

## **Ayurvedic Birth Constitution Worksheet**

Complete the grid below by circling the word description in the cell that <u>best</u> describes your **permanent features and genetic predispositions**. Permanent features are qualities such as hair color, skin tone and bone size. Ideally, you should try to think back to when you were about 10 and select what best described you then. If there is a challenging tie (and words in more than one column cell apply), circle both groupings. After you have picked at least one description cell from each row, total your selections by column at the bottom. Each circled cell description gets one point.

The totaled column ratio indicates your Birth Constitution. For example, if you have the highest point total in the "Vata" column, you have a Vata dominant constitution and so on. In instances where the point totals are close, your Birth Constitution is likely a combination, for example "Vata-Pitta" dominance. Most people have a combination constitution.

	Vata	Pitta	Kapha
Hair	Dark (brown, black), Kinky, Tight	Soft, Oily, Fair (blond, red), Thin, Straight, Early graying or Balding	Thick, Oily, Curly, Luxuriant
Teeth	Thin gums, Uneven, Gaps, Crooked, Stick out	Sensitive gums, Moderate in size, Yellowish	Strong gums, Evenly sized and spaced teeth, White, Healthy
Nose	Uneven shape, Deviated septum	Long pointed nose, Red nose-tip	Short, Rounded, Button nose
Eyes	Small, Active, Dark (black, brown), Thin lashes	Sharp, Penetrating, Bright, Light (gray, green, blue), Light sensitive	Big, Beautiful, Blue, Calm, Loving, Thick lashes
Lips	Darker hue, Thin	Rosy, Average size	Smooth, Oily, White or Pale
Chin	Thin, Oval	Tapering, Angular	Rounded, Double
Cheeks	Wrinkled, Sunken	Smooth, Flat	Rounded, Plump
Neck	Thin, Tall	Medium	Big, Thick
Frame	Small bone structure, Bony, Tall, Short, Prominent joints	Medium bone structure, Medium build, Curves	Big bone structure, Sturdy, Broad chested, Rounded curves
Skin	Thin, Rough, Cold to touch, Dull, Dark, Tans easily	Smooth, Oily, Warm, Rosy, Markings (freckles, moles, dimples), Sensitive	Thick, Moist, Cool to touch, Pale or white, Oily
Nails	Thin, Rough	Soft, Sharp, Flexible, Pink, Strong	Soft, Large, White, Thick, Oily, Smooth, Hard
Movement	Mobile, Fast, Agile	Directed, Competitive, Focused	Slow, Difficult to motivate
Endurance	Easily tired out	Moderate	Excellent, Like leisure activity
Sleep	Light, Easily disturbed	Little, but sound	Deep
Speech	Rapid, High voice	Sharp, Focused, Clear word usage	Slow, Monotonous, Harmonious
Appetite	Simple, Sparse, Snacks	Requires regular meals	Gourmet, Luxury, Fatty, Rich
Libido	Varies, Directed in fantasy	Passionate, Excessive	Loyal, Slow
Immunity	Variable	Moderate	High
Mind	Active, Curious, Fleeting	Aggressive, Clever	Slow, Calm, Content
Intellect	Quick, Not precise in response	Exacting, Defined response	Slow, Accurate response
Memory	Good short-term	Distinct, Sharp, Average memory	Good long-term, Slow, Sustained
Creativity	Innovative, Original, Creative	Technical, Scientific, Analytic	Safe, Steady choices
Dreams	Quick, Active, Frequent	Fiery, Violence, Vivid	Watery, Romantic, Calm
Routine	Likes variation	Enjoys planning and organizing, Regimented	Works well with routine
Financial	Enjoys spending	Moderate spender, Enjoys luxuries	Thrifty, Good money preserver
Emotion	Variable, Fleeting, Shy, Tendency towards fear	Intensity, Tendency toward anger, Expressed forcefully, Determined	Conservative, Tendency towards greedy, Changes slowly, Resilient
Hobbies	Travel, Art, Philosophy	Sports, Politics, Luxuries	Leisure
Faith	Variable, Erratic	Extremist, Fanatical	Consistent, Steady, Devoted
Sensitivities	Cold, Wind, Dryness (Winter)	Heat, Sun, Fire (Summer)	Cold, Damp, Humidity (Spring)
TOTAL:			

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