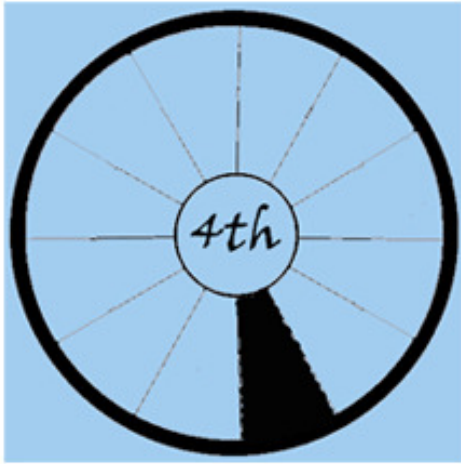


On the first page for each house, you'll find the now familiar floating words, along with a small chart, indicating where this house appears in the horoscope. You'll also see one or more pictures that set an appropriate feeling tone or mood. In the game of Memory Play, you're going to link these associations—words, chart, and photograph—in your sensory memory.

You're planting seeds of meaning. With a little practice, these will sprout, extend neural roots, and flourish in the garden of your imagination. Cultivating this garden is a swift way to enchant your chart. Throw a few seeds into the houses and the next time you view these areas, they'll feel more familiar, and will more quickly come to life. Even if you already know what each house means, you can still benefit from these sensory enchantments.

For an imaginative practice of astrology, making connections between chart positions and your own experience is the fast track towards mastery. When you inflate the symbols with real life connections, your contemplations become ever more brilliant and accurate. That word—contemplation—is important. For each house, I offer a few truths that will hopefully start your mind wandering in fruitful directions.

Fourth House



your foundations

real estate

ancestors

private life

home

most nurturing parent

renovations

family

circumstances in early
life and end of life

childhood vibe

sense of safety and
belonging

roots

the beginning and end of all things

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Fourth House



Planets and signs in the 4th describe your family heritage and/or its baggage. These are the archetypes, for good or ill, that nurtured or tormented your early home life. Inside this cocoon, your basic sense of safety and belonging was shaped. Transits or progressions through this house can sweeten or break family ties; moving, buying or renovating a home are also common expressions.

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If the opposite house, the 10th, indicates your public self, the 4th House describes the features of your more private self. In this house you'll find the keys to your personal life. What do you want to do on your own time? Investigate the connection between signs and planets here and your own experience. How do you prefer to relax after a busy day? What makes you feel like you're truly at home?

The Sun crosses the IC—the cusp of the 4th—each night at midnight; hence, this is the house of the “midnight self.” This is the *I* who is with you as you close your eyes to fall asleep every night. If you have them, planets close to this cusp are deeply rooted. Their energetics are so familiar and intimate, you may not always be aware of how profoundly you experience and express them (though your family may have seen these archetypes in you).

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Fifth House



playtime

gambler

joy

self-expression

the arts

colorful

children

theaters

games

romance

fun

hobbies

playground

pleasure

creativity

parties

love affairs

willing to take a risk

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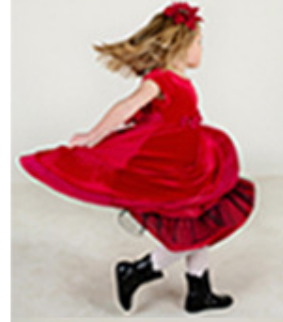
Fifth House



All work and no play makes you dull. The 5th House lights you up. Indulging in your favorite 5th house activities will keep your inner pilot light strong. The 5th is everyone's fun house.

Even if you have gloomy planets or signs here, they still describe what ignites your life force and joy. Eeyore probably had Capricorn on this cusp and was quite happy in his complaining.

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When you create, when you fall in love, when you play, when you un-self-consciously express yourself—you liberate life force energy. You free your inner child. In fairy tales, the inner child is often portrayed as the youngest (simpleton) brother. Small, helpless, and so naïve, he's an unlikely hero. Yet his pure heart attracts the aid of magical forest creatures. They help him to find the golden feather that breaks the spell and saves the kingdom (something his smarter older brothers failed to do). The willingness to be spontaneous, playful, and loving are this child's secret weapons.

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