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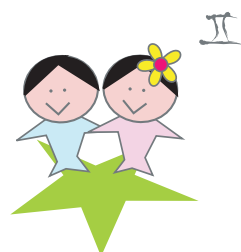
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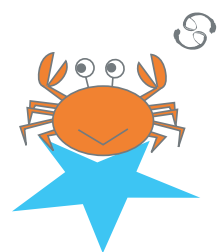
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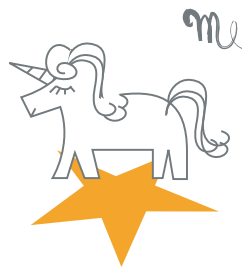
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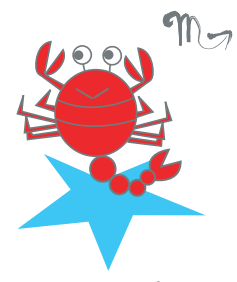
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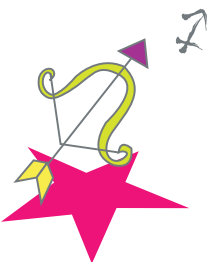
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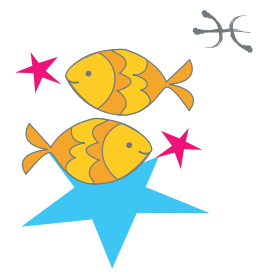
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Kidsigns is a booklet intended for parents, grandparents, teachers, babysitters, friends, nannies and family members. It provides some basic astrological explanations which we hope give you insight into yourself and into your child or other children. It's written in a breezy fashion, to be read as if you were chatting with a good friend over a cup of tea or coffee. The benefits of this casual approach are two-fold:

one can use this user-friendly booklet just knowing your sun sign and the sun sign of a child, and one can pick it up as a reference time and time again-for instance when a new child enters the playgroup, a new mother joins the car pool, or a new dad starts to coach soccer and you want to see what the new dynamics will be.

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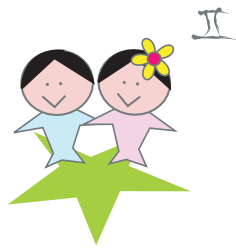
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May 21-Jun 20



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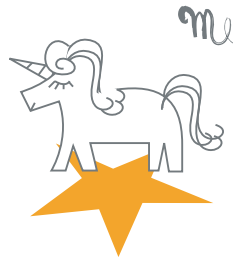


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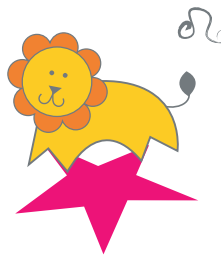


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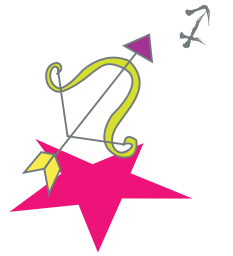
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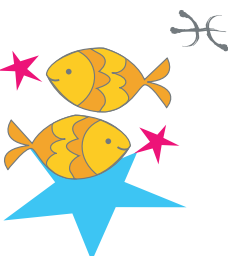


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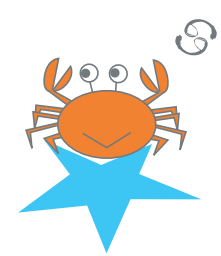


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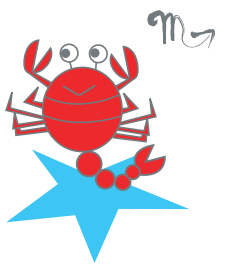
★ Water Signs ★



Pisces
Feb 19-Mar 20



Cancer
Jun 21-Jul 22



Scorpio
Oct 23-Nov 21

★ Air Signs ★



THE AIR-SIGN CHILD is alert and awake mentally, and requires much in the way of intellectual stimulation. Even when quite young, this child needs and appreciates games which challenge his or her mind and reasoning powers. Air-sign children have a knack for seeing patterns and relationships, and making connections. Puzzles, memory games (like "Concentration") and other games which involve thinking and skill appeal to them. Scrabble or crossword puzzles are often favorites, for they enjoy ideas and words, and are quite remarkable in their ability to use language. They can be delightful conversationalists, incessant chatterboxes, extraordinary debaters. Word-plays and jokes are much appreciated by them.

