Extinction

## Salon 14

Review these words and phrases:

Opinion   point of view   thought   controversy   compromise

#### Exercises

We often use certain phrases when we state our opinion. For example, what do you think about university students having part time jobs?

My opinion is that university students should not work because the job distracts from studying.  
I feel that university students should work because it helps prepare them for jobs after university.

State at least two of your opinions to the following questions:

Do you think that women should retire at 55?  
Do you think it is okay for high school students to date?  
Do you think mothers with very young children should be allowed to work?

## Salon 15

Here are some tips for giving a persuasive speech:

Look the audience in the eyes



Speak with passion – emphasise important words  
 Use gestures to support speech  
 Pitch the voice – highs and lows reduce the risk of sounding monotone  
 Pause just before an important word to add emphasis  
 Ask rhetorical questions e.g. 'What's the problem? The problem is...'  
 Use stop-start repetition e.g. 'Just take a moment to look at the results. The results are...'  
 Contrast words / ideas e.g. 'It makes a difference for tomorrow, today'

Have you ever made a speech before?  
 What did you talk about? How many people did you speak in front of?

## Salon 16

(No Preparation Sheet)

## Salon 17

Review these words and phrases:

cat dog turtle elephant lion cat tiger bear human dolphin shark whale angry  
 happy violence jealous war flood drought plague eagle owl bat penguin doctor  
 psychologist priest poet archaeologist sociologist historian paleontologist helicopter airplane  
 bus bird novel newspaper magazine radio broadcast

What's the most interesting thing that you've done in your life?

**Write 5 sentences describing your experience.**

What does it mean to exaggerate?

## Salon 18

Look at these sentences, they are all answers to questions:

Around 4 o'clock  
 It's a vegetable.  
 Not much, just killing time.  
 Thailand, for 2 weeks.  
 He's not here at the moment. Would you like to leave a message?  
 I don't think so, but you'd better have an X-ray to be sure.  
 Light blue.  
 Almost, I'll email it you this afternoon.

Think of some questions which go with each answer.

## Salon 19

Write a definition in English for these words:

needles  
allergies  
false teeth  
smoke  
vitamins or mineral supplements  
acupuncture  
sleeping pills  
dentist  
migraine headaches  
stress  
backaches  
medicine  
mental health  
surgeon  
junk food  
blood type  
addiction  
donating your organs  
stitches  
sprained your ankle  
broken a bone  
burned  
black eye  
operation  
fear of hospitals  
fear of the sight of blood  
donating blood  
cosmetic surgery  
reflexology  
binge drinking  
stigma

## Salon 20

(No Preparation Sheet)

## Salon 21

### Discuss with a friend:

What is job mobility?  
 How would it feel to be laid off?  
 What is profit sharing?  
 Some companies use performance appraisal, what does that mean?  
 What is a compensation package?  
 What is a pension plan?  
 What does it mean to be on probation?  
 What's time off 'in lieu'?  
 What is clocking in and out?  
 What is net income? gross income?  
 What expenses can people sometimes claim?  
 What is career advancement training?  
 What safety equipment should manual workers wear?  
 Why would someone take an internship?  
 What is flex time?  
 What would make the perfect workplace?

## Salon 22

Review these words and phrases:

Summarize	summary	witch	wizard	miserable	heartbroken	poison
pretend	church	cruel	Ruler	persuade	promote	guilt
wise						

### Exercises

A summary is a shorter version of a longer piece of writing, speech, or text. The summary captures all the most important parts of the original, but expresses them in a [much] shorter space.

### Example:

At a typical football match we are likely to see players committing deliberate fouls, often behind the referee's back. They might try to take a throw-in or a free kick from an incorrect but more advantageous positions in defiance of the clearly stated rules of the game. They sometimes challenge the rulings of the referee or linesmen in an offensive way which often deserves exemplary punishment or even sending off. No wonder spectators fight amongst themselves, damage stadiums, or take the law into their own hands by invading the pitch in the hope of affecting the outcome of the match.

Unsportsmanlike behavior by footballers may cause hooliganism among spectators.

