

## Blending PSHA – The Art of Chart Interpretation

Now that you know how to “*read*” a chart and understand the four basic factors – Planets, Signs, Houses and Aspects, you need to learn to *interpret* or *delineate* the symbols and blend them together.

The only way to truly learn astrology is to read charts...lots of charts. Some people begin by studying their own. Others prefer to study the charts of people they know because they feel it gives them more objectivity. Follow whatever process is most comfortable for you, but...Read! Read! Read!

**There are multiple ways to read a chart depending on who you’re reading for and what they seek.**

1. You can simply **Start with the Sun** and read each planet individually by Sign, House and Aspect.
2. You can read **House by House** starting with the First House and include the Planets & Aspects.
3. In time you will be able to look at a chart, see the **Primary Karmic Aspects** and read from there.

### **The Secret to Reading a Chart is as Simple as 1-2-3-Delineate**

**Step 1. Look to the house area of the chart you want to understand.** For example, if you wanted to know about someone's personality or character you would look to the 1<sup>st</sup> House. If you wanted to understand something about their finances or attitude toward money, you would look at their 2<sup>nd</sup> House. If you were interested in their love life, you would look at their 5<sup>th</sup> House. If you were interested in marriage or partnership, you would look at the 7<sup>th</sup> House and so on.

**Step 2. Find the sign on the cusp of the house you’re examining.** If you wanted to know about someone’s finances it would be the sign on the cusp of the 2<sup>nd</sup> House. If you were interested in their personality and temperament it would be the sign on the cusp of the 1<sup>st</sup> House

**Step 3. Determine what planet rules the sign on the house cusp you’re examining.** For example, if you wanted to understand how a person’s mind functioned you would look to their 3<sup>rd</sup> House. Let’s say Capricorn was on the cusp of the 3<sup>rd</sup> House. Saturn rules Capricorn, thus Saturn rules the 3<sup>rd</sup> House. Saturn and Capricorn would be the symbolic indicators of that person's mind.

**Delineate Find the ruler and read it by sign, house and aspect.** In the example above reading Saturn by sign, house and most of all by aspect(s) will reveal insight into the person’s mind.

Reading the 2<sup>nd</sup> House ruler would reveal the person’s attitude toward money. Reading the 7<sup>th</sup> House ruler by sign, house and aspects would reveal their attitude and karma regarding marriage.

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When delineating someone’s mind you would also want to read Mercury by sign, house and aspect. In the same way you would want to read Venus when considering someone’s finances or love life.

## **Delineating a Planet is as Simple as 1-2-3**

**1. Find the Planet in Question by Sign.** The planet's urge for expression is modified by the zodiacal sign it occupies. That sign's element, quality and ruler determine how the planet's urge is **expressed**.

**2. Find the Planet in Question by House.** The house will determine where the urge symbolized by the planet will manifest in the world around them.

In the example above we were looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> House. We found that Capricorn ruled the 3<sup>rd</sup> and thus Saturn is the symbolic ruler of the person's mind, so we would look to see where Saturn is found by house and sign.

Saturn is a symbol of limitation or constriction. Saturn as lord or ruler of the 3<sup>rd</sup> House indicates the mind has a proclivity to be serious or rigid. If Saturn were in Scorpio this rigidity or seriousness would manifest passionately or intensely. The person would tend to impose their rigid attitudes onto others with passion and intensity. If Saturn were in the 7<sup>th</sup> House (which rules marriage) it would indicate the intense quality of their serious Saturn mind would cause limitations or constriction that would affect their spouse or business partner. Not an auspicious symbol for success in marriage or business relationships unless the person learned to lighten up and not take themselves so seriously.

**3. Find the Aspects to the Planet and Interpret them.** Let's give this person a break and say Saturn is in trine to Jupiter from the 11<sup>th</sup> House. This means his intense rigid serious mind (thinking process), which is giving his spouse so much trouble, would be broadened and softened by Jupiter's expansive nature. The trine indicates higher education or studying spirituality and philosophy (Jupiter) especially in a group or social setting (11<sup>th</sup> House) will help alleviate the problems caused by the karmic proclivities of Saturn, ruler of the 3<sup>rd</sup> House (the mind) in Scorpio, in the 7<sup>th</sup> House (marriage).

This is just one example. The best way to learn to read charts is to read charts. Once you understand how a planet's urge or karmic nature is modified by sign (element & quality), house position, and the influence of the aspects it makes, delineation is a matter of looking into a chart and blending this knowledge in order to gain deeper insight into someone's personality, life-pattern and karma.

The best way to learn delineation...the only way to learn delineation...is by reading, reading, reading!

### **The Four Steps to Delineating the Chart**

1. Find the House Area You Want to Delineate
2. Find the Sign on the Cusp of the House
3. Find the Planetary Ruler of that Sign
4. Interpret that Planet by Sign, House, and Aspects