The air-sign child is a rational creature and demands a reasonable explanation for everything. If what you say makes sense to an air-sign child you are likely to get their full cooperation. The concept of "fairness" is one that this child instinctively understands and which is very important to him or her, central in fact to the way they make sense of and deal with the world. Unfairness or injustice strongly offends them, and the reality that life isn't always fair or understandable in rational terms is sometimes a hard lesson for the idealistic air-sign child to learn.

The world of social relationships is also very important to the air-sign child. They need playmates and friendship, and are quite sensitive to being left out or different from others. Often they will significantly compromise or adapt themselves in order to be accepted by other people, especially their peers. In a positive sense this means they know how to get along with people, but sometimes they are influenced too much by them. Air-sign children learn well and generally thrive in a group setting, especially when the emphasis is on cooperation and togetherness. Generally not loners, they like to be part of a team or partnership.

Unless another element (water, or possibly earth) is also strong in their makeup, these children are not usually very cuddly or clingy, and even when quite little they are apt to wriggle away from your embraces. They need a lot of space and room to breathe, and though they very much appreciate companionship, they do not enjoy being smothered with parental affection and concern. Even with friends, they like to keep a comfortable distance and are not prone to make the sort of very intense, blood-pact bonds that some children do.

At times the air-sign child appears unfeeling because they tend to live in their minds, and get disconnected from their own emotions. As a parent, you need to foster this child's ability to empathize and feel compassion for others. For instance, gently reminding him or her that their words should be not only clever or truthful, but also kind. Also, although a very "airy" child often has little affinity for animals (and may even have a definite aversion to them initially), having a pet to love and tend to would help to develop the feeling side of this child.

Because of the cerebral nature of the air-sign child, he or she can also depend too much on being entertained in a vicarious way -- watching television or videos, or even reading too much -- and his or her physical side may need to be encouraged more, for a healthy balance.

THE AIR-SIGN PARENT seeks to communicate, to reason with, and understand their youngsters, and is naturally inclined to raise children in a democratic way. For example having family meetings in which everyone's concerns are discussed and taken into account very much suits the air-minded air-sign parent's style. Heavy-handed authoritarianism or even a benign dictatorship usually does not sit well with them, and the built-in inequality of the parent-child relationship is often not completely comfortable for them. They tend to see the parent-child experience as a period of life which lasts as long as the child is young and dependent, but which will phase out and become more of a friendship. Many an air-sign parent has confessed that they feel more like a sister or brother to their child instead of a parent, or that they very much look forward to the time when they can share with the child on a more mature and equal basis, "as friends."

Because they are more mental than instinctive or emotional, air-sign parents often find their children's youngest years (when the child is not verbally communicative and still quite dependent on the parents) to be the least gratifying. Later, air-sign parents come into their own in the role of teacher or counselor and advisor. They enjoy sharing their knowledge and experiences, and they possess a certain detachment which enables them to see clearly and objectively. Since parents are notoriously not at all objective about their offspring, and usually exaggerate both the child's gifts and deficits, this detachment can be a real plus when the child needs a sounding board.

Sometimes air-sign parents can be perceived by their children as too detached, aloof, cool, or uninvolved. The rational nature of the air-sign parent can interfere with their ability to sense, feel, and empathize with those very irrational creatures-young children. Indeed one of the gifts children bring to the air-sign parent is to re-connect them with deep feelings and emotions.

Air-sign parents are also very concerned with social relationships and with teaching their children the importance of cooperating and getting along with people, of making friends, and of developing the skills which will make the child a success in a social sense.



THE AIR-SIGN PARENT with THE AIR-SIGN CHILD:

There is great potential for harmony here, with an emphasis on an open flow of communication between the two. However, when troubles arise, both the air-sign parent and the air-sign child tend to rationalize or intellectualize too much-avoiding their real feelings, or ignoring them if there is no immediate solution or answer to the problem.

Sharing interests or hobbies with one another, perhaps taking classes or learning something together, is a wonderful way to build this relationship.