### Read the following and summarize it in one sentence.

Once one of the hottest markets in the world, sales of homes have virtually halted in some areas of Shanghai, prompting developers to slash prices and real estate brokerages to shutter thousands of offices. For the first time, homeowners here are learning what it means to have an upside-down mortgage - when the value of a home falls below the amount of debt on the property. Recent home buyers are suing to get their money back.

Banks are fretting about a wave of default loans. "The entire industry is scaling back," said Mu Wijie, a regional manager at Century 21 China, who estimated that 3,000 brokerage offices had closed since spring. Real estate agents, whose phones wouldn't stop ringing a year ago, say their incomes have plunged by two-thirds. *"Shanghai's housing slump is only going to worsen and imperil a significant part of the Chinese economy,"* says Andy Xie, Morgan Stanley's chief Asia economist in Hong Kong.

**Summary Sentence:**

## Salon 23

How has your life changed in the last 5 years, 10 years, 20 years?  
Write down 3 things you 'used to' do but don't do anymore:

E.g. "I used to live in Hangzhou but now I live in Shanghai."

- 1.
- 2.

## Salons 24

Think about your best friend – what things are the same, similar or different about you two? Write down 3 sentences:

E.g. We both come from Zhejiang.  
We like similar kinds of music.  
We have different tastes in clothes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Salons 25

**Be ready to discuss the following questions in class:**

What is a Role-Model?  
Who is your Role-Model?  
What kind of person makes a good Role-Model?

Be prepared to discuss and give your opinion on the following people and organizations: George Bush, Jiang Zemin, Microsoft, Lady Gaga, Osama Bin Laden, The World Bank, McDonald's, Jackie Chan

## Salons 26

### I. Identification and Practice

**Mark the stressed words in the following sentences. After you have found the stressed words, practice reading the sentences aloud.**

John is coming over tonight. We are going to work on our homework together.

We should have visited some more castles while we were traveling through the back roads of France.

They are looking forward to your visiting them next January.

Would you like to come over and play a game of chess?

They have been having to work hard these last few months on their challenging experiment.

Shakespeare wrote passionate, moving poetry.

As you might have expected, he has just thought of a new approach to the problem.

## Salon 27

**BRAINSTORM as many uses as you can for each of these items. Be CREATIVE!!**

Box of Matches

Map of the Stars as Seen from the Moon

Food Concentrate

Life raft

50 Feet of Nylon Rope

Magnetic Compass

Parachute Silk

Five Gallons of Water

Portable Heating Unit

Signal Flares

Two Caliber Pistols

First Aid Kit

One case of Dehydrated Milk

Solar Power Receiver-Transmitter

Oxygen

## Salon 28

Review these words and phrases:

Analyze headline icons committee unprecedented

Rebuke mediationinsurgency pope surge

Infect violent protest riot terrorism

Exercises

News stories generally try to answer the following questions; who, what, when, where, and why.

**Make your own answers to these questions for the following questions. An example is provided below.**

Example: MAN BITES DOG

Who: Henry Yank came home late last night.

What: He was attacked by his wife's dog and bit the dog on the throat.

When: It happened between two and three am in the morning.

Where: Henry was in the kitchen eating some cake.

Why: His wife made the dog attack Henry because she was very angry.

FAMILY OF THREE STUCK IN AN ELEVATOR

Who:

What:

When:

Where:

Why:

RIDERS ARE ON THE ALERT FOR THIEVES

Who:

What:

When:

Where:

Why:

## Salon 29

Look up the following words before you come to class:

Drown    be burnt    Choke    be bitten    be scalded    suffocated    poisonous    cut yourself  
be shot    crash    get an electric shock    fall    be stung    stuntman    bullet

What is the most dangerous thing you have ever done?

Why do you think some people are addicted danger?

## Salon 30

What does the word literal mean?

Fill in the blank for these common idioms:

As _____ as a bat.
As _____ as a bee.
As _____ as a bell.
As _____ as a daisy.
As _____ as an eel.
As _____ as a feather.
As _____ as a fox.
As _____ as the hills.

As _____ as a mouse.
As _____ as a mule.

