

## How to Create and Read an Astrology Chart

There are ten planets and 12 houses in astrology, and an astrology chart is a snapshot of the location in the Zodiac of the ten planets (including the Sun and Moon, excluding Earth) and the 12 houses at a specific moment and location. A natal chart shows their locations at the moment you were born from the location you were born at. This guide will show you the steps for creating a chart on astro.com and fully reading it.

Go to [astro.com](http://astro.com) (a website where you can generate charts for free) and click on My Astro in the upper right:

The screenshot shows the astro.com website. The top navigation bar includes the logo 'ASTRO DIENST www.astro.com', a search bar, and links for 'Home', 'Free Horoscopes', 'Astro Shop', 'All about Astrology', and 'Contact'. A red arrow points to the 'My Astro' link in the top right corner. Below the header, there are sections for 'The World's Best Horoscopes' with links to 'Personal Daily Horoscope', 'Psychological Horoscope', 'Yearly Horoscope Analysis', and 'Career and Vocation'. To the right, there is a 'Liz Greene's Astrology for Lovers' form with dropdown menus for 'I am', 'He is / She is', and a 'How do you love?' button. Below that is an 'All Reports at a Glance' section with icons for various horoscope types, and a 'Recent Articles' section with a link to 'Syria and the House of Assad'.

Click on Create a horoscope immediately, as a Guest User (you can create an account another time; accounts are free and allow you to save the charts you create in your account):

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- or.....
- [Create a free registered user profile](#) ?

This brings you to the Birth Data Entry page; a box may pop up about data privacy blah blah blah (haha you know this stuff) that you'll have to check 'I understand':

The screenshot shows the website header for **ASTRO DIENST www.astro.com**. The header includes navigation links: Home, Free Horoscopes, Astro Shop, All about Astrology, and Contact. It also features a search bar, a language selector (de, dk, en, es, fr, it, nl, pt, py, 中文, 日本), and a shopping cart icon. The main content area is titled **Birth Data Entry**. A pop-up window titled **Data Privacy Information** is overlaid on the form. The pop-up text reads: "The data you enter here will only be used to calculate and display the chart interpretations and drawings on www.astro.com. They are transmitted in encrypted form and stored on the servers of Astrodienst. No data will be passed on to third parties. You can delete the guest profile including the birth data contained therein in 'My Astro' at any time." Below this, it states: "This website uses cookies to help you use our services. By using our services, you agree to this. You can find further information about Astrodienst handling your data in our 'Privacy Policy', which you accept with the use of our services." At the bottom of the pop-up, there is a checkbox labeled **I understand (Do not show this information anymore)** and a **continue** button.

Then you are on the Birth Data Entry page. On this page, you have to input your date of birth, place of birth, and time of birth in order to create a natal chart. For now, we'll use example person, Jane, born May 24th 1979 at 7:18PM in Boston Massachusetts, and use this birth data to fill out the fields and click continue:

The screenshot shows the 'Birth Data Entry' page on the website www.astro.com. The page has a blue header with the site logo and navigation links. The main content area contains a form with the following fields and values:

- first name: Jane
- last name: (optional)
- gender:  female  male  event
- birthday: 24 May 1979 year
- hour: 19 [7 pm] min 18
- country: Massachusetts
- birth town: Boston

At the bottom of the form is a 'show / hide extended settings' link and a 'continue' button.

After clicking continue, you're brought to the Free horoscopes page. Click on Extended Chart Selection at the top under Horoscope Chart Drawings:

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for Home, Free Horoscopes, Astro Shop, All about Astrology, and Contact. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Free horoscopes at Astrodienst'. Under the 'Horoscope Chart Drawings' section, there are three main options: 'Chart drawing, Ascendant', 'Extended Chart Selection' (highlighted with a red arrow), and 'Create an Ephemeris'. Below this, there are three more sections: 'Today & Tomorrow', 'Personal Daily Horoscope', 'Short Report Forecast', 'The Weekly Horoscope', 'Yearly Horoscope Analysis', and 'Color Oracle'.

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**Horoscope Chart Drawings**

**Chart drawing, Ascendant**  
Quick access to your chart and calculations

**Extended Chart Selection**  
A wide selection of horoscope types, house systems, asteroids, etc.

**Create an Ephemeris**  
Create an ephemeris for any time range, zodiac choice or selection of asteroids

05:39:29	24 II 48
11:31:36	10 III 6
12:32:44	25° 21'
13:33:52	10 IV 23
14:35:00	25° 5'
15:36:08	10 V 30

**Today & Tomorrow**

**Personal Daily Horoscope**  
Your individual topics for each day, by Robert Hand (with the Love Horoscope and the Celestial Events)

**Short Report Forecast**  
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**The Weekly Horoscope**  
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Natal Chart Wheel is automatically selected in the dropdown menu, so just click on Click here to show the chart:

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### Extended Chart Selection

**Birth data**

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**Sections** **Round** Special Ephemeris Pullen/Astrolog

Chart type: Natal Chart Wheel [Click here to show the chart »](#)