THE AIR-SIGN PARENT with THE EARTH-SIGN CHILD:

These two have different rhythms: The air-sign parent is quick, adaptable, flexible, and essentially open, while the earthy child is slower, deliberate, and resistant to rapid movement or change. It is very important for the parent to realize that this child craves predictability. Trust for earth-signs is based on dependable behavior on the part of others, and the parent must be reliable and consistent towards this child. Especially, back up talk, words, and promises with action. What may seem like a spontaneous and perfectly acceptable change in plans to the air-sign parent can seem like a betrayal to the earth-sign child.

Also, the air-sign parent's playing banter may often be misunderstood by the concrete-minded and literal earth-sign child.



THE AIR-SIGN PARENT with THE FIRE-SIGN CHILD:

While deep or serious misunderstanding is unlikely between these two, the air-sign parent's natural awareness of other people and concern for fair and harmonious interpersonal relationships can be at odds with the fire-sign child's drive to express him or herself without regard to any restrictions or social consequences. There is a natural egocentricity in the fire-sign youngster which may disturb the air-sign parent. However, it is good to remember that the child's self-expression is raw and unrefined, and in time, with the air-sign parent's influence, he or she can learn to be more gracious and aware of the effects his or her actions have on others.



THE AIR-SIGN PARENT with THE WATER-SIGN CHILD:

These two have essentially different ways of seeing the world and experiencing life. Whereas the parent is a thinking and a social person, the child is primarily emotional and private. It is important that the air-sign parent does not try to explain away the child's emotions, or demand a "reason" for the child's moods and feelings, for this the water-sign child usually cannot do and it only serves to make him or her feel unaccepted and unacceptable. Air-signs are idealistic and are prone to tell others how they "should" feel. However, water-signs are much more in touch with emotional realities-people, on a feeling level. Thus, the air-sign parent can learn much from their sensitive water child if the parent is receptive and willing to listen. And, positively, the air-sign parent can help the water-sign child learn to verbalize and articulate his or her deep feelings, which the child can do if it's clear he or she will not be judged for doing so.

Another facet to this relationship is that the air-sign parent needs quite a bit of personal space and may not understand or be willing to meet all of this child's needs for closeness. It is not uncommon for an air-sign parent, though appreciative of the abundant affection and obvious attachment their water-sign child shows toward them, to wish the child needed them a little less or gave them more room to breathe.

★ Earth Signs ★



Taurus
Apr 20-May 20



Virgo
Aug 23-Sep 22



Capricorn
Dec 22-Jan 19

THE EARTH-SIGN CHILD may appear more mature than he or she really is, for earth-signs are the most sensible and practical of all the elements. They get great satisfaction from being useful, helpful, and productive, and in doing a good job. To be happiest the earth child needs to feel that he or she is competent in practical matters. Mastering practical skills and learning "grown-up" tasks are very important to him or her. They want to know how the world works, and to be effective in it. The earth-sign child will gladly be an apprentice to any grown up that is willing to teach him or her "how-to" in a real, hands-on way. Being concrete-minded and down-to-earth, this child prefers to learn by doing or to be shown rather than to be told about or to read about a subject.

Because earth-signs prefer to stick with the tried-and-true, they are not usually known for their innovative or imaginative thinking. Even the most creatively inclined of them have an urge to make something functional and useful -- something that fills a real need. Beauty may be important to them but they are quite utilitarian also. Learning to sew, to do carpentry, to work with wood or clay, to fix things around the house, or simply to do chores makes them feel good about themselves. Conversely, if they fail or feel inefficient at some task, they are apt to feel inadequate as people. Giving them tasks that are appropriate for their age and not beyond their capacity to learn to do well is important.

Because they are generally reliable, earth-sign children often have responsibilities thrust upon them, and parents of an earthy child will often come to expect more adult behavior of him or her than is fair.

These children need discipline and may feel quite uncertain and insecure if there are no firm limits and boundaries set for them. They need and want to know what to expect. They can become sticklers for rules, and they don't like to deviate from the regular order of their lives. Making frequent changes upsets them for they are not very flexible, but earthy children are generally quite hardy and sturdy (except Virgo, at times). There is definitely a conservative streak in them, and even as teenagers they do, indeed, keep their feet on the ground.

