

## What Is Gemini-ness?<sup>2</sup>



The quickest way to get a handle on your sign is to understand what your ruling planet means in astrology. The ruling planet of Gemini is Mercury, the planet named after the winged messenger to the Roman gods. The Greeks called this god Hermes. They also saw him as the patron of travellers, shepherds, and cowherds (which is handy to know if you own this kind of stock).

Both the Greeks and the Romans associated Mercury with trade and commerce. (His motto was: “I can get it for you wholesale.”)

### “Cogito ergo sum.”<sup>3</sup>

In astrology, Mercury rules how you talk, think, speak, and communicate. It rules your nervous system, lungs, fingers, hands, and arms. This is why you’re always talking and gesturing with your hands. (All Geminis are Italian.)

In a word (actually, in many words — after all, we are discussing Gemini), you are the supreme communicator of the zodiac. You are the wordsmith. If you cannot speak (using your lungs) you will write, use sign language, or gesture with your hands. But you will communicate!

You are the most articulate, quick-witted, clever sign of them all.

Some people have a way with words, some not have way.

However, there is another astrological reason (beyond the fact that Mercury rules all forms of communication) that you’re so keen to communicate. It is because you are a Mutable Air sign. (Don’t worry — this is not contagious.)

All twelve astrological signs are Mutable, Cardinal, or Fixed. The Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius) like a predictable outcome and tend to be traditional. (They also can’t have children.) The Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn) shoot from the hip and are dynamic. (They arrive with five extra pals to formal sit-down dinners.) The Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces) — this means you — are shape-shifters. You quickly conform to whatever is happening. If you walk into a room and everyone is laughing, you’re laughing! If you walk into a room and everyone is solemn and silent, you laugh very quietly to yourself.

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2. No one is just one sign because everyone’s chart is made up of different planets. Therefore, this section captures the Gemini archetype — the qualities of “Gemini-ness.” Many other signs will have Gemini characteristics as well. Therefore, the discussion of one sign is not an exact description of that person; rather it is a description of the qualities of that sign.

3. *Cogito ergo sum* is Latin for “I think, therefore I am.” Not to be confused with the oft-used *Cogito ergo porc pan*, which means “I think, therefore I’ll have this pork bun.”