Chart drawing style: Web default style

Start date (for charts marked with \*) 8 Oct. 2019

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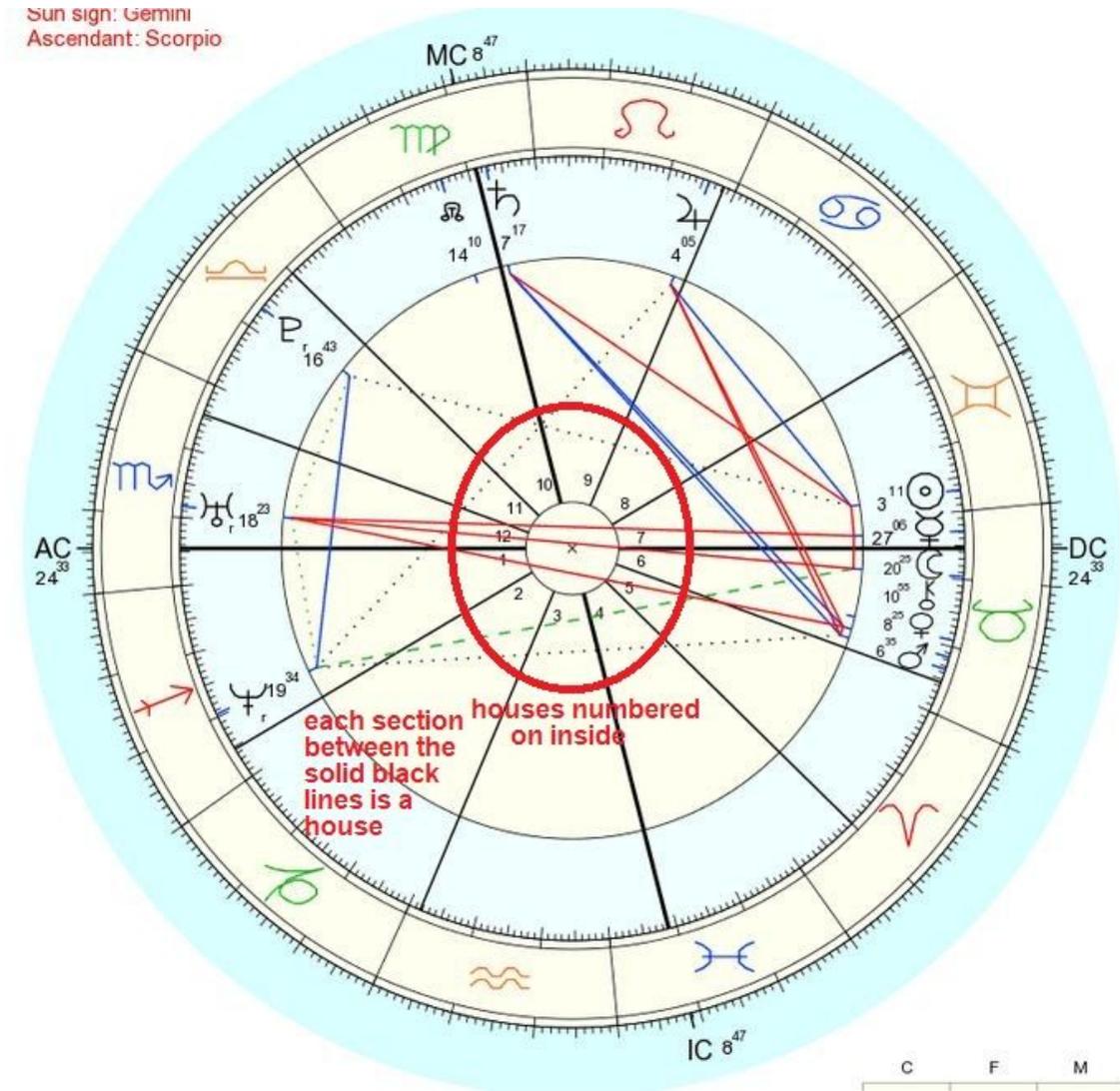
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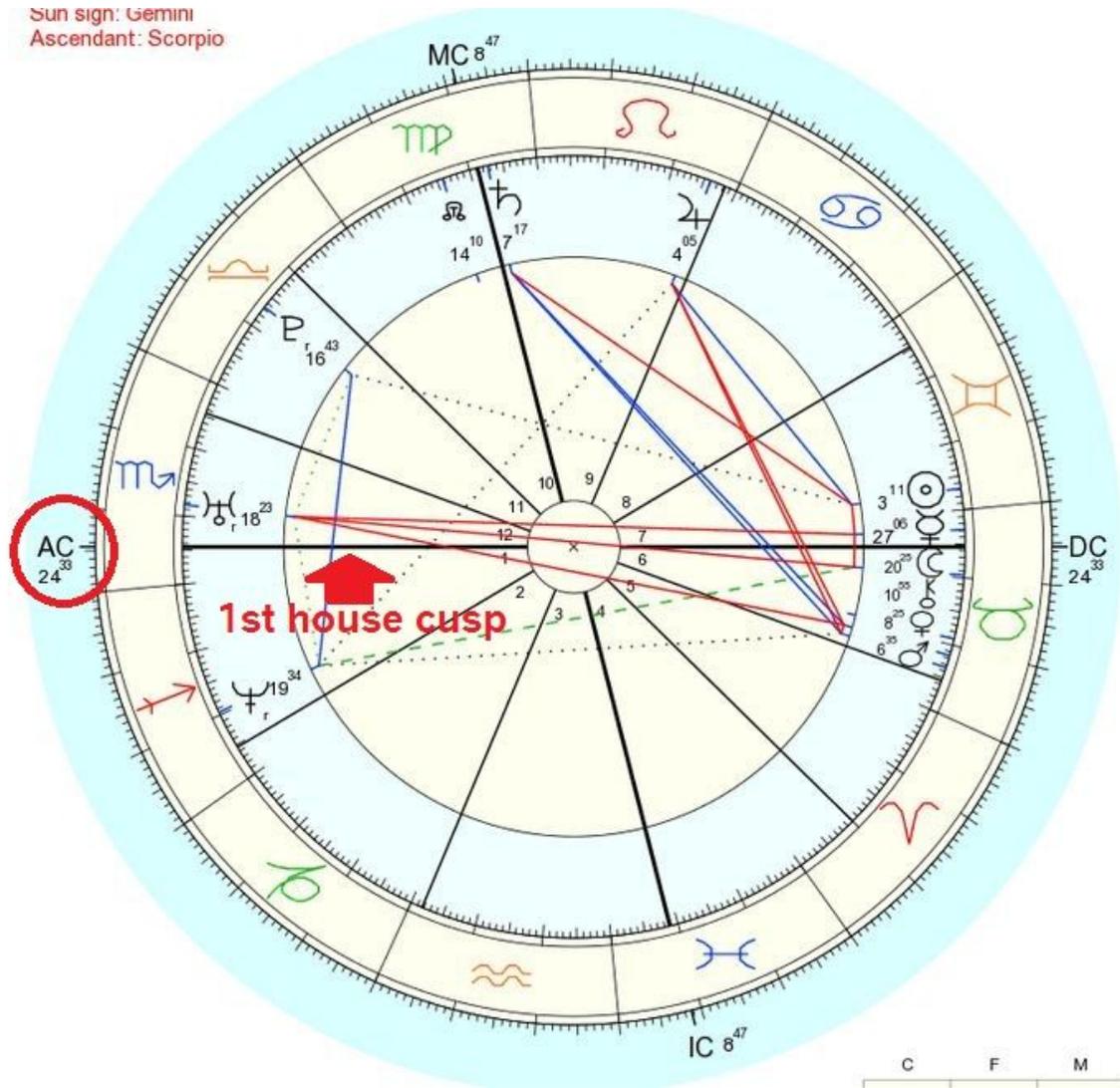
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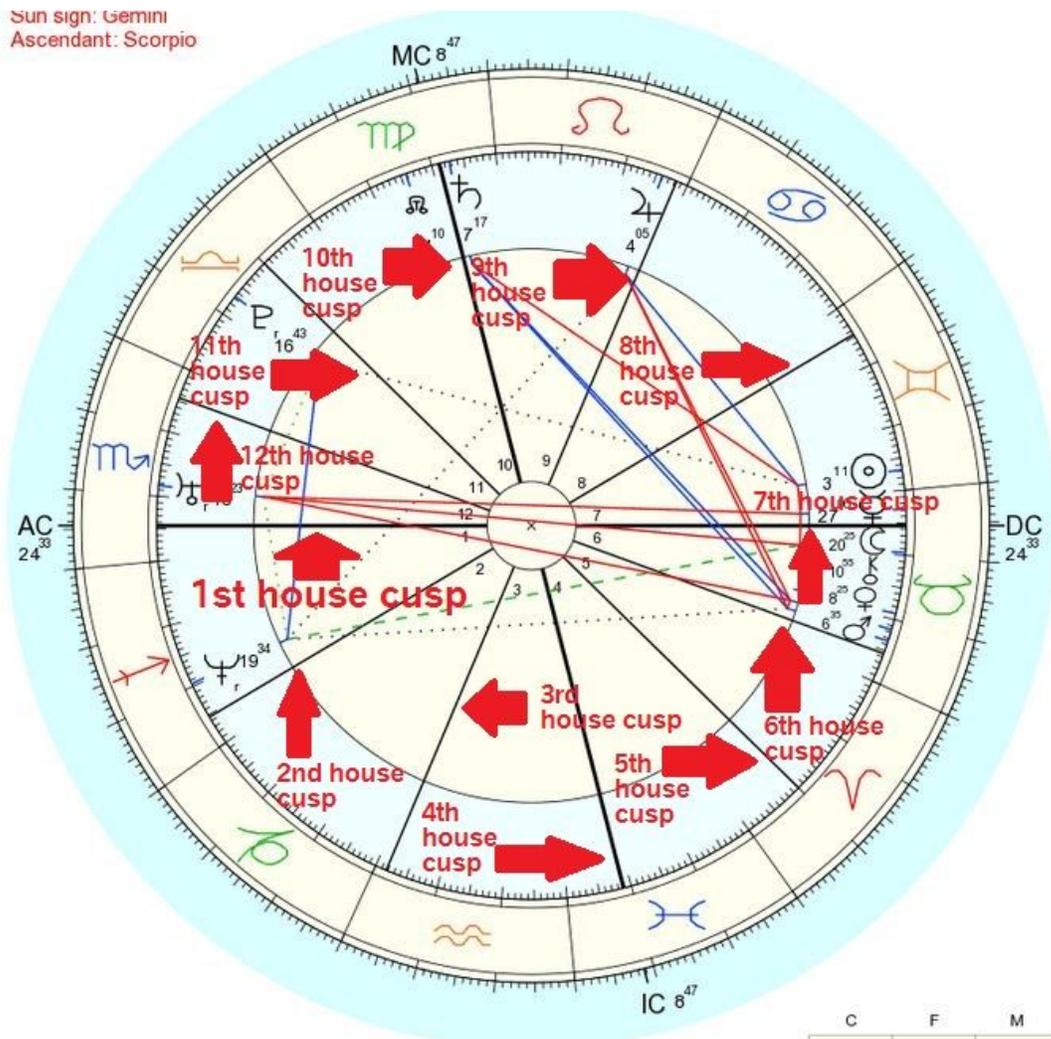
The circle is the chart wheel, and shows the location of each house and planet. The houses are numbered by the inner circle, and the area inside of the two lines around the house number is the house:



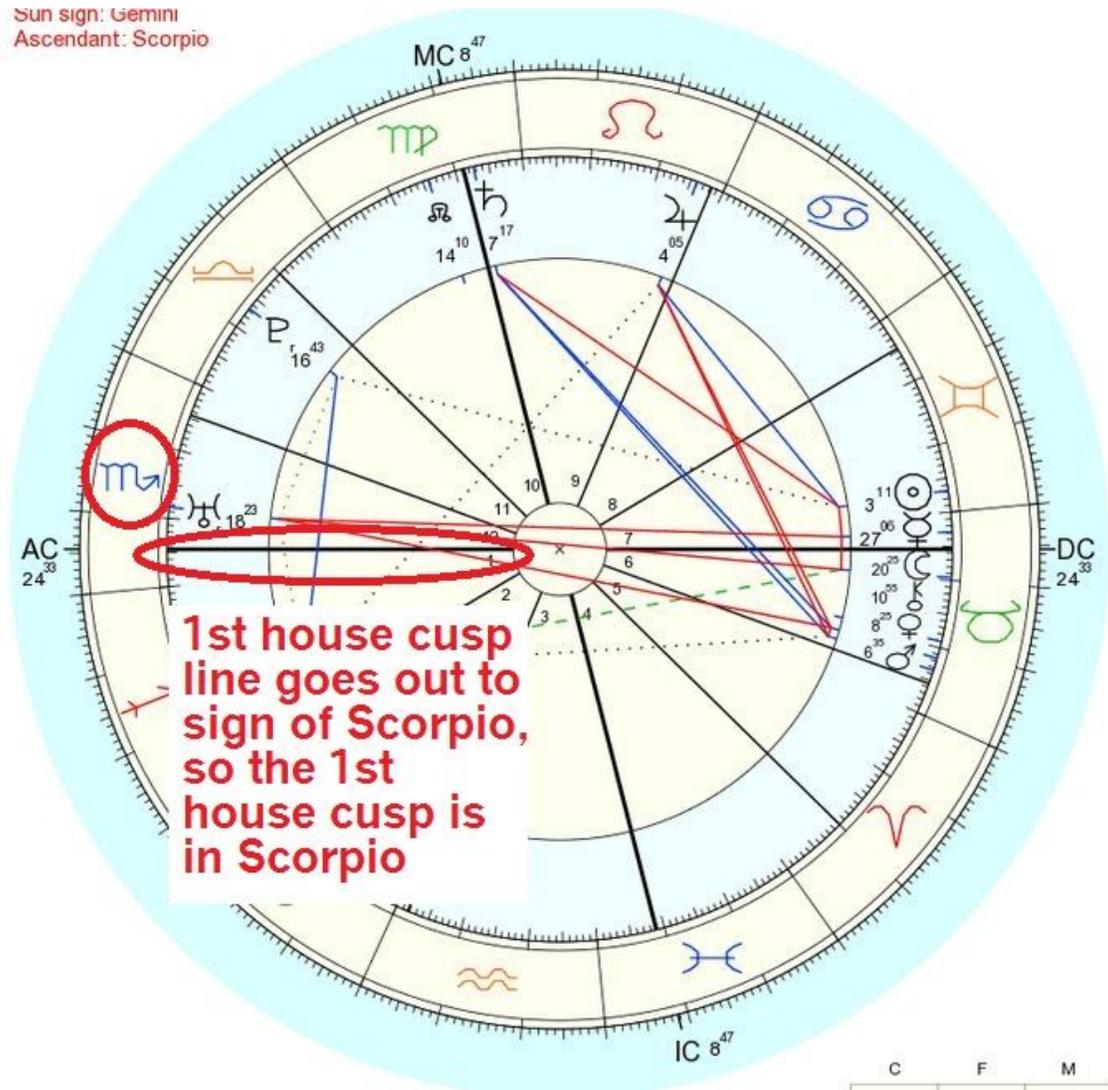
The cusp of a house is the very beginning of that house, the exact location the house starts. The 1st house cusp is the bold black line that goes out to the label AC, which stands for Ascendant (the 1st house cusp):



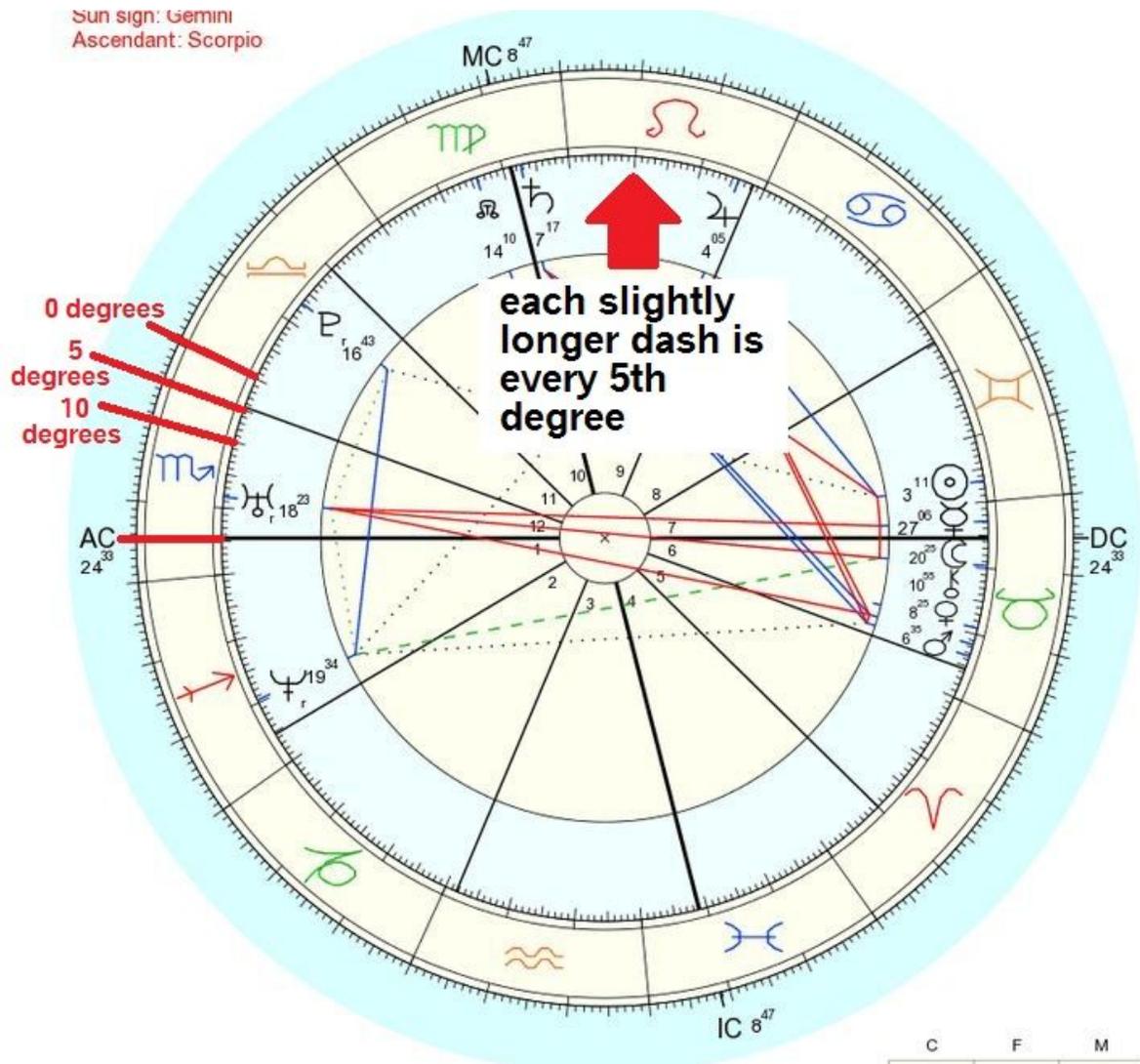
Going counterclockwise, the next line represents the 2nd house cusp, the line after that is the 3rd house cusp, the line after that is the 4th house cusp (also bold and labeled as IC, which stands for Imum Coeli, and is also called the Nadir; the DC stands for Descendant and is the 7th house cusp, and the MC stands for Medium Coeli and is the 10th house cusp, and the MC stands for Medium Coeli and is the 10th house cusp, also called the Midheaven), and so on:



