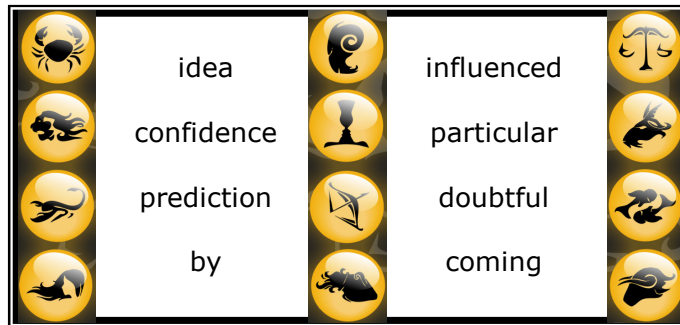


EXERCISE 1

**Synonyms** are words that mean the same thing.

Read each sentence and choose the correct synonym for the underlined word.



- Millions of people across the world read their daily astrological forecast to find out what their future holds. prediction
- 'Horoscope' is the Greek name given to the chart that shows the position of the planets and stars at a specific point in time. particular
- Astrology is based on the premise that the astrological chart can be used to foretell certain future events. idea
- Arab scholars studied the movement of the planets and the stars, and how these movements impacted human lives and events. influenced
- Most scientists are sceptical about astrology. doubtful
- It seems that the more we learn about the universe, the less credence we can give to astrology. confidence
- Science is beginning to show that forces emanating from the stars can subtly influence such aspects of our lives as hormone levels, mood and wellbeing. coming
- We can read about how our stars are going to influence us in the daily papers, on the Internet, or via phone lines that connect us to astrologers who can give us our very own personal reading. by

EXERCISE 2

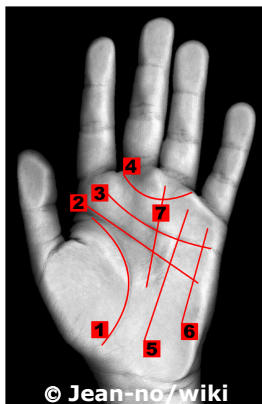
What is the main idea of this article?

In spite of scientific research and findings, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) astrology continues to influence people's lives
- b) astrology makes no impact on people's lives
- c) astrology is gaining in popularity

GROUP ACTIVITIES

- a) Group discussion – Do you believe in astrology? Are you superstitious? Do you practise or follow what you read?
- b) Discuss other means of foretelling the future:
  - i) **Palmistry** – foretelling the future by studying and reading the lines and features of the palm.



The lines of the hand in palmistry:

- 1: Life line
- 2: Head line
- 3: Heart line
- 4: Girdle of Venus
- 5: Sun line
- 6: Mercury line
- 7: Fate line

- ii) **Numerology** - is the study of numbers that helps determine and reflect a person's characteristics, talents, motivations and path in life.
- iii) **Physiognomy** (face reading) - the assessment of a person's character or personality from their outer appearance, especially the face.
- iv) **Tarot card reading** – revolves around the belief that the 78 tarot cards can be used to gain insight into the current and possible future situations of the subject.



- v) **Crystallo-mancy** ('crystal ball reading' or gazing) – gazing at a crystal ball to predict or see distant or future events, to give character analyses, to tell fortunes or to help a client make choices about current situations and problems.
- vi) **Tasseography** (also known as 'tasseomancy' or 'tassology') – fortune-telling method that interprets patterns in tea leaves, coffee grounds or wine sediments.

