

# Mercury in Gemini

**T**he sign that Mercury occupies shows the language you speak to understand, communicate, and narrate the story of your “little r” reality. The element of the sign is the dominant language and gives specific guidance about how and why you tell your story. The sign itself is a dialect of that language and provides additional, more specific information about how you attempt to understand and communicate.

## JOURNAL QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

**Read the descriptions below, and then go back and revisit each of the earlier journal questions. Review your answers, and then expand on them, incorporating the new information about the language you speak. Focus on how and why you express Mercury.**

### Mercury in Air Signs

With Mercury in an Air sign, you understand and process information through the mental, social, intellectual, and abstract realms. You rely heavily on your perceptions and observations, and you are almost exclusively concerned with the outer appearance of reality. Your story is filled with precise, specific details and nuanced language. You fully embrace the power of words, thoughts, and ideas. Your story is sequential, objective, conscious, and external.

Communication is all about words and language. You care about the content rather than the context, and you may fail to notice or decode important information contained in the subtext or conveyed through tone of voice or body language. You tend to dismiss the emotional context because it's subjective and irrational. You process information in a linear, sequential, rational, conscious manner, although at times your mind operates so swiftly that the individual steps may become a blur.

### Mercury in Gemini

Mercury in Gemini tells a story where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. The content of the story is playful, varied, and unpredictable. The only limits are the limits of imagination, and even these limits are expanded on a daily basis. The story is a random potpourri



of the most varied ideas and experiences, and yet it finds connections between opposing and seemingly unrelated elements. The pace is brisk, and the words sear across the brain, leaving trails of sparks in their wake. The major themes of the story are curiosity, exploration, discovery and wisdom. The biggest challenge for Mercury in Gemini is not to confuse innocence with ignorance. This can bring up issues of shame, and to avoid this pain, Mercury in Gemini can step into “God’s Business,” and question why things happen. This can trap Mercury in Gemini at the level of pride, knowing *about* many things, but never *knowing* happiness.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mercury in Gemini, you effortlessly resolve the appearance of duality. The truth is revealed when you simultaneously consider all aspects of what is real. Content, for you, is more than simply what is; it also includes the space between what is. Opposites are merely data points; the truth is revealed in the connection and relationship between them. Your story is about exploring the tension between light and shadow, sound and silence, and ultimately between truth and reality. You live through your “Big S” Self, and fully appreciate that everything in your “little r” reality is a game. Nothing is as it appears to be, and you approach each experience with absolute innocence. Your innocence allows you to be present, which in turn enables you to respond to each challenge with the speed of thought. You enjoy nothing more than creating seemingly impossible challenges and puzzles, and then transcending them through your intelligence, your wit, and occasionally, through your healthy appreciation for trickery. You move through your life gathering and cataloguing data, but your gift is your ability to see patterns of order in the apparent chaos.

When you are out of alignment with Mercury in Gemini, you seek wisdom, but all you ever attain is knowledge. Your mind is never quiet. You are constantly noticing new ideas, collecting new data, and cataloging each new item in the context of everything else you know about. Because you are not guided by your “Big S” Self, however, you lack the perspective to be able to make sense of your vast collection of information. You are painfully aware that you are missing something crucial, and this fuels your “little s” self’s shame at being ignorant. You believe that if you can only identify why things happen, then everything will finally make sense. Why things happen is God’s Business, however, not yours. The more you ask why, the more you identify with what is *real*, rather than what is *true*. You recognize that everything must be connected, but then you attempt to create those connections on your own. You stretch yourself beyond even your considerable ability to multi-task, but then again, your energy and focus is so scattered that you hardly notice. You are a spider who gets tangled in her own web. Your pride in your own intellect limits your ability to appreciate the greater, non-linear context. You become caught in an endless, recursive story that keeps you trapped in a linear world of duality where happiness will always elude you.