THE EARTH-SIGN PARENT takes the responsibility of parenting and providing for their children very much to heart. The patience, commitment, and devotion that earthy people bring to their work extends also to their jobs as parents, and they usually derive much satisfaction from raising their children.

The earth-signs are dependable, and creating and maintaining a stable home is generally one of their talents. Because they value reliability and faithfulness, they are very good at "being there" for their children. However, they can get so preoccupied with providing for their child's material needs, or dealing with the day-to-day necessities of living, that they get less pleasure and delight from their young ones than they might. Unless another element (fire or air) is also prominent in their make up, the earth-signs may not spend much time actually playing with their children. They're not inclined to be really spontaneous or silly or exuberant, or to act in "childish" ways. Sometimes it seems that earth-sign parents feel that their parental role is to teach their child how to grow up, how to survive and succeed in the "real" world, how, in short, to be an adult. Certainly this has its advantages, for learning how to function well and to be responsible for oneself in a mature way is a gift, as is developing sound judgment and a realistic attitude towards life.

On the other hand, children are really not little adults, and sometimes earthy parents forget this. Children are often sloppier, sillier, more immature and disorganized, than the earthy parent would like. However, "nothing is freer than the mind of a child" and earth-sign parents would do well to accommodate some of the chaos children create in their play and explorations. The flexibility and creativity inherent in a young child's mind needn't and shouldn't be completely surrendered in favor of the "right" grown-up way of doing things. Neither should the magical or imaginative aspect of the child be disregarded, even though an earthy parent may not understand or appreciate it all of the time.

One blessing children can bestow on earth-sign parents is to reawaken their child-like playfulness and a sense of the magic of life.



THE EARTH-SIGN PARENT with THE AIR-SIGN CHILD:

There is quite a bit of difference between these two: The air-signs move quickly and thrive on excitement and stimulation, whereas earth-signs are more deliberate and more self-controlled, thriving on continuity and predictability.

Air-signs enjoy a lot of social interaction and are usually quite liberal and open, compared to the earth-signs who are more conservative, more discriminating and judgmental. This can be a real issue between the two in the youngster's teenage years, when choice of friends and so on is likely to become a concern. In the younger years, it may be trying for the earthy parent to try to accommodate this child's constant need to talk and share and be on the go. At times the airy child may seem a bit flighty to the earthy parent, who can provide the ballast and stability in this child's life. The earthy parent's calmness, sensibility, and no-nonsense approach to life can be quite soothing to the airy child at times. And as long as the earthy parent does not pressure the airy child into adopting his or her own style and values, the differences in their make-up do not have to come between them.



THE EARTH-SIGN PARENT with THE EARTH-SIGN CHILD:

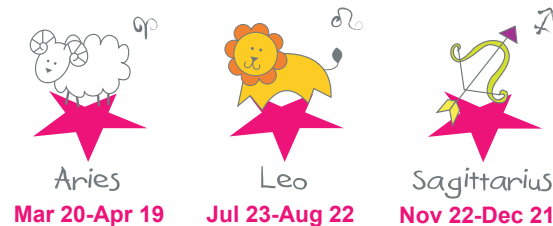
This pair blends very naturally and comfortably together. The child readily accepts the parent's authority and will take in what the parent has to say, since the lessons, advice, and attitudes are very much in resonance with the child's own nature. The discipline and structure provided by the earthy parent are actually very much appreciated by the earthy child, even if he or she resists them on a superficial level. And the parent truly appreciates this child's helpful, responsible, and sensible ways.

Sharing the natural world together is quite satisfying for these two. There may be little verbal communication between them, but taking walks in the park, camping, working in the garden or yard, or just enjoying a sunset or a snowfall, can be very bonding. Usually there is an unspoken agreeableness between them, and a real sense that they can trust and rely on one another.





★ Earth Sign Parent & Fire Sign Child ★



THE EARTH-SIGN PARENT with THE FIRE-SIGN CHILD:

The earth-sign parent has much to offer the fire-sign youngster: a grounding influence, a steadying hand, and a base of security to return to after this child's many adventurous excursions into the world. However, there are fundamental differences between these two, which must be understood and accepted for a true harmony to exist between this parent-child pair.