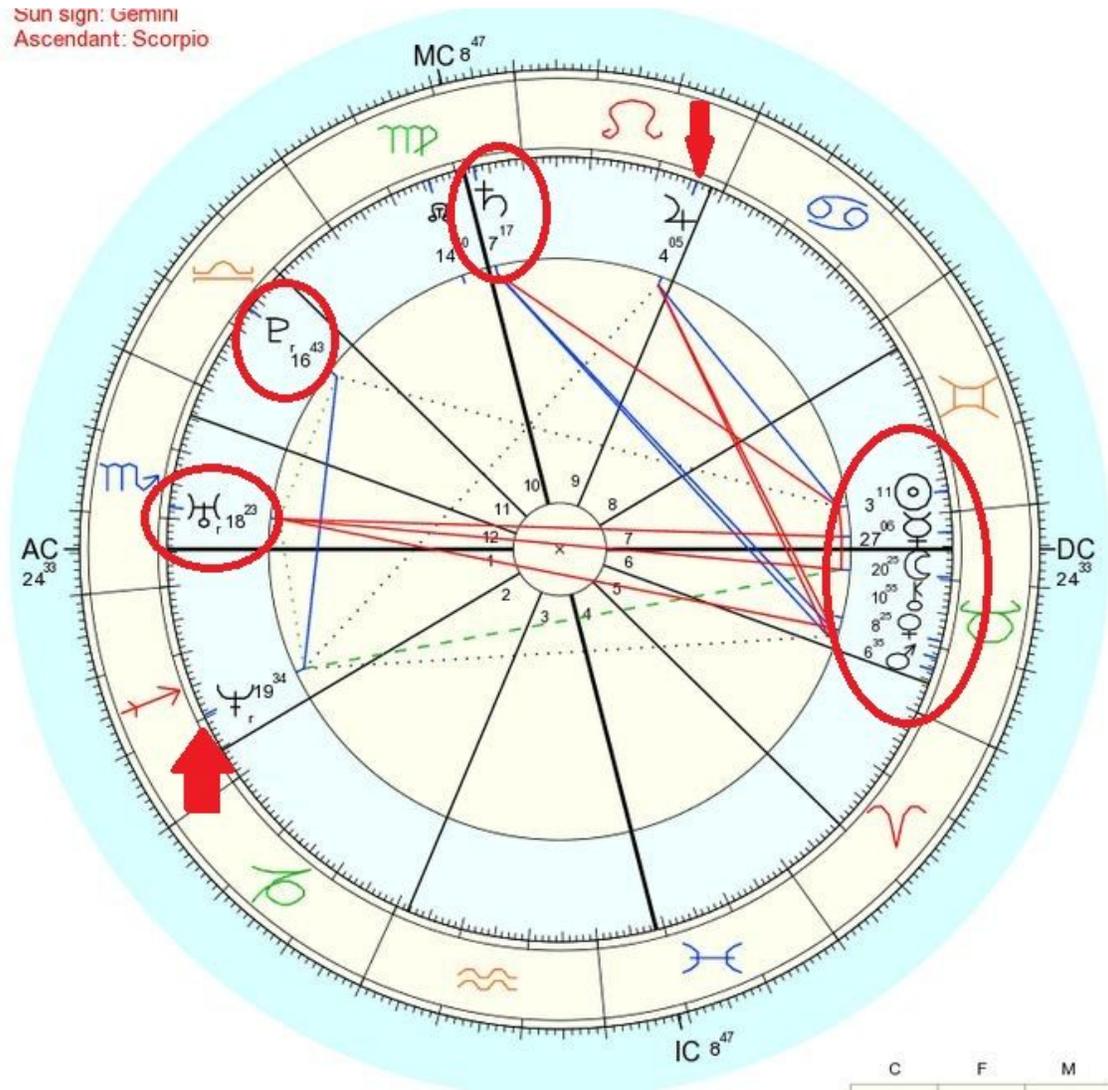
Each line goes out from the center to the outer part of the wheel, which has the glyphs for the signs all along the outside. The sign the line goes to is the sign the house cusp is located:



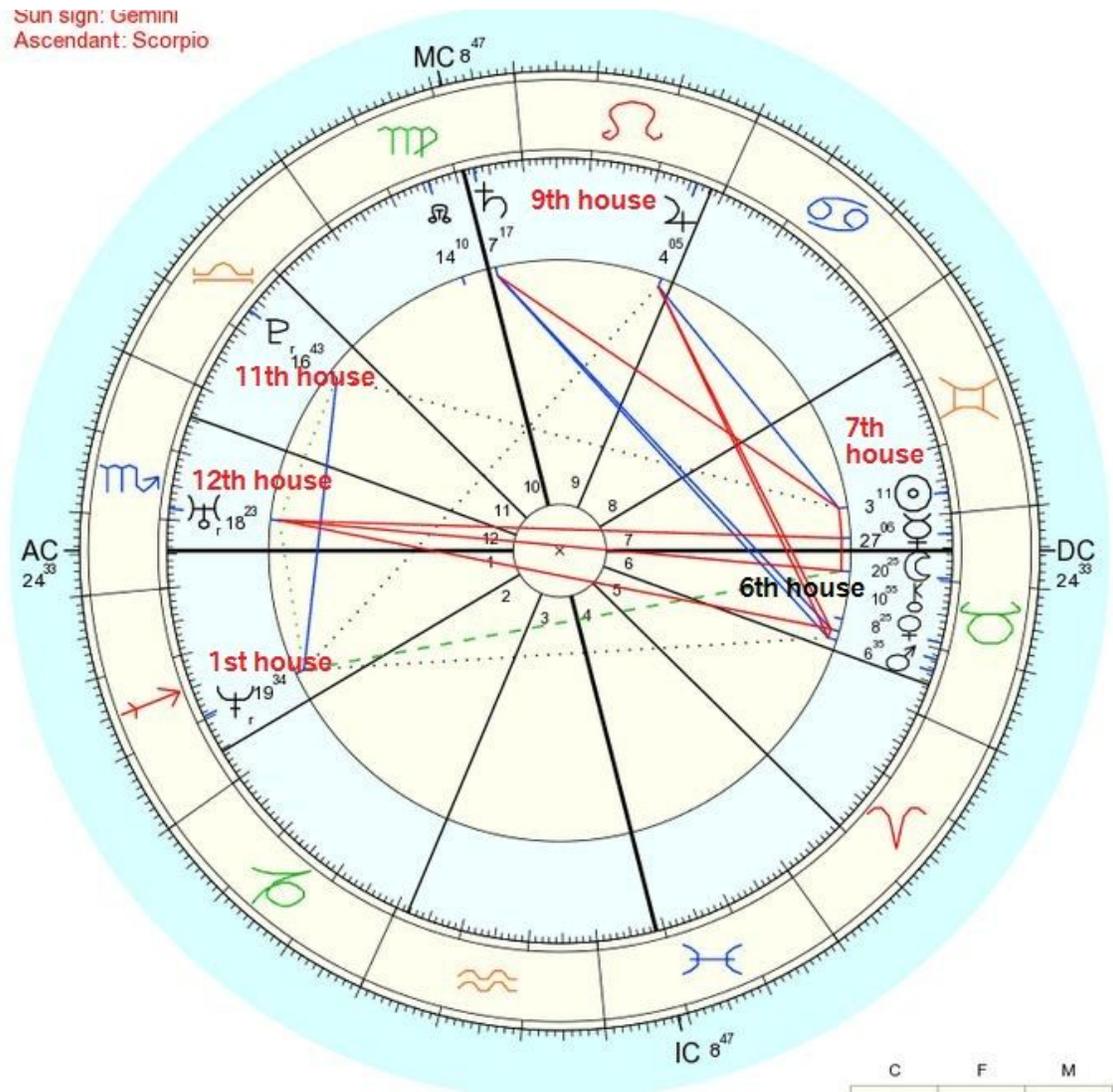
Each sign contains 30 degrees, and you can see 30 small black dashes all along the outer part of the wheel with the signs. Which dash the line goes out to shows the degree in the sign the house cusp is located:



The glyphs for the planets are located by the outer part as well. Each planet has a blue dash by it extending out to the degree and sign it's located:



You can see at a glance which house each planet is located by seeing which two black lines (house cusps) the planet is between:





These are the glyphs for the signs and the planets:

Aries ♈ Taurus ♉ Gemini ♊ Cancer ♋  
Leo ♌ Virgo ♍ Libra ♎ Scorpio ♏  
Sagittarius ♐ Capricorn ♑ Aquarius ♒ Pisces ♓

