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**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Put your best foot forward when you meet someone for the first time this week, Aries. This is your only chance to make a good impression, so make it count. This is an influential meeting.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
A financial situation puts you in the red for a few days, Taurus, until your next paycheck clears. You must be a bit more careful with your money for the next week.  
**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
When someone younger than you offers advice, take it. Just because you're older doesn't necessarily make you wiser. Benefit from the experiences of this other person.  
**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
Again you must be the center of attention, Cancer. Unfortunately, those around you are tired of shining the spotlight solely on you. Give others a chance for a change.  
**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
It's hard to avoid a catastrophe at work, Leo. Luckily, it's short-lived. Coworkers rally together to pick up the pieces. You'll have a key role in the reconstruction.  
**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
That difficult situation at work has blown over, Virgo, leaving you in the clear to resume your previous duties without distraction. Enjoy the minor victory.  
**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
A big move is in store for you, Libra. You have the financial means to make a change, and now's the time to pack up and get going. Expect some family resistance.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You've finally seen a light at the end of the tunnel, Scorpio. Kudos for the newfound positive attitude. Apply it to all areas of your life for maximum benefit.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
You'll receive quite a blow when a family member shares some news with you that you hadn't expected. There will be no way to hide your surprise, so grin and bear it.  
**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
There are troubles brewing with a romantic partner, Capricorn. You both just can't see eye to eye on anything. You're actually questioning whether you should stay together.  
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
You're looking for a night out with the guys or gals, Aquarius. Make it happen now, because in a few weeks you'll be too busy to spare any time.  
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Make the most of a meeting with an old friend, Pisces. You haven't seen this person in a while, and you should make up for lost time.  
**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
MAY 7  
Michael E. Knight, Singer (47)  
MAY 8  
Melissa Gilbert, Actress (42)  
MAY 9  
James L. Brooks, TV Producer (66)  
MAY 10  
Bono, Singer (46)  
MAY 11  
Natasha Richardson, Actress (43)  
MAY 12  
Jason Biggs, Actor (28)  
MAY 13  
Stevie Wonder, Singer (56)

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- CLUES DOWN**
- Divisions of Spartan army
  - Catkin or scaly spike
  - Suffuse with color
  - Bovine
  - Ineffectual
  - Wrinkles
  - Romanian city
  - Something that is operated on
  - Bishop's staff
  - Stimulates gastric secretions
  - Elk or moose species
  - Despoil
  - Force units
  - NE Az. Indian tribe
  - Downwind
  - Adenosine diphosphate
  - Institute legal proceedings
  - Electroencephalograph
  - Theatre
  - Begetter
  - Between northeast and east
  - Disconsolate
  - One who extracts by heating
  - Burrowing crabs
  - Unhappiness
  - Belgium port
  - Gladiolus bulb
  - Brie and Stilton
  - Intercalate
  - Helmut (latin)
  - Relatively long in duration
  - Elevate by praise
  - Diminutive of Matilda
  - Number system base
  - Constabulary
  - Lake, one of the Great

- CLUES ACROSS**
- Japanese pine
  - Data executive
  - Leafy vegetable
  - Leaves out
  - Modern music style
  - Life of, easy street
  - Dubois, French naturalist
  - Between east and southeast
  - Osco-Umbrian
  - Thin pasta
  - Martin, comedian
  - Audio systems
  - Fictional names
  - Sarrite: orange garnet
  - East Indian tree
  - Sanitariness
  - Laughs contemptuously
  - Formal two-person combat
  - Grandmother
  - Mythical animal
  - Assented
  - Urban gym
  - Japanese classical theater
  - An intellectual
  - Upper vegetation
  - Word of mouth
  - Southwest state
  - Alaskan island dweller
  - Before
  - Kosher or sea
  - End
  - Title of respect
  - Greece
  - White potato
  - Month (abbr.)
  - Type

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When you visit the meat counter of your supermarket or neighborhood butcher shop, you'll quickly see that there are many cuts of beef from which to choose. They may have confusing names — some that vary by the region and country in which you live. Are you choosing the right cut for your particular dish or cooking method? Perhaps not.

Beef cuts come from all different sections of the cow. Tenderness of meat and cooking requirements will vary depending upon the cut of meat, as various types of the cow's body are used more frequently and result in tougher meat.

To ensure delicious meals, follow these guidelines, courtesy of cooking expert Mark R. Vogel and the Beef Industry Council.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**  
Cuts of beef go by many names. Bone-up on your lessons before making any selections:

- Cut: Short Loin**  
Also known as: filet mignon, filet de boeuf, filet steak, chateaubriand, tournedos, tenderloin, medallions, T-bone, porterhouse, and club steak
- Cut: Top loin — boneless**  
Also known as: ambassador steak, strip steak, boneless club steak, hotel-style steak, Kansas City steak, and NY strip steak
- Cut: Top loin — bone-in**  
Also known as: sirloin strip steak, Delmonico! "Plus club steak, country club steak, ctrip steak, and shell steak
- Cut: Rib**  
Also known as: rib roast, rib eye, baby back ribs
- Cut: Plate**  
Also known as: skirt steak
- Cut: Round**  
Also known as: round steak, top round roast, top round steak, bottom round roast, eye round roast, tip steak, and boneless rump roast
- Cut: Chuck**  
Also known as: chuck eye roast, top blade steak, arm pot roast, shoulder pot roast, blade roast, short ribs

**COOKING GUIDELINES**  
Cuts like chuck, brisket and shank, which are located in the front legs and quarter of the animal, are best prepared with slow-cooking methods and braising — cooking the

meat in a small amount of liquid for an extended period of time. Round cuts are also tough, so they should be cooked in the same manner. Of the round cuts, the eye round is the most tender, so you may be able to fare with roasting this cut of beef.

Grilling can work wonders on the short plate and the flank, which contain meat of medium toughness. These cuts should not be overcooked, however, and can benefit from marinating. When serving, slice against the grain for a softer texture.

The most delicate cuts of meat are from the rib, short loin, top loin and sirloin areas of the cow. If grilling, sauteing or roasting is planned, select these cuts — but expect to pay a bit more per pound for such tenderness. Of all the tender cuts, the short loin produces the most coveted meat, including the porterhouse and filet mignon. If you need to distinguish between selecting from the T-bone and porterhouse, while both are quite similar, the porterhouse is cut from the larger end of the short loin and provides more of the filet mignon.

Knowing the cuts of meat allows you to make the right cooking decisions based on meal and preparation.

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