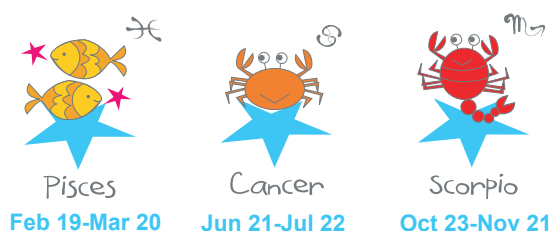
The earth-sign parent's essential practicality, realism, work ethic, and focus on security contrasts with the fire-sign child's essential idealism, dreams of grandeur and possibilities, and need to take risks. Many of this youngster's desires and aspirations may seem foolish, starry-eyed, or completely impractical to the sensible earthy parent. The earth-signs are far more circumspect and need a solid, workable plan to follow, whereas fire-signs follow their intuition, their impulses, and their passions. The earth-signs are innately pragmatic, and much more patient, than fire-signs are.

In relationship to the fire-sign child, the earthy parent is inclined to be almost constantly putting on the brakes, counseling caution, and generally being a stick-in-the-mud (at least to the child's way of seeing things). For these two to have a positive relationship it is important for the earthy parent not to discourage, cast doubt, or subtly denigrate the fiery youngster's enthusiasms.

Fire-signs usually come down to earth eventually, but they need to learn in their own way and time, and will resent too much controlling behavior on their parent's part. Also, like the water-sign parent, earth-sign parents should beware of "bailing out" their fire-sign children too often. Let them express themselves as freely as possible (within reason), and let them learn from their own mistakes.



★ Earth Sign Parent & Water Sign Child ★



THE EARTH-SIGN PARENT with THE WATER-SIGN CHILD:

The water-sign child is rarely the easiest for an earth-sign parent to understand. Earth-signs have a certain hardness and solidness about them, and compared to the sensitive water-signs they are not easily affected by their environment. They can be quite untouched by situations that upset or deeply affect the water-sign child, and can respond very matter-of-factly or indifferently to the watery child's emotional reactions. It's important for the earthy parent to realize that the water-sign child's feelings and fears are quite real to him or her, even when they are fueled by the child's imagination. A practical, no-nonsense approach to such things usually is not helpful. Logic and rational explanations (See? There is no monster hiding under your bed...) simply don't reach this child. Far better to commiserate (Oh, yes. I remember the monster under my bed...) -- for the watery child responds primarily to sympathy. While earth-signs tend to be reassured by knowing facts about whatever is worrying them, water-signs simply want acknowledgment and compassion for the way they feel.

In many ways, however, earth and water-signs are quite compatible. Strong attachments to family are often quite prominent in both, and there is thus apt to be much mutual caring and devotion between these two.

★ Fire Signs ★



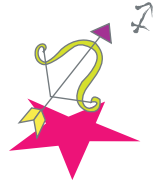
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Sagittarius

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THE FIRE-SIGN CHILD is gifted with enthusiasm, spirit, energy and a strong drive for freedom and self-expression. There is a tremendous sense of play, exuberance, and spark in these children which makes them quite appealing to others. They are the risk-takers, the show-offs, very much given to heroics and high drama.

The fire-sign child has a strong sense of personal pride and will keenly resent the sort of indignities that children are often subjected to simply because they are smaller and less experienced. These children will respect their elders (often adoringly so) if their elders respect them! They crave freedom and independence at as early an age as possible and will rebel (sometimes cheerfully, sometimes angrily) against undue restrictions and restraints. Provide them with as much space as possible to release their abundant energy, and let them go! As long as they know there is a safe nest to return to on occasion, they want to be "out there" where the action is, joyfully exploring the world and probably conquering it as well.

Fire-sign children are often "addicted" to action and stimulation, and find it difficult to slow down and quiet themselves. As one fiery youngster once put it "Peace is boring". Occasionally, you will find a fire-sign person who is outwardly quiet and mild (usually because another element -- earth or water -- is a major factor in their chart), but inside there is still a strong sense of personal importance and pride, a desire to do something special, and a great sense of adventure and restlessness.

