

E Star Connections

ANSWER: PEACESIGN

Each pair of movie and tv show (or flicks) shares one actor/actress. Their name lengths are given to you.



<i>The Hero</i>	LAURA	PREPON	<i>Orange is the New Black</i>
<i>Child's Play</i> ('19)	AUBREY	PLAZA	<i>Parks and Recreation</i>
<i>The Duff</i>	BELLA	THORNE	<i>Shake it Up</i>
<i>Game Night</i>	RACHEL	MCADAMS	<i>True Detective</i>
<i>Gone Girl</i>	BEN	AFFLECK	<i>Against the Grain</i> ('93)
<i>Boogie Nights</i>	BURT	REYNOLDS	<i>Evening Shade</i>
<i>The Imitation Game</i>	KEIRA	KNIGHTLEY	<i>Neverland</i>
<i>The Grey</i>	FRANK	GRILLO	<i>The Gates</i>
<i>Transcendence</i>	JOHNNY	DEPP	<i>21 Jump Street</i> ('87)

When you take the indicated letters and put them in the given order, it spells: HOROSCOPE, cluing you to look at each star's astrological sign.

PEPON	PISCES	P
AUBREY	CANCER	E
BELLA	LIBRA	A
MCADAMS	SCORPIO	C
BEN	LEO	E
REYNOLDS	AQUARIUS	S
KEIRA	ARIES	I
GRILLO	GEMINI	G
JOHNNY	GEMINI	N

Notice that the word length of their sign matches with one of their names (highlighted by the stars). Extract the overlapping letter (the other "similarity") from each actor/actress and you will obtain: **PEACE SIGN**

Notes: Normally, I wouldn't want to repeat a zodiac sign in this puzzle, but finding a celebrity whose first or last name overlaps with their zodiac sign by exactly one letter is surprisingly rare. I gave up searching for celebrities manually and wrote a program that would scan text I copied from a webpage (e.g. a user-created IMDb list of Leos) and return every word that properly overlapped with the aforementioned zodiac sign. It was a grueling task inputting pages and pages and getting a few good results at best. After searching for hours, I still didn't have the dataset needed to have 9 unique zodiac signs, so I compromise and used two Geminis (which is quite fitting, in a way). Notably, there's only one Sagittarius: Brian B[a]umgartner. The puzzle was inspired by *infamous* Virgo, Jenna Marbles.