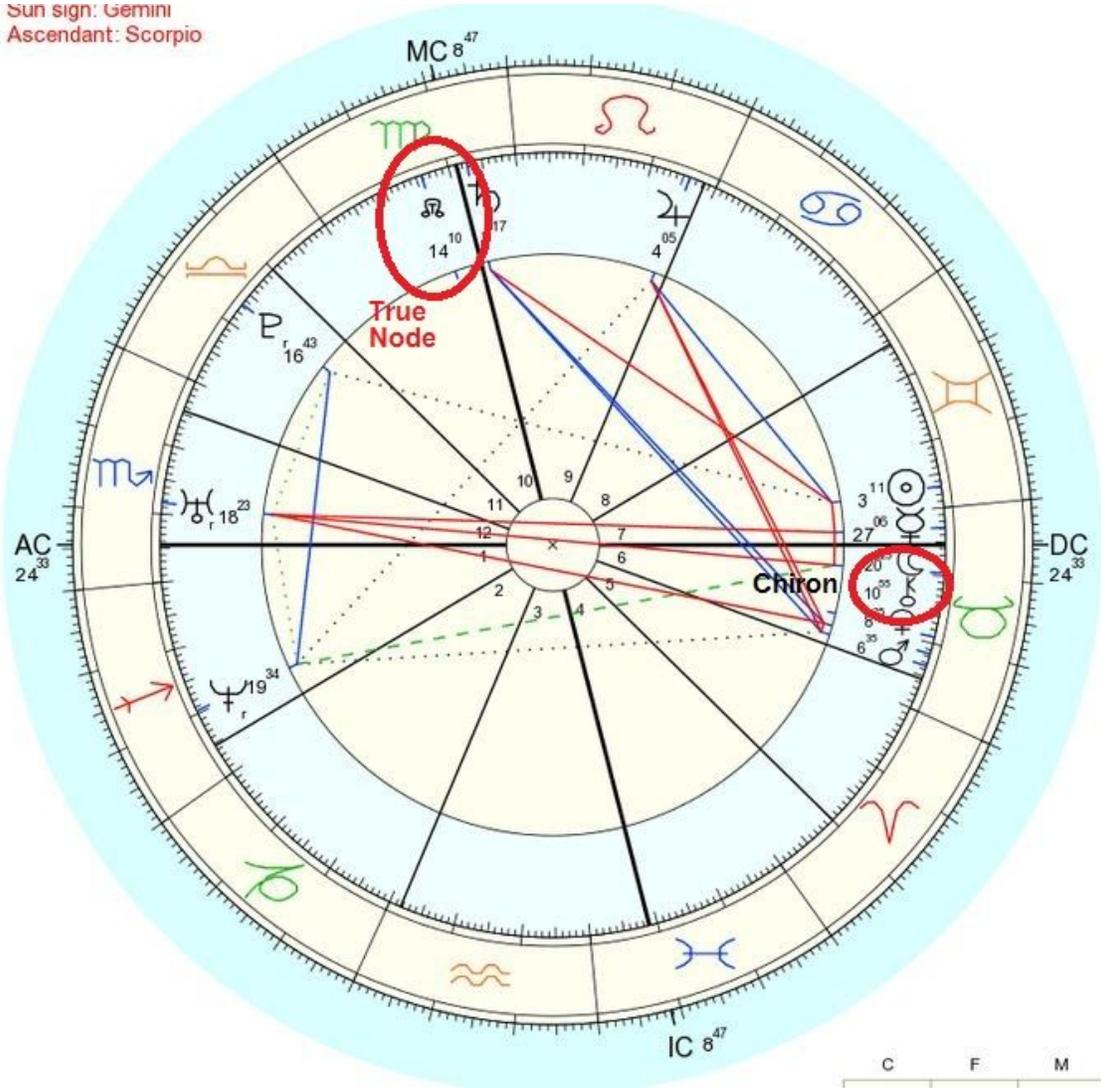
Sun ☉ Moon ☾ Mercury ☿  
Venus ♀ Mars ♂ Jupiter ♃ Saturn ♄  
Uranus ♅ Neptune ♆ Pluto ♇

Pluto also has a second glyph that looks like it's holding a circle which is occasionally used so good to learn it too:

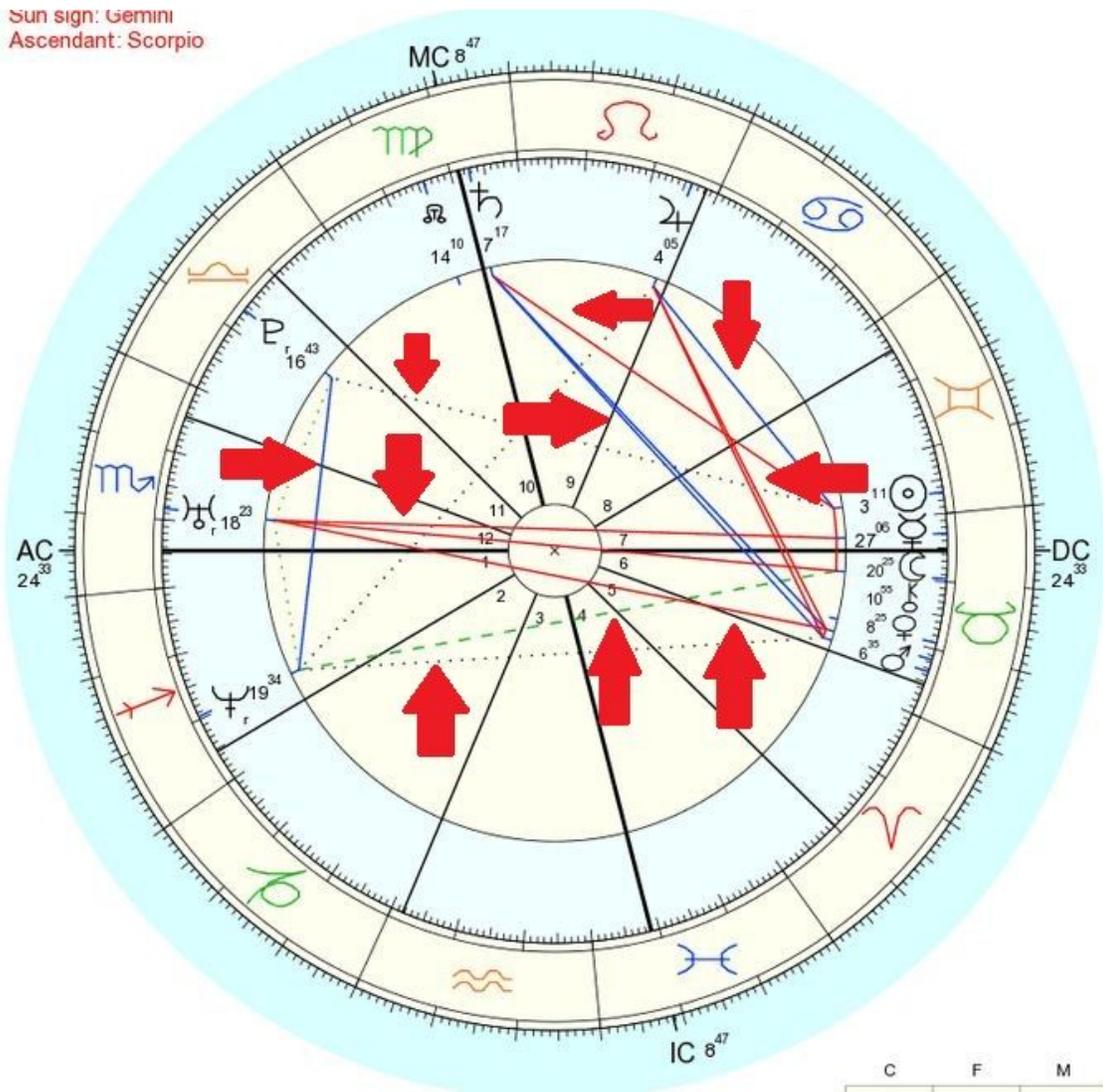


The chart on astro.com also shows the location of True Node (♁) and Chiron (♁). True Node is part of the Lunar Nodes, which are the points in the Moon's orbit where it crosses the ecliptic. True Node shows the North Node, and exactly opposite is the South Node. Chiron is an asteroid:

Sun sign: Gemini  
Ascendant: Scorpio

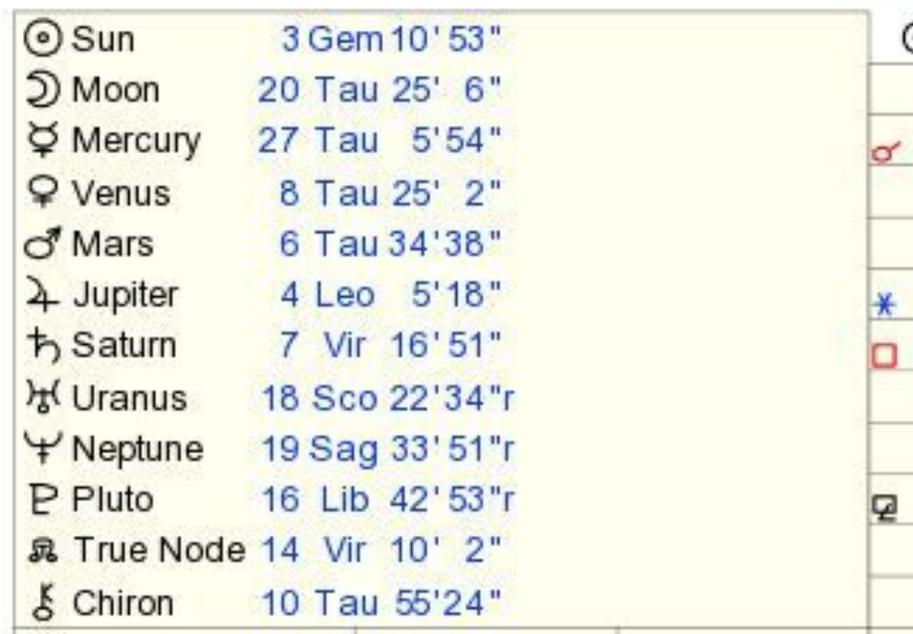


You can also see some lines on the chart wheel that connect the planets (solid red and blue, green dashes, black dots):



These lines represent the aspects that planets make to one another. An aspect is when two points are at certain distances to one another. This chart shows the aspects between the planets in the natal chart.

