





四正卦 <i>Sì zhèng guà</i> Four Perfected Hexagrams	震 桉 <i>Zhèn mìng</i> Thunder Hexagram 51 Zhen	離 粹 <i>Lí zuó</i> Fire Hexagram 30 Li	兌 揣 <i>Duì duǎo</i> Lake Hexagram 58 Dui	坎 藥 <i>Kǎn chéng</i> Water Hexagram 29 Kan
				
主四時 Four Seasons	春 <i>Chūn</i> Spring	夏 <i>Xià</i> Summer	秋 <i>Qiū</i> Autumn	冬 <i>Dōng</i> Winter
主四方 Four Directions	東 <i>Dōng</i> East	南 <i>Nán</i> South	西 <i>Xī</i> West	北 <i>Běi</i> North
上爻. <i>Shàng yáo</i> Line 6	芒種 <i>Mángzhòng</i> Blossoms Form Jun. 5–7 Gemini	白露 <i>Báilù</i> White Dew Sep. 7–9 Virgo	大雪 <i>Dàxuě</i> Heavy Snow Dec. 6–8 Sagittarius	驚蟄 <i>Jīngzhé</i> Insects Awaken Mar. 5–7 Pisces
五爻. <i>Wǔ yáo</i> Line 5	小滿 <i>Xiǎomǎn</i> Green Buds Form May 20–22 Gemini	處暑 <i>Chùshǔ</i> Dissipating Heat Aug. 22–24 Virgo	小雪 <i>Xiǎoxuě</i> Light Snow Nov. 22–23 Sagittarius	雨水 <i>Yǔshuǐ</i> Spring Showers Feb. 18–20 Pisces
四爻. <i>Sì yáo</i> Line 4	立夏 <i>Lìxià</i> Start of Summer May 5–7 Taurus	立秋 <i>Lìqiū</i> Start of Autumn Aug. 7–9 Leo	立冬 <i>Lìdōng</i> Start of Winter Nov. 7–8 Scorpio	立春 <i>Lìchūn</i> Start of Spring Feb. 3–5 Aquarius
三爻. <i>Sān yáo</i> Line 3	穀雨 <i>Gǔyǔ</i> Gathering Rain Apr. 19–21 Taurus	大暑 <i>Dàshǔ</i> Great Heat Jul. 22–24 Leo	霜降 <i>Shuāngjiàng</i> The First Frost Oct. 23–24 Scorpio	大寒 <i>Dàhán</i> Great Cold Jan. 20–21 Aquarius
二爻. <i>Èr yáo</i> Line 2	清明 <i>Qīngmíng</i> Bright and Clear Apr. 4–6 Aries	小暑 <i>Xiǎoshǔ</i> Coming Heat Jul. 6–8 Cancer	寒露 <i>Hánlù</i> Cold Dew Oct. 8–9 Libra	小寒 <i>Xiǎohán</i> Coming Cold Jan. 5–7 Capricorn
初爻. <i>Chū yáo</i> Line 1	春分 <i>Chūnfēn</i> Vernal Equinox Mar. 20–22 Aries	夏至 <i>Xiàzhì</i> Summer Solstice Jun. 21–22 Cancer	秋分 <i>Qiūfēn</i> Autumn Equinox Sep. 22–24 Libra	冬至 <i>Dōngzhì</i> Winter Solstice Dec. 21–23 Capricorn

Table 3.2. Four Perfected Hexagrams and the Twenty-Four Solar Terms

Continue into the hexagram entry until you are at the two Lines corresponding with your horoscope (sun) sign. In the example of Capricorn, after turning to the section of *I Ching, The Oracle* on hexagram 29, Kan, The Abyss, continue past “The Oracle” section to the First Line text and the Second Line text.

Copy down the First Line text and take down some notes on its meaning:

Copy down the Second Line text and take down some notes on its meaning:

Read the two sub-sections together. These Lines express the prevailing *qi* energy in the environment during the time of the year that you were born. Free-write what you think the implications of the line text are with respect to your innate disposition:

What’s being expressed in those Lines won’t pertain to your life path specifically; rather, it’s a general projection of the nature of *qi* at influence at your moment of birth, which inevitably will have impact on the very start of influences of nurture.

To interpret the Line text specific to this exercise, “auspicious” is going to mean that the environment you were born into was generally stable and prosperous. Whereas “ominous” or “inauspicious” simply refers to environments that were harsher and less stable. It can indicate one born into uncertain times, and has no bearing on your personal luck. Rather, it’s an indication that the society around you at your moment of birth was going through challenges or upheaval. References such as “there is no blame” or “blameless” are neutral, some aspects prosperous and some aspects unstable.

Let’s take a look at Cancer to demonstrate. Cancers will turn to hexagram 30 and read the First Line and Second Line text. Broadly speaking, during this time of year that Cancerians were born into, there’s more unpredictable, vacillating forces at play (“footprints show a trail faltering between right and wrong, a confused path”), so to optimize success, Cancerians will want to “honor with offerings,” meaning to be more mindful of cultivating personal spirituality.

Continuing on to the Second Line, we see closer ties with ancestors. Cancers are more likely to directly inherit and embody strikingly similar traits to their ancestors (this can mean grandparents or even deceased aunts and uncles whose passing happened prior to your birth).












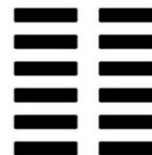
Month 11 <i>Dec. – Jan.</i>	Month 12 <i>Jan. – Feb.</i>	Month 1 <i>Feb. – Mar.</i>	Month 2 <i>Mar. – Apr.</i>	Month 3 <i>Apr. – May</i>	Month 4 <i>May – Jun.</i>
					
Hexagram 24	Hexagram 19	Hexagram 11	Hexagram 34	Hexagram 43	Hexagram 1
子 Zi Rat Water	丑 Chou Ox Earth	寅 Yin Tiger Wood	卯 Mao Rabbit Water	辰 Chen Dragon Earth	巳 Si Snake Fire
Month 5 <i>Jun. – Jul.</i>	Month 6 <i>Jul. – Aug.</i>	Month 7 <i>Aug. – Sept.</i>	Month 8 <i>Sept. – Oct.</i>	Month 9 <i>Oct. – Nov.</i>	Month 10 <i>Nov. – Dec.</i>
					
Hexagram 44	Hexagram 33	Hexagram 12	Hexagram 20	Hexagram 23	Hexagram 2
午 Wu Horse Fire	未 Wei Goat Earth	申 Shen Monkey Metal	酉 You Rooster Metal	戌 Xu Dog Earth	亥 Hai Boar Water

Table 3.1. Twelve Hexagrams of the Son of Heaven

Read “The Oracle” section of that hexagram. ✍ Copy notes from the Oracle message into the space below.

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For example, my September birthday corresponds with lunar Month 8, so I'd look up hexagram 20 and read "The Oracle" section as a synopsis of my sun sign Libra plus moon sign Leo. I interpret "see and also be seen" from the passage as very Leo while "restate for yourself what your motivations are" feel very Libra. Alternatively, I might look at the month 8 hexagram correspondence in Table 3.3 for another point of view. Per the Gua Qi diagram attributed to Confucius, lunar month 8 corresponds with hexagram 58.