Problems that may arise with fiery children include: being highly temperamental, being domineering with their families and with other children, being overly competitive and attached to winning at games or any sort of personal confrontation, willfulness, overestimating themselves and their abilities, and obliviousness to other's feelings and needs.

In dealing with some of these issues, it is often helpful to appeal to the child's inner sense of greatness. (Would a real Nobleman or Noblewoman act this way?) Also let them make their own mistakes -- plenty of them -- for they resist learning any other way. Teach by example. Fire-sign children idealize and often idolize their parents or other adults who embody traits the child admires. Introduce them to positive role-models that can inspire them to be their best (whether through a real relationship with the person or through literature or some other means.)

THE FIRE-SIGN PARENT usually appreciates and celebrates their child's uniqueness and talents, encouraging their youngster to excel and to meet life with vigor, enthusiasm, and a Positive, can-do spirit. They teach their child to view problems as challenges rather than obstacles, and are interested in seeing their child develop competence and independence as soon as possible.

However, fire-sign parents often find the work and especially the routine of caring for a young child to be tedious and stultifying. Being freedom-loving souls, fire-sign people often resent the limitations on their mobility and actions, the slower pace, and the need to plan and schedule their daily lives instead of being able to come and go as freely and spontaneously as they once did. Because they cherish their own freedom, fire-sign parents often try to push their children to separate and become "independent" rewarding the child for venturing away from the safety of home and subtly or overtly pushing the child away when he or she expresses neediness, dependency, or fear of facing a new situation. Fire-sign parents can be quite impatient with their child's "babyish" needs or habits, especially if they persist longer than the parent believes they "should".

"Act like a big girl," "Be brave," "Don't be a baby," and similar messages are frequently given by the fire-sign parent who is disinclined to deal with the young child's need for dependency and security -- feelings which are often seen as weaknesses.

On the positive side, the fire-sign parent is usually quite fun-loving and playful, delights in their children's exuberance, and is not inclined to squelch their youngster's spontaneity, for in many ways the fire-sign parent is still a child at heart and can play with their children -- no small gift. Also, the fire-sign person is usually much more comfortable parenting older children.



THE FIRE-SIGN PARENT with THE AIR-SIGN CHILD:

This is usually a harmonious combination or can be made so with some minor adjustments and considerations, primarily due to the fact that the fire-sign parent is inclined to action and self-assertiveness whereas the air-sign child needs to talk about, assess, and/or reflect before taking action, and often feels hurried and pushed by a fiery parent. Also, the air-sign child needs social approval, is keenly aware of other people's opinions, and is strongly influenced by friends or group pressure. The fire-sign parent, who values individuality and uniqueness, is apt to get irritated with this need of their child's to fit in and be one of the gang.

For the most part, though, there is an ease between the two.



THE FIRE-SIGN PARENT with THE EARTH-SIGN CHILD:

If you are a fire-sign parent with an earth-sign child, you may feel at times that you are the child and your youngster the adult, for he or she is often more serious, practical, worldly-minded, orderly, or conservative than you are. This child is likely to express quiet disapproval of some of your uninhibited or playful behaviors, and to be put off even more because you find this amusing!

The earth-sign child needs order, structure, stability, and a regular routine in order to feel secure, and they are easily upset by disruptions in the pattern they have become familiar with. Safety, caution, a desire for clear rules and boundaries, and a love of the known characterize these children -- all qualities which are rather at odds with a fire-sign parent's natural inclinations.

An important area of difference between the two is communication styles. The earth-sign child is, indeed, down-to-earth and wants concrete reasons as "proof" whereas the fire-sign parent is apt to be abstract or philosophical, presenting concepts rather than facts.

Another potential problem here is that the parent is likely to outshine or at least draw more attention to him or herself than the child does, which can make the child feel rather dull in comparison to the parent.

The fire-sign parent must accept that this child's goals may well be both different and humbler than their own.



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Fire Sign Parent
&
Fire Sign Child
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THE FIRE-SIGN PARENT with THE FIRE-SIGN CHILD:

This is often quite a felicitous combination, with much laughter, excitement, shared fun, and adventures. When the child is grown, the pair are likely to be excellent friends.