**Think about why we use these sayings in English.**

Vocabulary: be sure you know the meanings of these words, you will be using them in the lesson:

- veto
- verdict
- thaw
- twilight
- harvest
- bear fruit
- snag
- wily
- dogged
- kick-off
- well drilled
- plunder
- mercy
- nettle
- sober

## Salon 31

**Review these words and phrases:**

Mystery    Finger/Toenail    Elbow    Lightning    Chop    Lick    Vegetarian    Riddle  
Lobby    Poison

Try solving the following riddles:

1. What starts with "e", ends with "e", and contains only one letter?
2. What goes up but never goes down?
3. A beggar's brother died, but the man who died had no brother. How could this be?

## Salon 32

What is a debate?

Research debate techniques on the internet.

What is a good strategy to win a debate?

Do you think family is becoming more or less important in today's society? Why?

List at least 5 reasons to support your position.

How do we sound when we are angry? What do we do with our face? Our body? Our voice? Describe

an angry person in as many ways as you can think of.

What does it mean to be defensive? How do we do this?

## Salon 33

**Think of 5 things that we use daily now that you think we won't need in 50 years.**

If you could visit any time, past or future, when would you visit? What if you had to stay there?

## Salon 34

Review these words and phrases:

Victim	crime	kidnap	ransom	prevention	capital punishment
Corporal punishment	community service	jury	suing	theft	
Apprehensive	realistic	counterfeit	trafficking	rehabilitate	
Witness	pickpocket	burglar	penalty	hostage	hacker
Blackmail					

Exercises

Crime is, unfortunately, common in most societies. There are different kinds of crime, such as: violent crime in which a person attacks another; white collar crime in which a “white collar” worker may steal money from the office; domestic crime such as when a husband beats his wife.

List some common crimes and answer in complete sentences:

Some common crimes include the following: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the worst type of crime? Why?

Who do you call if you see a crime? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever called the police? \_\_\_\_\_

If you did call the police, why did you? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you scared of becoming a victim of crime? \_\_\_\_\_

Many people see beggars on the street. Some are legitimate, that is they are truly in trouble and need help.

Other “beggars” are frauds; the “beggars” are trying to cheat money via the sympathy of others.

What are some common scams that a false beggar may use?

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## Salon 35

Check out your zodiac sign on the list below. Be sure you can summarize what the personality of the sign should be like.

Do you think you are like the description of your sign? Why or why not? Think of a story that shows an example of these characteristics.



[ARIES](#) March 21 - April 20

### COMPETITION, ACTION, CHALLENGES

Arians are individualistic people who like to make their own decisions and go their own way in life. They are independent and action-oriented. Acting on inspiration, Arians are fiery and impulsive. When interested in a project, especially if it's new and challenging, their energy soars and they become unstoppable. Just watch as they "go for it" in a very straightforward and direct manner!

Arians resent rules, regulations and controlling people. Simplistic, routine tasks drain their energies, whereas they become energetically charged when fighting for a cause or dealing with new challenges.

Arians like to be positive and progressive. The past is behind; their focus lies on those new horizons beckoning ahead.

Because they are born competitors, sports and other forms of physical activity are very important for Arians. They need challenges on a regular basis.



[TAURUS](#) April 21 - May 20

### DETERMINATION, PATIENCE, SENSUALITY

Taureans are basically practical and down-to-earth people. They are builders who like to focus on long-term projects and see tangible results. Because of their determined streaks, they can be both patient and persistent. Once they have decided on a course of action, they like to see it through to the end.

Taureans have an earthy quality to their personalities. This means they are sensual and need to stay in touch with nature in order to recharge their batteries. They love comfort, good food and other pleasures in life.

Taureans are usually easygoing and friendly. However, they can become irritated and very stubborn if people try to push them around or ask them to do something they are unwilling to do.

Having their feet firmly planted on the ground is important for Taureans. They need to create stability and security in their lives. This means they should be careful with money and stay in touch with nature by regularly going to the countryside or public parks.



GEMINI May 21 - June 21

### COMMUNICATION, MOVEMENT, DIVERSITY

Geminians are basically curious and intellectually oriented people. Interested in learning something about practically everything under the sun, they like to meet all kinds of people, communicate and tell stories. One reason for their interest in learning is that they like variety and movement. This means that as they grow older, they are likely to be able to easily adapt to different situations.