Now we move down to the square on the lower left which shows the exact locations of the planets in the natal chart:

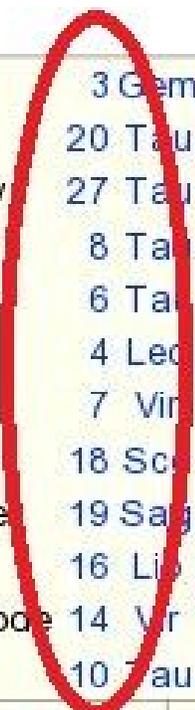


☉ Sun	3 Gem 10' 53"	☉
☾ Moon	20 Tau 25' 6"	
☿ Mercury	27 Tau 5' 54"	☿
♀ Venus	8 Tau 25' 2"	
♂ Mars	6 Tau 34' 38"	
♃ Jupiter	4 Leo 5' 18"	♃
♄ Saturn	7 Vir 16' 51"	♄
♅ Uranus	18 Sco 22' 34"r	
♆ Neptune	19 Sag 33' 51"r	
♇ Pluto	16 Lib 42' 53"r	♇
♁ True Node	14 Vir 10' 2"	
♁ Chiron	10 Tau 55' 24"	

You can see each planet is listed with their glyph and the location in the Zodiac they are in the chart. In this section, astro.com doesn't use glyphs for the signs, but instead abbreviates to the first 3 letters of the signs, which are: Ari = Aries, Tau = Taurus, Gem = Gemini, Can = Cancer, Leo = Leo, Vir = Virgo, Lib = Libra, Sco = Scorpio, Sag = Sagittarius, Cap = Capricorn, Aqu = Aquarius, Pis = Pisces:

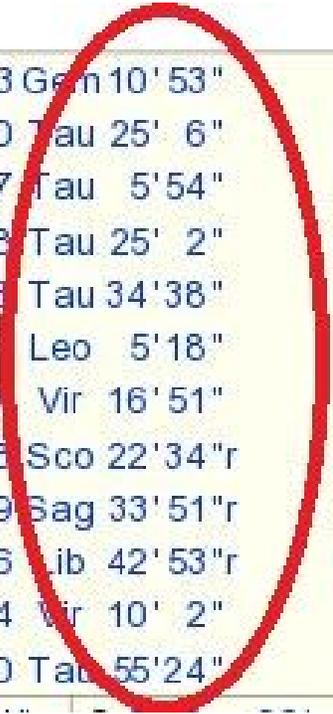
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♁ True Node	14 Vir 10' 2"		
♄ Chiron	10 Tau 55' 24"		

The number to the left of the sign is the degree location in the sign the planet is located. This is always between 0 and 29:



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☿ Mercury	27	Tau	5' 54"
♀ Venus	8	Tau	25' 2"
♂ Mars	6	Tau	34' 38"
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♅ Uranus	18	Scor	22' 34"r
♆ Neptune	19	Sag	33' 51"r
♇ Pluto	16	Lio	42' 53"r
♁ True Node	14	Vir	10' 2"
♁ Chiron	10	Tau	55' 24"

There are two numbers to the right of the sign. The first number, before the apostrophe ' , is the minutes location in the degree the planet is at. The second number, before the quotation mark " , is the seconds location in the minute in the degree the planet is at. There are 60 minutes in each degree, and 60 seconds in each minute, so they're always between 0 and 59:



☉ Sun	3	Gen	10' 53"
☾ Moon	20	Tau	25' 6"
☿ Mercury	27	Tau	5' 54"
♀ Venus	8	Tau	25' 2"
♂ Mars	6	Tau	34' 38"
♃ Jupiter	4	Leo	5' 18"
♄ Saturn	7	Vir	16' 51"
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♇ Pluto	16	Lib	42' 53"r
♁ True Node	14	Vir	10' 2"
♄♅ Chiron	10	Tau	55' 24"

So we read them as follows:

The Sun is located at 3 degrees 10 minutes 53 seconds Gemini

The Moon is located at 20 degrees 25 minutes 6 seconds Taurus

Mercury is located at 27 degrees 5 minutes 54 seconds Taurus

Venus is located at 8 degrees 25 minutes 2 seconds Taurus

Mars is located at 6 degrees 34 minutes 38 seconds Taurus

Jupiter is located at 4 degrees 5 minutes 18 seconds Leo

Saturn is located at 7 degrees 16 minutes 51 seconds Virgo

Uranus is located at 18 degrees 22 minutes 34 seconds Scorpio and retrograde

Neptune is located at 19 degrees 33 minutes 51 seconds Sagittarius and retrograde

Pluto is located at 16 degrees 42 minutes 53 seconds Libra and retrograde

True Node is located at 14 degrees 10 minutes 2 seconds Virgo

Chiron is located at 10 degrees 55 minutes 24 seconds Taurus

Now look below that square to the rectangular grid below:

AC: 24 Sco 32' 51"	2: 25 Sag 20'	3: 1 Aqu 46'
MC: 8 Vir 46' 35"	11: 10 Lib 0'	12: 4 Sco 32'

This shows the location of the 12 houses. Like with the planets, they have the signs abbreviated to the first 3 letters, the degree location is to the left, and the minutes is to the right. Seconds are only shown by AC (1st house cusp) and MC (10th house cusp). Remember that the cusp of a house is the very beginning of that house, where it starts, so this grid shows the exact location each house in the chart begins. You can read them as:

The 1st house cusp is located at 24 degrees 32 minutes 51 seconds  
Scorpio

The 2nd house cusp is located at 25 degrees 20 minutes Sagittarius

The 3rd house cusp is located at 1 degree 46 minutes Aquarius

The 10th house cusp is located at 8 degrees 46 minutes 35 seconds  
Virgo

The 11th house cusp is located at 10 degrees 0 minutes Libra

The 12th house cusp is located at 4 degrees 32 minutes Scorpio

You may notice that only 6 of the house cusps are actually shown. This is because the other 6 house cusps are exactly opposite the 6 that are shown. The opposite houses are:

1st house opposite 7th house

2nd house opposite 8th house

3rd house opposite 9th house

4th house opposite 10th house

5th house opposite 11th house

6th house opposite 12th house

So all you have to do is flip the SIGN of the house shown to the OPPOSITE sign, and that's the location of the opposite house. Opposing signs:

Aries opposite Libra

Taurus opposite Scorpio

Gemini opposite Sagittarius

Cancer opposite Capricorn

Leo opposite Aquarius

Virgo opposite Pisces

SO:

The 1st house cusp/Ascendant is located at 24 degrees 32 minutes 51 seconds Scorpio. The opposite house is the 7th house. The sign opposite Scorpio is Taurus. This makes the 7th house cusp/Descendant located at 24 degrees 32 minute 51 seconds Taurus.

The 2nd house cusp is located at 25 degrees 20 minutes Sagittarius. The opposite house is the 8th house. The sign opposite Sagittarius is Gemini. This makes the 8th house cusp located at 25 degrees 20 minutes Gemini.

The 3rd house cusp is located at 1 degree 46 minutes Aquarius. The opposite house is the 9th house. The sign opposite Aquarius is Leo. This makes the 9th house cusp located at 1 degree 46 minutes Leo.

The 10th house cusp/Midheaven is located at 8 degrees 46 minutes 35 seconds in Virgo. The opposite house is the 4th house. The sign opposite Virgo is Pisces. This makes the 4th house cusp/Imum Coeli located at 8 degrees 46 minutes 35 seconds in Pisces.

The 11th house cusp is located at 10 degrees 0 minutes Libra. The opposite house is the 5th house. The sign opposite Libra is Aries. This makes the 5th house cusp located at 10 degrees 0 minutes Aries.

The 12th house cusp is located at 4 degrees 32 minutes Scorpio. The opposite house is the 6th house. The sign opposite Scorpio is Taurus. This makes the 12th house cusp located at 4 degrees 32 minutes Taurus.

Now that you know where your house cusps are located, you can learn how to find a point in your houses. Knowing how to find specific points in the Zodiac in your natal houses allows you to figure out which houses your natal planets fall in

Let's take Jane's natal Sun at 3 degrees 10 minutes Gemini. Looking at her house cusps, her 8th house cusp is at 25 degrees 20 minutes in Gemini. 25 degrees is later than 3 degrees, so her natal Sun is before the 8th house cusp, therefore it's in the 7th house.