The fire-sign parent is often highly ambitious for their child's success, and this can inspire the fire-sign child's own drive to excel and "be the best" in some way. However, bringing two fiery people together, especially when one is more dominant or "over" the other one, is likely to produce sparks sometimes!



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Water Sign Child
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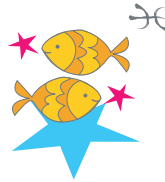
THE FIRE-SIGN PARENT with THE WATER-SIGN CHILD:

This child can be a real enigma to the fire-sign parent, who must learn to temper his or her forcefulness and directness to accommodate the highly sensitive and emotional water-sign child. There can be significant problems between these two due to their very different natures.

The water-sign child is very private, gets deeply involved in his or her inner world, and is often happiest in quiet surroundings or pastimes. This child may be seen as lazy, evasive and indirect, or overly sensitive by the fire-sign parent.

Even more importantly, the water-sign child has a great need for emotional closeness and reassurance, and he or she can be experienced by a fire-sign parent as being clinging, emotionally demanding, and needy in a way the parent is not comfortable with. The above-mentioned tendency of the fire-sign parent to push their children to be independent can truly harm the sensitive water-sign child. This child, even more than most, needs a safe and secure home and warm, close family relationships. Fostering close ties with grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other kin can be a good way for fire-sign parents of water-sign children to meet this child's needs.

★Water Signs★



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Scorpio
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THE WATER-SIGN CHILD is a sympathetic, deeply feeling, and sensitive one, and they intuitively know what the people around them feel or intend, even if nothing is said. You cannot truly hide anything the water-sign child, but you certainly can confuse him or her if you do not openly acknowledge what you (or they) are feeling. For instance, if you are sad or angry about something, it's much better to say so, and also to acknowledge the child's concerns and feelings, rather than trying to protect the child by denying what is going on and pretending that everything is rosy. The water-sign child acutely senses what is happening and will feel relieved if his or her perceptions are validated. On the other hand, because of this same sensitivity, it's best if this child can be in a pleasant environment with basically positive people, for he or she is profoundly affected by his or her surroundings. If someone is unkind and cold, or in turmoil, this child will be very upset by it. Water-sign children feel deeply and are apt to cry frequently and to express all of their emotions freely if not discouraged to do so. Their feelings are easily hurt and they are inclined to be moody and also very private much of the time, especially as teens.

Water-sign children have a great capacity for and need for love, caring, and support. They enjoy physical affection, cuddling and closeness, as well as emotional comfort and understanding. Their attachment to their family (especially parents) is very strong, and they're apt to feel quite insecure if anything threatens this closeness. Similarly, they get very attached to friends, their pets, and others they come to know well. They may well be shy or reluctant to reach out to those outside their own circle, however.

THE WATER-SIGN PARENT is very protective of and devoted to his or her children and may make them the primary focus in life. Nurturing and caring for children is very fulfilling for water-signs, and the emotional bonds to their children run deep. Often they feel such a close rapport with them that it borders on being telepathic -- knowing, for instance, when the child is in trouble, even if he or she is not in the vicinity, or sympathetically sensing what the child is experiencing even if he or she is not talking about it.

At their best, water-sign parents are wonderfully supportive, comforting, and loving. However, they are often overly protective and can too easily project their own fears onto their children, thus inhibiting the child's exploration and risk-taking.

Also, water-sign parents want to be needed, and it can be hard for them to fully rejoice in their child's ever increasing independence. "I don't want to see her grow up and leave me" is a lament not too uncommon for the water-sign parent. They are sometimes unwilling to let their children grow away from them, even to the point of subtly manipulating them through guilt in order to keep the child near. Becoming meddlesome or controlling are not-so-positive ways their need to stay close to their children is sometimes expressed. Being the most subjective and emotionally-influenced of all the elements, perhaps the water-signs most need and benefit from trying to see their children more clearly from a more detached perspective.



