

CANCER PERSONALITY PROFILE

Ruled by the Moon, Cancer is the fourth sign of the zodiac and its symbol is the Crab. The Moon rules our emotions and our subconscious and represents our reactions and deepest personal needs. It is also associated with the Mother. Key phrase: "I feel" is Cancer.

Cancer is intelligent, organized, generous, home-loving, and tenacious; their first love being home and family. They are devoted to family members creating a cozy, comfortable and safe existence behind the doors of their own home. In fact home is their hiding place, where they can remain locked inside for several months at a stretch going out only to get supplies (better still having their groceries delivered!) as they don't really need social interaction and have few friends.

Home and family give Cancers strength and stability, and the home is the safe "shell" that the Cancer knows he/she can retreat to after a long, stressful day. Just like the Crab, Cancer has developed a hard outer shell for protection and can use the hard outer shell of their home as protection. Cancer love is protective, but unless tempered, can be smothering. An expert hostage taker they use self-pity and sarcasm to torment their victims and gradually destroy their self-esteem.

They are quick to bring those they love inside the safety of their "outer" shell while they nurture them. The Cancer individual is a deeply emotional person inside, but is smooth and confident on the outside (even appearing hard sometimes).

Crabs also have large pinching claws, and likewise Cancerians will hold onto things, especially from the past, in a pincer like grip and has a difficult time letting go. They often hold onto mementos of the past and reflect at length about their childhoods and previous lives. There exists a real fear of the past repeating into the future; that is going back and making the same mistakes.

A coldhearted Cancer (granted, a rarity) will give you a gift and then make you pay for it, not with money, but with sexual favors, emotional blackmail and pieces of your very soul.

Cancerian individuals are extremely romantic and passionate people and provide enormous emotional support to those they love. They enjoy all the traditional rituals of wooing and winning a sweetheart and usually opt for marriage or a long-term relationship.

They make loyal mates and will champion their spouse's career and expect the same in return. These individuals are keenly attuned to the needs and wants of their partner; they are exceptionally sensitive lovers.

Cancerians need a lot of attention due to their unpredictable character, but if you give them the support they need, they will offer you their undying loyalty and love. Once you have won their trust, nothing anyone else can say will sway them against you.

Notwithstanding their love and loyalty, those born under this sign are apt to change companions and friends very frequently, often becoming bitter enemies of those to whom they were previously attached.

They demand faithfulness and yet are totally oblivious to their own shortcomings in this regard. It is true that whilst they proclaim themselves to be models of honesty and virtue, they do in fact fabricate quite a few falsehoods or at the very least make a story sound better than it actually ever was.

Emotions run deep in these individuals, and even the slightest rebuff digs deep into their centre. Cancer will retreat completely into his/her "shell" when hurt or disappointed, and become unreachable for a period of time. But it's more than just that. Usually sensitive Cancer can manage to contain their feelings in silence whilst they hide behind their "shell" but pushed to extremes they can completely "lose" it (think OJ Simpson and Mike Tyson).

Generally, if you make them feel uncomfortable for a prolonged period or on a regular basis they will simply shut you out of their life. Cancerians can seem loving, attentive and patient one minute, then cranky, remote and unreachable the next. In spite of a good sense of humor the Cancer personality will often become sulky, moody, and irritable for no reason that is apparent to anyone else.

Generally they are diplomatic and kind but have the potential to be brutally honest with little regard for sensitivities and completely lacking in tact. Because of this capacity to transform their moods so suddenly, Cancer is the least predictable of all signs, including Gemini. When ill-tempered they can be very cruel and vindictive. In turn, they do not handle personal criticism at all well, and become very indignant.

That said, with their usual gentle and caring spirit, Cancerians *are* generally the ones to whom others turn to for a sympathetic ear and a shoulder to cry on (plus a home-made bowl of chicken soup thrown in!).

They make better friends than marriage partners but despite their profound ability to support and nurture their pals, they do not find it easy to make friends. This may be because they place such a high value on their friendships and don't bother forming casual acquaintances. Cancers are often shy and slowly allow a friendship to evolve rather than network furiously and make new connections. They can also be perceived as being introverted when it is just a case of them "going into their shell" but they still manage to constantly spy on everyone they know!

Cancer is charitable in spirit but will hold off offering financial support until they are sure that it is money well spent and there is no other alternative. They are not tightfisted, just cautious.

Whilst many Cancerians can reach great heights especially in business (Branson, Dupont, Rockefeller, Hearst to name but a few) they continue to remain emotionally bound to their domestic realm.

They do love money for money's sake and parade their accomplishments in a tangible way possessing all the accoutrements of success.

They are quick learners and can grasp new concepts very quickly and most have excellent memories (especially for all those moments in childhood). For personal fulfillment they should gravitate towards careers that help and care for others in some way although laziness often steers them into less proactive careers such as playing the stock market. They are also good cooks and love to nurture so hospitality is another area that would suit them.

Cancer's are vain and thrive on recognition and a prominent position in society. They are especially fond of seeing themselves in the media and thrive on appreciation and positive feedback.

They seek out approval from their peers and loved ones and are prone to jealousy if overlooked or ignored in favor of someone else. Cancerians are very intuitive and can detect the slightest mood shift so don't try to pull the wool over their eyes.

The best matches for Cancer is Taurus or another Cancer but Leo and Virgo will both also generate mutual affection. There will be a magnetic sexual pull towards Scorpio and the love will be lasting.

Taurus

A match with Taurus is the best of all love horoscope combinations but they must watch out for the tendency of getting too wrapped up in one another. There is nothing in the stars though that impedes the expectation of a happy married life between these two as they are just plain born for each other.

But just as the love between these two will be the stuff of legends, their arguments and rows will be nothing less than brutal. Cancers are unlikely to divorce unless they are *very* unhappy and only when they have transferred their love to someone else. They are quite needy and woeful emotionally and like to have a lot of sympathy and attention. If they don't get that from their partner they *will* look elsewhere. If they've been dumped they will be vindictive and prone to revenge which will make it difficult to negotiate any mutual agreements between them and their exes.

Cancer

A match with another Cancer should result in a very intimate, steady, reliable, loving and protective relationship. They have a lot in common which can in itself be the cause of trouble. Both are prone to mood swings and excessive sensitivity and if their sulky moods coincide, there's bound to be problems. If this happens once too often, the relationship will run into trouble. Cancers regard themselves as generous martyrs and if their partner does not recognize them in this light, they will feel underappreciated.

Give Capricorn, Pisces and Aquarius a wide berth and Gemini will find Cancer way too demanding and clingy.