Let's take a more difficult point - 14 degrees 36 minutes Capricorn. None of Jane's house cusps fall in Capricorn, so we need to look for the house cusps in the sign before Capricorn because this is where the point will be. The signs go in order as follows:

Aries

Taurus

Gemini

Cancer

Leo

Virgo

Libra

Scorpio

Sagittarius

Capricorn

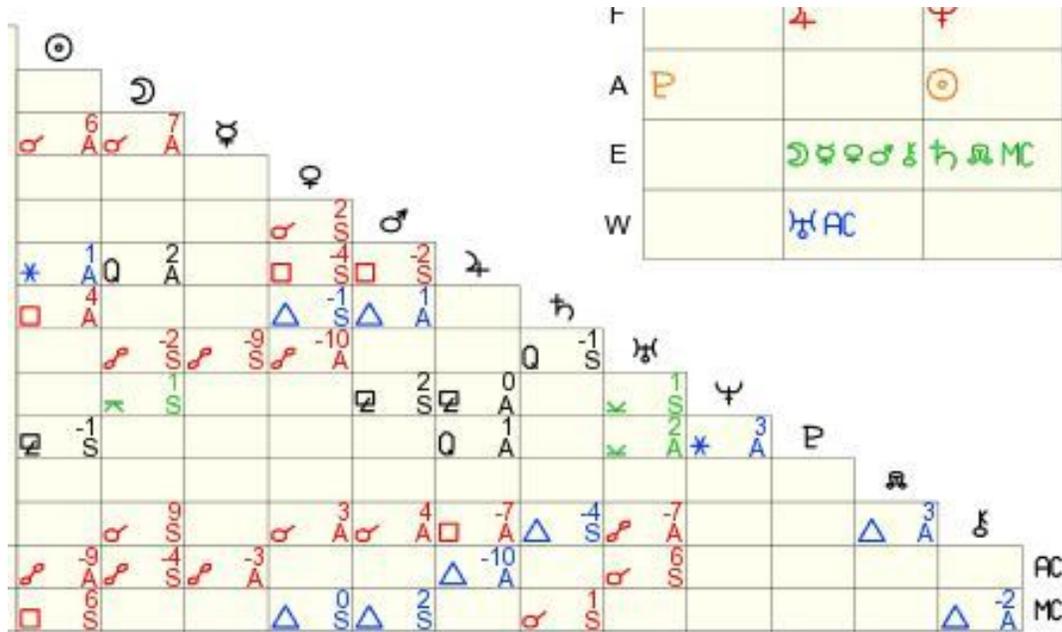
Aquarius

Pisces

(and start over at Aries)

The sign before Capricorn is Sagittarius. Jane's 2nd house cusp is in Sagittarius, so the point of 14 degrees 36 minutes Capricorn is in Jane's 2nd house.

Next on the chart, you can see a grid located to the right of the planets and houses:



This grid shows the aspects the planets make to one another in the chart. These are the symbols for the aspects shown in the grid:

- Conjunction ♌
- Sextile ♍
- Square ♎
- Trine ♏
- Opposition ♐
- Semisextile ♑
- Quincunx ♒
- Quintile ♓
- biQuintile ♈
- Semisquare ♉
- Sesquiquadrate ♊

You can also see another table to the right of that floating on its own:

	C	F	M
F		♈	♐
A	♊		♏
E		♉♋♌♍♎♏	♈♊♋♌♍♎♏
W		♋♏♏♏	

This splits up the planets by element (rows: fire, air, earth, water) and quality (columns: cardinal, fixed, mutable). The signs by element are:

Fire - Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Earth - Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Air - Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Water - Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

And the signs by quality (also called modalities) are:

Cardinal - Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn

Fixed - Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius

Mutable - Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces

Now that you know how to read a chart, you can start gathering information needed for the course! Go back to Extended Chart Selection, and click on Additional Objects at the bottom. This opens a new section; there is a box for Manual entry on the right where you'll type in 151,h56,33154 (for Abundantia, Selena, and Talent). Click on Asteroid name/number list with 21922 names to find asteroids for your name:

**Birth data**

Horoscope for:  + Add a New Person  
✎ Edit birth data

Partner:  + Add a New Person  
✎ Edit birth data

**Sections** Round Special Ephemeris Pullen/Astrolog

Chart type:  Click here to show the chart »

Chart drawing style:

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**+ Options for zodiac and houses**

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**+ Display and calculation options**

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**- Additional objects**

multiple selection possible

- Pars Fortunaee
- Vertex
- Lilith
- ASTEROIDS -
- Chiron
- Ceres
- Pallas
- Juno
- Vesta
- Eris
- Pholus
- Nessus

Selection from following lists:

- [Asteroid name/number list with 21922 names](#)
- [List of fixed stars](#)
- [List of other horoscope factors and "hypothetical" planets](#)

Manual entry:

You can enter the objects as a comma-separated list. For asteroids use their official catalogue numbers, for fixed stars their names, and for other objects their list numbers according to the link given below, e.g. "433,227,Sirius,Regulus,h21,h22,h48". Altogether, the limit is 11 additional objects.

Click here to show the chart »

You'll find them listed underneath Chiron in the box on the lower left, and you'll see the aspects they make to your natal planets in the grid:



To find your Sun-Moon midpoint, go back to Extended Chart Selection and click on 'Pullen/Astrolog', and select 'Aspect/midpoint grid chart' in the dropdown menu:

**Birth data**

Horoscope for:  + Add a New Person  
Edit birth data

**Sections** Round Special Ephemeris Pullen/Astrolog

Chart type:  Click here to show the chart »

Start date (for charts marked with \*)

**Options for zodiac and houses**

**Default settings**

**Display and calculation options** (1 options activated)

**Additional objects**

multiple selection possible

- Pars Fortunae
- Vertex
- Lilith
- Chiron
- Ceres
- Pallas
- Juno

Click here to show the chart »

The first position right between the Sun and Moon in the grid is your Sun-Moon midpoint (24 degrees 47 minutes Taurus in this example):

Horoscope for:   + Add a New Person  
Edit birth data

[← Back to the chart selection](#)

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	☽ Tau 20 23 45'	☽ 14 25'	☽ 13 29'	♃ 27 15'	♄ 13 58'	♅ 19 23'	♆ 4 53'	♇ 3 33'	♈ 17 00'	♉ 22 28'	♊ 14 35'	
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					♃ +2 50'	♄ Lib 16 0 09'	♅ 5 37'	♆ 27 44'				
							♃ Vir 13 19 04'	♄ 11 11'				
							♃ Asc Sag 24 16 39'	♄ Vir 08				

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To find transit aspects, you'll need to know how to read an ephemeris and find aspects (note that an ephemeris is included for Abundantia, Talent, and White Moon Selena). The following is from the Get Started With Predictive Astrology course:

When you're first getting started with predictive astrology, one of the absolute basics you have to learn is how to read an ephemeris (pronounced like ephemeral). An ephemeris is a table of the locations in the Zodiac the planets and other celestial bodies are at on specific dates. It outlines the movement of the planets so you know where each planet is on any given day. You can find a free ephemeris online with a simple search, or purchase an ephemeris. For this lesson, we'll be using the ephemeris from astro.com for the year 2020. This is a snapshot of the month of August 2020:

ASTRODIENST EPHEMERIS for the year 2020

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In the first line, you see Date and symbols. In order, they are the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, True Node, Mean Node, Black Moon Lilith, and Chiron.

The column of numbers below each planet shows the planet's movement through the Zodiac. The sign at the top shows the sign that the planet is in at midnight on the 1st of the month (Greenwich Mean Time is used with the astro.com ephemeris).

You can see some of the planets have an R in their column, and some have a D. The R stands for retrograde, which is when a planet appears to

be moving backward from our view here on Earth. The planet isn't actually moving backward, it just appears that way because of the way the planets move in relation to Earth. When a planet is retrograde, it moves backward through the sign it's in, so instead of progressing forward as 1 degree, 2 degrees, 3 degrees, etc. it goes backward as 3 degrees, 2 degrees, 1 degree. When the retrograde is over, you'll see a D on the ephemeris, which stands for direct.

Look at the Sun. The glyph at the top of the column is for Leo, so we know that the Sun was in Leo to begin this month. The numbers to the left read 9 - the numbers to the left are the degrees that the planet is at (there are 30 degrees in each sign), so in this case, it's 9 degrees Leo. The numbers to the right read 12 - the numbers to the right are the minutes (there are 60 minutes per degree), so we find that the Sun is at 9 degrees 12 minutes in Leo to start August. With the astro.com ephemeris, they also include the number for seconds for the Sun, which are the second set of numbers on the right (01 = 1 second).

If you go down the column for the Sun, you see that the Virgo symbol pops up for Sunday August 23rd. This means that the day before, August 22nd, the Sun entered Virgo, and it's at 0 degrees 19 minutes of Virgo at midnight on Sunday August 23rd. Whenever you see a new glyph pop up on a column, that means the planet entered a new sign the day before. When a planet enters a new sign, it's called an ingress.

Note that since the ephemeris uses Greenwich Mean Time, the date might be off by a day for some of you, depending on time zone.

In knowing how to read an ephemeris, you can find when a planet will be at a specific position. So, let's say you're looking for when Venus will be at 7 degrees 12 minutes Cancer. You scroll down the Venus column, and find that on August 15th, Venus starts the day at 6 degrees 56 minutes Cancer. On August 16th, Venus starts the day at 7 degrees 55 minutes Cancer. So Venus crossed over 7 degrees 12 minutes Cancer on August 15th.

