

## A PROMISING YEAR

LEVEL	B1
TIME	60 MINS

*The lesson plan gives opportunities to use future forms, modals and expressions of speculation. Make sure that your students remember the forms.*

### Activity 1: Lead-in

- What's your zodiac sign?
- Do you read or consult horoscopes? Why? / Why not?
- Do you believe in horoscopes? Why? / Why not?
- Would you modify your action if a horoscope advised you to do so? Why? / Why not?

### Activity 2: Do you know all star signs? Complete lacking vowels.

Aries	/ˈɛɪrɪz/
Taurus	/ˈtɔɪrəs/
Gemini	/ˈdʒɛmɪnɪ/, /ˈdʒɛmɪni/
Cancer	/ˈkænsə/
Leo	/ˈliːoʊ/
Virgo	/ˈvɜːgə/
Libra	/ˈlɪbrə/
Scorpio	/ˈskɔːpiə/
Sagittarius	/ˌsædʒɪˈtɛəriəs/
Capricorn	/ˈkæprɪkɔːn/
Aquarius	/əˈkwɛəriəs/
Pisces	/ˈpɪsɪz/, /ˈpɪskɪz/

[www.oxforddictionaries.com](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com)

### Activity 3: Work in pairs and make expressions out of the words given below.

go through	a	difficult	situations
give sb	a	strong	motivation
open		new	doors
explore		new	frontiers
face		unforeseeable	situations
generate		unusual	ideas
take		radical	decisions
become	the	highest	priority
get in contact with		multinational	companies
have	a	positive	perspective
have	a	direct	impact
become	a	debated	subject
take		preventive	measures

close up improve		long-term business	contracts relationships
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**Activity 4:** Complete the gaps with expressions from Activity 3.

Horoscope 1

2016 will be a year characterized by intense passion and by very much constructive emotion which may (1) **generate unusual ideas**. You will have many adventures and you will (2) **face** some completely **unforeseeable situations**. It will give you a strong motivation to move on and (3) **explore new frontiers**.

Horoscope 2

Your business relationships seem to improve. You will manage to (4) **close up** some **long-term contracts** with some of your collaborators. You might get in contact with foreigners or with multinational companies. There will be new people or events that will (5) **open new doors** for you.

Horoscope 3

The base of the year 2016 will be health. You will be prone to certain condition, among which are joints and skin problems. If you have this kind of tendencies, it would be better to (6) **take preventive measures** on time.

Horoscope 4

The year 2016 looks promising regarding love, your house and properties. It's possible for you to consider moving into a bigger house. The decision on having a child may (7) **become a debated subject** during this year.

Horoscope 5

Solving or clarifying problems at your workplace should become the highest priority otherwise they will (8) **have direct impact** on your social life. You will (9) **have** a much more **positive perspective** upon things and your sense of humor will stick with you even in the most (10) **difficult situations** that you will **go through**.

The texts are a compilation of horoscopes from [www.horoscope-2016.org](http://www.horoscope-2016.org)

**Activity 5:** Work in pairs and answer the questions below.

- Which domain of life will be your priority next year?
- What are you looking forward to?
- Which horoscope would make you happy? Why?

**Activity 6:** Work in pairs. Read your the horoscope for your partner's star sign. Prepare a summary using the vocabulary from previous activities and the expressions below.



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It is an excellent year to ...	It is likely that ...
It will be a time of ...	It's possible that ...
The base of the year XXXX will be ...	You are likely to ...
The year XXXX promises you ...	You may ...
You will focus on	You will probably ...
... should become a priority this year.	...
XXXX will be a year characterized by ...	
XXXX will give you many opportunities to ...	