

# A Promising Year

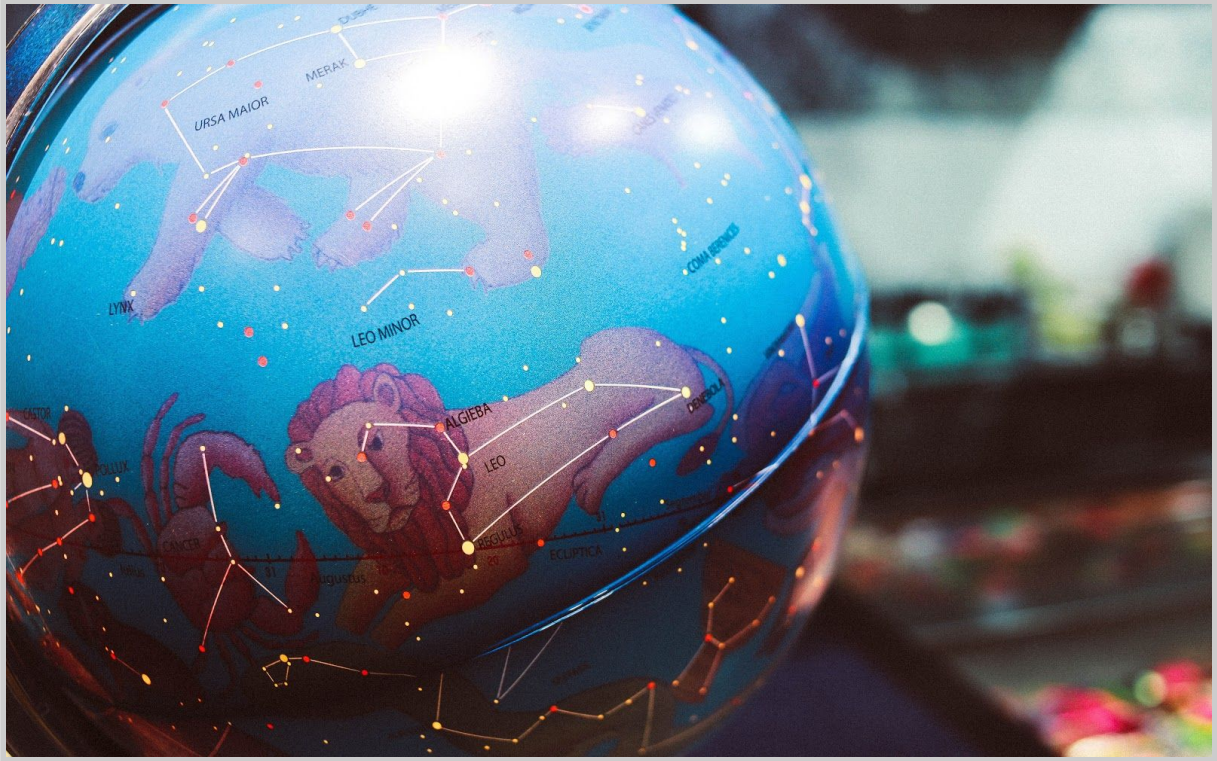


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## Activity 1: Lead-in

- Do you know your zodiac sign?
- How many zodiac signs can you name in English?
- Do you read or consult horoscopes? Or have you ever read them?
- Why do people read them?
- Do you believe in horoscopes? Why do you think people believe in horoscopes?
- 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.

\_\_ r \_\_ s

/<sup>1</sup>ɛ:ri:z/

T \_\_ r \_\_ s

/<sup>1</sup>tɔ:rəs/

G \_\_ m \_\_ n \_\_

/<sup>1</sup>dʒɛmɪnɪ/,

/<sup>1</sup>dʒɛmɪni/

C \_\_ n c \_\_ r

/<sup>1</sup>kansə/

L \_\_

/<sup>1</sup>li:əʊ/

V \_\_ r g \_\_

/<sup>1</sup>və:gəʊ/

L \_\_ b r \_\_

/<sup>1</sup>laɪbrə/

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S c \_ \_ r p \_ \_ \_

/ˈskɔːpiəʊ/

S \_ \_ g \_ \_ t t \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ s

/ˌsɪdʒɪˈteəriəs/

C \_ \_ p r \_ \_ c \_ \_ r n

/ˈkæprɪkɔːn/

\_ \_ q \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ s

/əˈkwɛəriəs/

P \_ \_ s c \_ \_ s

/ˈpʌlsiːz/, /ˈpɪskiːz/

Do you know how to pronounce all the zodiac signs? Prove it! :)

If you are in doubt, you may go to an online dictionary (e.g. [www.oxforddictionaries.com](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com))

and listen to the pronunciation.

**Activity 3:** Work in pairs. How many (meaningful :) ) expressions can you make out of the words given below? You may use a collocation dictionary (e.g. <http://www.freecollocation.com>), if you need.

become		business	companies
become		debated	contracts
close up		difficult	decisions
explore	a/an	direct	doors
face		highest	frontiers
generate	the	long-term	ideas
get in contact with		multinational	impact
give sb	-	new	measures
go through		new	motivation
have		positive	perspective
have		preventive	priority
improve		radical	relationships
open		strong	situations
take		unforeseeable	situations
take		unusual	subject

**Your expressions:**

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**Activity 4:** Go to a horoscope website (e.g. <https://www.horoscope.com/>). Find the horoscope for your zodiac sign. **A)** Take notes on the most important information. **B)** Make a summary of your horoscope and **C)** share it with your partner. The phrases below may be helpful. **D)** Now listen to your partner's summary. **E)** Which aspects are different? Which ones are the same?

**Your notes:**

It is an excellent year to ...

It will be a time of ...

The base of the year 20\_\_ will be ...

The year 20\_\_ promises you ...

You will focus on

... should become a priority this year.

20\_\_ will be a year characterized by ...

20\_\_ will give you many opportunities to ...

It is likely that ...

It's possible that ...

You are likely to ...

You may ...

You will probably ...

...

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**Activity 5:** Work in pairs. Interview your partner to discover his/her wishes, plans and goals for the future. You may ask some of the questions below, modify them or add your own to the list. Take notes on your partner's answers!

- What's your zodiac sign?
- Which domain of life will be your priority this/next year?
- What are you looking forward to?
- What would you like to happen in your private life?
- What goals at your workplace are you going to achieve?
- What health issues would you like to sort out?
- What would you like to change?
- ...
- ...
- ...

**Activity 6:** Work individually. Look at answers your partner gave you during the interview. Prepare a horoscope for your partner that would make his/her **feel positive about the year 20\_\_**. Use at least **five phrases from the Activity 3**, and at least **four expressions from the table** below. Write at least 10 sentences.

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 20__ will be ...	You are likely to ...
The year 20__ promises you ...	You may ...
You will focus on	You will probably ...
... should become a priority this year.	...
20__ will be a year characterized by ...	
20__ will give you many opportunities to ...	

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**Zodiac sign:**

**20\_\_**

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**Activity 7:** Follow-up - Do you remember what your horoscope said? Imagine a year went by and your horoscope did not come true. Make a complaint explaining what did not occur and what happened instead.