Geminians are usually friendly and positive in their attitude towards people, but they are also pranksters. For example, they might like to tease people in order to start discussions and keep things lively.

It's important for Geminians to be on the move as much as possible while dealing with a number of projects and interests. Not only do they dislike sitting still all day dealing with repetitive tasks, but inactivity or lack of movement and variety makes them restless and tired.

Geminians should focus especially on communicative tasks and projects that stimulate their minds or are connected to transport (such as travel and automobiles), as well as other forms of movement. Doing so insures that their vitality remains intact.



CANCER June 22 - July 22

### CONSERVATION, CULTIVATION, CAUTION

Cancerians are basically conservative, emotional people. They tend to be shy, but they may hide this behind a tough and cool exterior, responding with jokes or sarcastic remarks to disguise their true thoughts and feelings.

Cancerians are usually cautious before committing themselves. Furthermore, they always look for a way out. They like to create safety nets, such as a secret savings account, a well-stocked cupboard and so on.

Their vitality fluctuates, and the same can be said about their willpower. But once they have decided on something, they are persistent and tenacious. Cancerians are at their best when dealing with practical projects that require foresight, such as building a company, cultivating land, selling insurance or working for a solid financial institute.

It's important for Cancerians to stay in touch with nature; they would enjoy a home with a garden or going to the countryside on a regular basis. They should spend as much time as possible with their families and put money in the bank to be prepared for a rainy day.



LEO July 23 - August 23

### EXPRESSION, ENTERTAINMENT, LEADERSHIP

Leonians are basically warmhearted, lively and sincere people. They like to tell jokes and stories, but they will speak their minds and let people know if they are displeased.

Leonians feel especially charged and happy when fighting for a cause they believe in or when working on creative projects. They are crusaders who need to be enthusiastic and inspired in order to keep their vitality intact.

Leonians don't like being ignored and are not happy unless they are at the center of activities. Nor do they feel happy when their environment is dull or when they have to deal with routine tasks.

It's important for Leonians to focus on projects that call for creative self-expression, such as those in an innovative business or the entertainment industry. They need creativity and entertainment in order to sustain their passion for life.



VIRGO August 24 - September 22

### PERFECTION, INDUSTRY, ANALYSIS

Virgonians are industrious and rational people, doers who like to see tangible results. They are down-to-earth in the sense that they are very observant and detail-oriented. Moreover, they can be quite critical.

Virgonians tend to be both precise and restless. With things that interest them, they are precise to the point of perfection. And yet they are restless, due to a strong nervous energy that calls for movement, activity and industry. This creates a paradox: They can be tidy regarding some things, but disorganized and messy regarding others. The latter especially applies when they are in too much of a hurry or are feeling particularly stressed.

Virgonians don't like inactivity and can't sit still for a long time. Disorder upsets them, especially when it's created by other people or when people mess around with their possessions or misplace them.

It's important that Virgonians develop their analytical faculties, such as in studying the art of communication or seeking a higher education. They also need to take good care of their nerves. A healthy diet is important in that respect.



[LIBRA](#) September 23 - October 22

## SOCIALIZING, COOPERATION, BALANCE

Librans are basically friendly and socially oriented people. They are diplomats and networkers who have the potential to be leaders.

Librans like to approach issues from a rational standpoint; they discuss matters, smile and persuade people to see their points of view. Cooperation is an important issue for them. However, if the friendly approach doesn't work, they are quite capable of losing their cool and pursuing matters with steely determination.

Librans dislike vulgarity, scenes and angry people who shout or are emotional, sentimental or irrational. Preferring to work on projects that involve people, cooperation and creativity, they don't like to be alone for long periods of time.

It's important for Librans to be as socially active as possible. They should create a network of contacts and take part in cultural activities and projects that stimulate their intellect. They love to socialize and play with ideas.



[SCORPIO](#) October 23 - November 21

## POWER, SEX AND PSYCHOLOGY

Scorpians are basically emotional, imaginative and secretive people. They live a strong and rich inner life, meaning they have a tendency to let their imagination create all sorts of positive and negative thoughts or feelings.

