



What is my Feng Shui Kua or trigram? What does that mean for me?

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The Kua number has to do with your birth date, and indicates the natal star at the time of birth (example, 3 for Zhen). In Chinese geomancy (classic Feng Shui, also known as compass school), the Kua number starts flying stars in motion (a numeric formula that floats numbers), and is used to determine your comfort level within a structure, your compatibility with others, impacts during a period of time, etc.

A trigram is based on yin/yang (female/male) influences. These patterns of energy and their transformation are referenced in the *Yijing*, or *Book of Changes*. Eight trigrams are the fundamental building blocks for 64 hexagrams. Each express patterns of movement and change. Think of trigrams as similar to horoscope signs; as simple, but as complex.

The Kua and trigram can identify personality traits; illness you may be prone to; elements and colors to have around you; healthy relationships to seek; good sleeping directions; directions (or areas) to avoid; and, very helpful information.

It's important to note that the following information is generalized for the public. It does not take into account your personalized analysis (based on the moment of birth) that involves specific yin/yang energies; where you are in your life cycle, balance/imbalance of individual elements; etc.

Determine Your Kua Number

Solar Calendar: The Kua number is based on the Chinese solar calendar; therefore for those born before the 4th February, deduct a year. Example, birth date is February 4th, 1950, calculate your Kua number as 1949.

Female:

- Calculate Kua number by totaling the birth year. Example, birth date is June 13, 1978. $1+9+7+8=25$.
- Divide by 9 ($25/9=2$, remainder 7).
- Add 4 to the remainder ($7+4=11$) to arrive at a single number ($1+1=2$). The Kua number is 2.

Male:

- Calculate Kua number by totaling the birth year. Example, birth date is June 13, 1978. $1+9+7+8=25$.
- Divide by 9 ($25/9=2$, remainder 7).
- Subtract the remainder from 11 ($11-7=4$).
- If the final number has two digits, reduce it to a single digit (see example under female) to obtain the Kua number.

Kua Number	Auspicious (good) Directions (most auspicious first, then in descending order)	East or West Group person
1	Southeast - East - South - North	East
2	Northeast - West - Northwest - Southwest	West
3	South - North - Southeast - East	East
4	North - South - East - Southeast	East
5	Men: Northeast - West - Northwest - Southwest Women: Southwest - Northwest - West - Northeast	West
6	West - Northeast - Southwest - Northwest	West
7	Northwest - Southwest - Northeast - West	West
8	Southwest - Northwest - West - Northeast	West
9	East - Southeast - North - South	East

Have an auspicious direction behind you when possible. In other words, the back of your home should be a good direction, sit at work with a good direction behind you, etc. There's confusion about facing and sitting directions...a lot of what's written says face a good direction. 'Facing' is based on yin Feng Shui (used for burials). 'Sitting' is based on yang (living) Feng Shui.

I don't know about you, but I want those who love and support me to watch my back. When I see problems and issues coming on I can deal with them. It's those that come out of no where that cause the most damage. Here's a *simplistic* rule of thumb...supporters behind you, and face the enemy.

Kan



Kan types are of the water element, and have a one (1) Kua. They bring nourishment to others, and aid beauty (inside and out). When in balance they have strong willpower and are flexible, loving, adaptable, insightful, self-sufficient, and gentle. They are creative and multi-dimensional as well as knowledgeable and gifted in many areas. When they are not in balance they can be overly emotional, easily hurt, emotionally needy, temperamental, self-indulgent, critical, secretive, fearful, and depressed.

Display the water symbol for help with travel, health, and communication. 水

Water belongs to the North (moving water; and the colors black and/or blue), and is fed by metal (gold, silver, copper, etc.). These elements and colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Kan types can experience malfunctions of the ear, kidneys, illness, and job problems when out of balance. A good sleeping direction is North (known as the home direction), or one of their good alternatives.

Kun



Kun types are of the earth element, and have a two (2) Kua. They are the essence of life beginning and returning. When in balance they are loyal, family and community oriented, compassionate, exploring, imaginative, sensitive, spiritual, and kind. They are also extremely creative, multi-dimensional, and love music, song, and dance. When they are not in balance they can be self-absorbed and self-centered, stubborn, adverse to risk, uncomfortable with change, moody, manipulative, a worrier, and always thinking.

Display the earth symbol for help with agriculture, building, catering, pottery, personnel, and textiles. 土

Mother Earth belongs to the SW (stone and earthenware; or the colors brown, beige, and yellow), and is fed by fire (fire; or red, pink or purple). These elements or colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Kun types can experience malfunctions of the abdomen and organs when out of balance. A good sleeping direction is SW (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.

Zhen or Chen



Zhen types are of the wood element, and have a three (3) Kua. They have the strength of a tree, and gentleness of a flower. When in balance they are patient, artistic, clear thinking, open minded, capable of leadership, intelligent, able to thrive under pressure, and a good organizer. They can grow any business, are open to change, the arts, and new ideas. When they are not in balance they can be demanding, fault finding, arrogant, judgmental, impatient, addicted to doing, or depressed. They stuff their emotions until they erupt with anger.