THE WATER-SIGN PARENT with THE AIR-SIGN CHILD:

It is often not easy for these two to enter into each other's world. The air-sign child is bright and idealistic, and makes decisions based on fairness, reason, and logic, whereas the water-sign parent is very subjective and influenced by personal feelings or prejudices, by empathy for others, and "the logic of the heart". The air-sign child is more concerned with truth, justice, and fairness, the water-sign parent with kindness.

The air-sign child is also very interested in developing friendships and peer relationships, and with the larger social world outside the family circle, whereas the water-sign parent is very attached to and focused on his or her most intimate relationships. Because of this, the water-sign parent may feel somewhat hurt when this child doesn't display the same degree of attachment or need for intense family closeness. There is a certain coolness in the air-sign child (not coldness, just a need for personal space and distance) which the water-sign parent doesn't readily understand.

Sometimes air-signs will show a distinct indifference to others' feelings, not because they actually intend to wound but because they are caught up in some idea or game. A great gift the water-sign parent can give this child is to teach him or her the importance of empathy -- and it's a lesson that will have to be repeated many times before it finally sinks in!



THE WATER-SIGN PARENT with THE EARTH-SIGN CHILD:

There is much sympathy and compatibility here. Both are quite devoted to and protective toward one another, as well as to the rest of the family. Both are also essentially conservative in the sense of being very security conscious and attached to the known and familiar. Both intensely dislike and are often fearful of taking risks or making changes -- anything that unsettles their comfortable nest. A strong bond is likely to develop between these two -- so much so that as this child grows up he or she is apt to feel very concerned with and responsible for the parent's well-being, and the parent comes to rely (sometimes too much so) on this "good" son or daughter.

One difference between them is that the water-sign parent is more emotional and fluid than the earth-sign child, who tends to be more even, unemotional, and matter-of-fact.



THE WATER-SIGN PARENT with THE FIRE-SIGN CHILD:

The differences between these two most often revolve around the parent's protectiveness and desire to keep the child close versus the child's thrust for independence and free exploration of the world. This child's sense of adventure is apt to propel him or her into many activities and involvements outside the safety of home and the parent's sphere of control, at an earlier age than would suit the water-sign parent. Learning to let go and allow the fiery youngster to stand on his or her own is a major issue here, for this child can feel very stifled by the parent's concerns and fears for him or her.

However, for all their desire for freedom of movement and self-expression, fire-signs often don't really want to grow up and deal with mundane realities and responsibilities, and they are likely to return home to "refuel" where their idealistic plans or wild schemes and adventures go awry. If the water-sign parent's natural inclination to take care of their child's needs and to "help" when things go wrong isn't held in check, an unhealthy dynamic may be set up whereby the child never learns self-responsibility because mom or dad is always there to step in when they are about to experience the consequences of their actions. So, the water-sign parent may have to do what is very difficult for him or her to do: Watch the child make some painful mistakes and learn thereby -- without interfering!

Another difference between these two is the water-sign parent's emotional sensitivity and easily-bruised feelings versus the rather brash, somewhat egocentric and not-so-tactful ways of the fire-sign child. Overall, the relationship here is apt to be somewhat emotional and, at times, volatile, as neither person is really very objective or rational, and they experience the world in very different ways.



THE WATER-SIGN PARENT with THE WATER-SIGN CHILD:

The emotional and psychic bond between these two is very powerful. There is a deep knowing of one another that goes beyond words, a closeness that is often a source of comfort and support throughout each one's life. Because the parent has lived through and learned how to deal with many of the emotions and situations that the water-sign child experiences, he or she can give this child wise counsel -- or at least much sympathetic understanding.

However, there are some potential problems here. One is that one or both may depend (emotionally and otherwise) on the other too much. Sometimes it is difficult for this child to separate at the appropriate time and make his or her own life apart from the parents. Sometimes it's the parent who won't cut the umbilical cord, keeping the child attached to him or her through love, guilt, fear, or some combination thereof.

Another issue is that this child feels everything that is happening inside the parent, and is prone to take responsibility for or try to fix the parent's hurts or problems. The water-sign parent needs to let this child know "I appreciate your caring but this is my problem, and I can take care of it," thus freeing the child to be a child and not a surrogate parent. And, conversely, the child needs to be allowed not to be a baby or a child, and to grow up and be an individual in his or her own right.





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