An aspect is when two points are at specific distances from one another. Astrological aspects are classified as major or minor. There are five major aspects, and we'll go into each of them: conjunction, sextile, square, trine, and opposition. Of the minor aspects, we'll cover the semisextile and quincunx.

Sextiles, semisextiles, and trines are considered positive aspects in astrology. These are the aspects that help bring good things into your life with greater ease. We'll go into each one at a time.

## ✳️ **SEXTILE**

The sextile occurs when two points are 60 degrees apart, or two signs. The signs that sextile are:

Aries: Gemini, Aquarius

Taurus: Cancer, Pisces

Gemini: Aries, Leo

Cancer: Taurus, Virgo

Leo: Gemini, Libra

Virgo: Cancer, Scorpio

Libra: Leo, Sagittarius

Scorpio: Virgo, Capricorn

Sagittarius: Libra, Aquarius

Capricorn: Scorpio, Pisces

Aquarius: Aries, Sagittarius

Pisces: Taurus, Capricorn

Sextiles are considered positive aspects, but they require you to put in some effort. They generally won't bring good things into your life unless you do something with the energy. They can assist you in creating opportunities for yourself, but won't just hand those opportunities to you on a silver platter. When you see a sextile occurring in prediction, you know that you have the opportunity for good things, that the energy is there for you if you want to use it, but you have to be the one to do something about it.

## ∨ SEMISEXTILE

The semisextile occurs when two points are 30 degrees apart, or one sign (the sign before and after). The signs that semisextile are:

Aries: Taurus, Pisces

Taurus: Aries, Gemini

Gemini: Taurus, Cancer

Cancer: Gemini, Leo

Leo: Cancer, Virgo

Virgo: Leo, Libra

Libra: Virgo, Scorpio

Scorpio: Libra, Sagittarius

Sagittarius: Scorpio, Capricorn

Capricorn: Sagittarius, Aquarius

Aquarius: Capricorn, Pisces

Pisces: Aries, Aquarius

Semisextiles are halfway between conjunctions and sextiles, and are generally considered positive aspects. Like sextiles, they require you to put in an effort, but you'll have to put in more of an effort with a semisextile. The good energy is there for you to use, but it's fainter than with a sextile, so it requires more of your input and effort. Since the energy is fainter, it can be easy to not notice the positive energy that's there for you to use, so you have to pay more attention with a semisextile.

## **△ TRINE**

The trine occurs when two points are 120 degrees apart, or four signs. The signs that trine are the signs of the same element. As a reminder, they are:

Fire signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Earth signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Air signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Water signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

Trines are considered the most beneficial because they require the least amount of work. With a trine, you can see positive developments even if you do nothing. But the best results come when you do put in some effort, even just a little, because the trine will take it and run with it. You can make something good into something great. The energy surrounding a trine is very positive, and the trine wants good things for you. The downside is that because the energy is so easy, you can be lazy with trines and squander good opportunities. So when you see a trine in prediction, you want to make sure that you don't just sit back and let it happen. Take that trine and make it work for you.

Squares, quincunxes, and oppositions are considered negative aspects in astrology. Now, I write that with a wince, because I'm not someone who believes that aspects are only positive or negative. It's not that simple (and in the natal chart, it's even less simple). You can squander positive aspects, and you can turn negative ones into great

opportunities. The choices you make are key. But in prediction, these aspects are much more difficult to get a handle on than the “positive” aspects.

## □ SQUARE

The square occurs when two points are 90 degrees apart, or three signs.

The signs that square are:

Aries: Cancer, Capricorn

Taurus: Leo, Aquarius

Gemini: Virgo, Pisces

Cancer: Aries, Libra

Leo: Taurus, Scorpio

Virgo: Gemini, Sagittarius

Libra: Cancer, Capricorn

Scorpio: Leo, Aquarius

Sagittarius: Virgo, Pisces

Capricorn: Aries, Libra

Aquarius: Taurus, Scorpio

Pisces: Gemini, Sagittarius

Squares are considered negative aspects because they bring friction into your life. Squares are internal aspects, and will often make you feel uneasy, and force you to look within yourself at something you don't want to see. Squares with Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto tend to be

the most difficult, and create the harshest energy. Despite the square perhaps being the most difficult, it's actually the easiest to turn into a positive for you because it's so internal and so focused that you have control over it (the opposition is external, and the quincunx is erratic). It also contains the most energy of the aspects, so when you can get control over it, you can get the biggest results. When you see a square in prediction, you know that you're going to have some difficulties, and that you'll have to put in far more work.

## **⋈ QUINCUNX**

The quincunx occurs when two points are 150 degrees apart, or five signs. The signs that quincunx are:

Aries: Virgo, Scorpio

Taurus: Libra, Sagittarius

Gemini: Scorpio, Capricorn

Cancer: Sagittarius, Aquarius

Leo: Capricorn, Pisces

Virgo: Aries, Aquarius

Libra: Taurus, Pisces

Scorpio: Aries, Gemini

Sagittarius: Taurus, Cancer

Capricorn: Gemini, Leo

Aquarius: Cancer, Virgo

Pisces: Leo, Libra

Quincunxes are considered negative aspects because they have erratic, frazzled energy, which is difficult to get control over. The key with the quincunx is to make adjustments as you go along, but people tend to fight that. When you see a quincunx in prediction, you know that you need to be more flexible with what comes, and not get so crazed by the energy.

## ♁ OPPOSITION

The opposition occurs when two points are 180 degrees apart, or in opposing signs. To remind you, the opposing signs are:

Aries-Libra

Taurus-Scorpio

Gemini-Sagittarius

Cancer-Capricorn

Leo-Aquarius

Virgo-Pisces

Oppositions are considered negative aspects because they bring oppositional energy into your life. Often, with an opposition, what manifests can seem to be out of your control, with other people bringing chaos into your life and causing problems. Similar to a quincunx, you have to be more flexible. The worse you react, the worse it gets. You should also look in the mirror if you keep confronting similar

people/situations, because while it may seem like they're the cause of your problems and it's all out of your control, it's more likely that you're attracting them subconsciously, they're reflecting something you don't want to see, or you're projecting your own issues.

The conjunction occurs when two points are in the same exact position in the Zodiac, so they're 0 degrees apart. A conjunction is considered a neutral aspect because the energy of it is amplifying. Whether it's amplifying positively or negatively depends on the other aspects involved, as well as the planets involved in the conjunction. If the other aspects are largely positive, then the conjunction will make them more positive. If the other aspects are largely negative, then the conjunction will make them more negative. The conjunction can also amplify the energy of the two planets involved, and increase their influence on one another.

Let's start actually finding the aspects! We'll use the 2020 ephemeris on [astro.com](http://astro.com). Let's say someone's natal Sun is at 2 degrees 53 minutes Aquarius, and we want to find all of the aspects by the transit Sun to their natal Sun for 2020.

The transit Sun begins 2020 at 10 degrees 0 minutes Capricorn. Capricorn is semisextile to Aquarius (1 sign apart), but the transit Sun has passed the natal Sun (10 degrees for transit Sun, 2 degrees for natal Sun). The next sign the transit Sun enters is Aquarius, which is the natal

Sun sign, so we know a conjunction will occur. The transit Sun conjuncts the natal Sun on January 23rd.

The next sign the Sun enters is Pisces, which is semisextile. The transit Sun semisextiles on February 22nd. The next sign is Aries, which is sextile. The transit Sun sextiles on March 23rd. The next sign is Taurus, which is square. The transit Sun squares on April 22nd. The next sign is Gemini, which is trine. The transit Sun trines on May 23rd. On so on - the list for aspects by the transit Sun looks like this:

- ♌ Jan 23rd
- ♍ Feb 22nd
- ♎ Mar 23rd
- ♏ Apr 22nd
- ♐ May 23rd
- ♑ June 23rd
- ♒ July 25th
- ♓ Aug 25th
- ♈ Sept 25th
- ♉ Oct 25th
- ♊ Nov 24th
- ♋ Dec 24th

When it comes to aspects, they go in order. The order is:

Conjunction  
Semisextile  
Sextile  
Square  
Trine  
Quincunx  
Opposition

And then they'll go in reverse order:

Opposition  
Quincunx  
Trine  
Square  
Sextile  
Semisextile  
Conjunction

So it goes like this:

Conjunction  
Semisextile  
Sextile  
Square  
Trine

Quincunx  
Opposition  
Quincunx  
Trine  
Square  
Sextile  
Semisextile  
Conjunction  
Semisextile  
etc.

The times when they won't go like that will be when you have a planet retrograde. Because the planet is retrograde (backward motion), you can have some aspects repeat several times.