When Scorpians set their sight on something, they become very determined, headstrong and focused. Once a project interests them, they can concentrate intensely, to the exclusion of everything else. This means they are all-or-nothing people. They are not wishy-washy; they either like a person or they don't. Likewise, they either throw themselves totally into something or don't bother at all.

Scorpians can be quite sharp and astute. They have the ability to see through superficialities, which can make them somewhat cynical. They may also show an interest in mysteries and crime.

Control is a very important issue for Scorpians; they want to be in total control over their interests and projects. They usually deny this when asked or told by other people, but they are control freaks. They dislike people who try to control them, and they don't like situations that leave them powerless. Furthermore, they don't like strangers to invade their privacy.



[SAGITTARIUS](#) November 22 - December 21

## FREEDOM, TRAVEL, KNOWLEDGE

Sagittarians are basically positive, optimistic and freedom-loving people who are interested in knowledge and travel. They usually seek out lively projects and interests that broaden their horizons. Yet once they have mastered their tasks, they tend to lose interest and start looking for new challenges.

Sagittarians dislike having their freedom compromised. This includes getting stuck in confined spaces, doing routine tasks and having to sit still for long periods of time. They don't like people who try to "own" them, tell them what to do or are always complaining and talking about their problems. Sagittarians avoid negativity. Indeed, they like looking at the brighter side of life, laughing, having fun and being carefree.

It's important for Sagittarians to be mobile and active. They should take part in sports or other physical activities and travel as much as possible. They are the great travelers of this world: free-spirited and positive, forever seeking new knowledge and experiences.



## CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

## ORGANIZATION, SELF-DISCIPLINE, RESPONSIBILITY

Capricornians are basically competent, down-to-earth and result-oriented. They are usually hard workers. They love to organize and are willing to discipline themselves, shoulder responsibility and plan ahead in order to achieve their ambitions.

Capricornians are conservative. Some of them like their possessions, such as their cars, home and clothing, to be classical and elegant, while others focus primarily on functionality and practicality. Most of them are perfectionists.

Being ambitious and innately responsible, Capricornians dislike disorganization, sloppiness and irresponsible behavior. Capricornians have a hard time dealing with people who don't keep their promises, are chronically late or are not willing to shoulder responsibility.

Capricornians are especially well suited for business, politics, management and leadership roles. They tend to be a little stiff, both physically and mentally, and need to learn not to be too serious. Many Capricornians do have a good sense of humor, and use jokes to lighten their own and other people's souls.



## AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

## INDEPENDENCE, INNOVATION, REALM OF THOUGHT

Aquarians are basically cool, sensible and friendly people. They are intellectually oriented and want their minds to rule their emotions. They like to play with ideas and spend considerable time and energy in the "world of thought."

Aquarians are independent and like to form their own ideas about life — ideas that are often different from the mainstream. Once they have formed an opinion, they stick to it and are not easily swayed by other people.

They often behave in a collected and unruffled manner — for example, by playing it cool when people try to flatter them or become too personal. Like a poker player, Aquarians can become detached in certain situations.

Aquarians dislike it when others interfere in their lives, threaten their sense of freedom, make demands or tell them what to do. They don't like people who presume to know them better than they know themselves. Moreover, they don't like familiarity, unless they instigate it.

It's important that Aquarians seek projects and interests that engage their intellect and allow them to work with people, preferably in groups or in a large workplace. They usually like to be socially active, but on their own terms — they cherish their independence.



PISCES February 19 - March 20

## VERSATILITY, IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY

Pisceans are multitalented and unpredictable. They are hard to pin down because of their imagination and flexibility. It's easy for them to adapt to different cultures and situations. They also have the ability to change their personalities, behavior and style of dress to suit the situation at hand.

On an everyday basis, Pisceans are usually friendly and easygoing. They can be compassionate, helpful and charming. However, they are capable of manipulating their environment to suit their own needs. They can also be absentminded.

Pisceans don't like confrontations or dealing with unpleasant issues. They much prefer to create their own version of reality and deal with things that interest them.

It's important for Pisceans to focus on creative interests and channel their imagination into productive activities. They need color to transform the monotony of life into something uplifting and out of the ordinary.