



# Friends (Mitra) - Enemies (Shatru) - Neutral (Sama) Planets

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In **Vedic Astrology (Jyotish)**, planets are not just cosmic bodies - they are living energies with distinct personalities, agendas and relationships with one another.

Just like humans, planets have friends (Mitra), enemies (Shatru) and neutral companions (Sama). Understanding these planetary friendships is essential for interpreting how planets behave when they share a house (Conjunction) or cast an aspect (Drishti) on each other.

## Master List : Friends, Enemies and Neutrals

### 1. Surya (The Sun) — The King

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Moon (Chandra), Mars (Mangal), Jupiter (Guru)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Saturn (Shani), Venus (Shukra), Rahu, Ketu
- **Neutral (Sama):** Mercury (Budh)

### 2. Chandra (The Moon) — The Queen

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Sun (Surya), Mercury (Budh)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** None (The Moon considers no planet its direct enemy!)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Mars (Mangal), Jupiter (Guru), Venus (Shukra), Saturn (Shani)

### 3. Mangal (Mars) — The Commander

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Sun (Surya), Moon (Chandra), Jupiter (Guru)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Mercury (Budh)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Venus (Shukra), Saturn (Shani)

### 4. Budh (Mercury) — The Prince

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Sun (Surya), Venus (Shukra)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Moon (Chandra)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Mars (Mangal), Jupiter (Guru), Saturn (Shani)

## 5. Guru / Brihaspati (Jupiter) — The Guru

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Sun (Surya), Moon (Chandra), Mars (Mangal)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Mercury (Budh), Venus (Shukra)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Saturn (Shani)

## 6. Shukra (Venus) — The Diplomat

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Mercury (Budh), Saturn (Shani), Rahu
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Sun (Surya), Moon (Chandra)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Mars (Mangal), Jupiter (Guru)

## 7. Shani (Saturn) — The Judge

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Mercury (Budh), Venus (Shukra), Rahu
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Sun (Surya), Moon (Chandra), Mars (Mangal)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Jupiter (Guru)

## 8. Rahu (North Node) — The Innovator

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Venus (Shukra), Saturn (Shani), Mercury (Budh)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Sun (Surya), Moon (Chandra), Mars (Mangal)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Jupiter (Guru)

## 9. Ketu (South Node) — The Mystic

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- **Friends (Mitra):** Mars (Mangal), Venus (Shukra), Saturn (Shani)
- **Enemies (Shatru):** Sun (Surya), Moon (Chandra)
- **Neutral (Sama):** Mercury (Budh), Jupiter (Guru)

## Why Planetary Friendship Matters in Chart Analysis

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- **When Friends Sit Together:** They boost each other's positive qualities and create harmonious results (Subha Yogas).
- **When Enemies Sit Together:** They create tension, friction or internal conflict (Doshas or Grahan Yogas). For example, a Sun-Saturn placement pairs ego with restriction, requiring conscious effort to balance.
- **In Enemy Signs:** If a planet sits in an enemy's sign (e.g., Sun in Saturn-ruled Capricorn), it

feels restricted, like staying in the house of someone it doesn't get along with.

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