Display the wood symbol for help with publishing, media, horticulture, and craftsmanship. 木

Hard wood belongs to the East (living wood and plants; and the color green) and is fed by water (moving water; and the colors black and/or blue). These elements and colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Zhen types can experience malfunctions of the feet, throat, and energy when out of balance. Also malfunctions can cause problems with children. A good sleeping direction is East (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.

Xun or Hsun



Xun types are of the wood element, and have a four (4) Kua. When in balance they are patient, artistic, clear thinking, open minded, capable of leadership, intelligent, able to thrive under pressure, a good organizer and pragmatic. They are hungry for knowledge and information, and loyal to home, family and friends. When they are not in balance they can be demanding, fault finding, arrogant, judgmental, opportunistic, impatient, always on the edge, and addicted to doing as well as prone to depression.

Display the wood symbol for help with publishing, media, horticulture, and craftsmanship. 木

Soft wood (living wood and plants; and the color green) belongs to the SE and is fed by water (moving water; and the colors black and/or blue). These elements and colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Xun types can experience malfunctions of thighs, hips and buttocks when out of balance. They tend to move around or travel a lot. A good sleeping direction is SE (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.

Center



When a five (5) Kua appears, it is uniquely handled and represents the center (or sum of all). Similar to the tai chi symbol which has a speck of black yin in the white yang, and a speck of white yang in black yin, the center represents coexistence. A female that has a five Kua, takes on a male Ken trigram. A male that has a five Kua, takes on a female Kun trigram. Please refer to those trigram descriptions. The five Kua number does not change.

Qian or Chien



Qian types are of the metal element, and have a six (6) Kua. They are precious, and can be a thing of beauty or cut like the blade of a sword. When in balance they are organized, focused, analytical, insightful and wise. They are a brilliant trail blazer, extremely creative and original in their thoughts and ideas, and are powerful leaders, too. When not in balance they can be defensive, withdrawn, picky, arrogant, self absorbed, emotionally unavailable, isolated, detached and sorrowful.

Display the metal symbol for help with business, accounting, banking, mining, making jewelry, engineering, and metal equipment or appliances. 金

Hard metal belongs to the NW (platinum, steel; or the colors gray or white), and is fed by earth (stone or earthenware; or beige, yellow, or brown). These elements and colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Qian types can experience malfunctions of the head, lungs, male problems, and loneliness when out of balance. A good sleeping direction is NW (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.

Dui or Tui



Dui types are of the metal element, and have a seven (7) Kua. When in balance they are refined, organized, focused, analytical, and can create order out of chaos. They are creative and visionary, exude clarity, optimism, and charm, and are very social and spiritual in nature. When they are not in balance they can be obsessive-compulsive, caught up in doing, defensive, withdrawn, and picky. They can be arrogant, emotionally unavailable, isolated and sorrowful.

Display the metal symbol (below) for help with accounting, banking, mining, making jewelry, engineering, and metal equipment or appliances. 金

Soft metal (gold, silver, copper) belongs to the West, and is fed by earth (stone or earthenware; or beige, yellow, or brown). These elements and colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Dui types can experience malfunctions of the mouth, chest, and teeth when out of balance. A good sleeping direction is West (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.

Gen or Ken



Gen types are of the earth element, and have an eight (8) Kua. They are the essence of life beginning and returning. When in balance they are visionary, creative, centered, and steadfast. They grasp big concepts and hurdle any obstacle in their path to achieve a goal. They excel in math, science, technology, and/or cyberspace highways. When they are not in balance they can be stubborn, adverse to risk, uncomfortable with change, greedy, manipulative, withdrawn, into their self, and detached from feelings.

Display the earth symbol for help with agriculture, building, catering, pottery, personnel, and textiles. 土

Small earth belongs to the NE (stone and earthenware; or the colors brown, beige, and yellow), and is fed by fire (fire; or red, pink or purple). These elements or colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Gen types can experience malfunctions of the hands and fingers when out of balance. A good sleeping direction is NE (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.

Li



Li types are of the fire element, and have a nine (9) Kua. They bring forth light, warmth and happiness. When in balance they are charismatic, lively, enthusiastic, charged, competitive, vivacious, quick to react and move, and very passionate about what they like and dislike. You exude energy. When they are not in balance they can be excitable, combative, quick tempered, easily bored, over indulgent, exuberant in public and depressed when alone.

Display the fire symbol for help with marketing, chemicals, fashion, law, advertising, and public relations. 火

Fire belongs to the South (fire; or colors red, purple, and pink), and is fed by wood (living wood or plants; or the color green). Use fire safely! These elements and colors are good for clothing, automobiles, food, and to have around them. Fire types can experience malfunctions of the eyes, heart, and self esteem when out of balance. A good sleeping direction is South (known as the home direction) or one of their good alternatives.