Most students know their astrological sign, but few realize that the signs of the zodiac have very deep roots in ancient Mediterranean/Middle Eastern culture. Since foreign language courses include units on the calendar and time, information about the zodiac can enrich in-class discussions of these topics with interesting cultural, linguistic, and scientific material. The examples included here can be adapted by using specific words in the target language. An added advantage is that students learn not only signs but some animal names as well.

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