Star matching: the ten poruthams from two birth stars

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This is a good match for marriage on the traditional count. Weighted by how much each counts, it scores 7.25 out of ten.

> **This match scores 19 out of 36, reaching the eighteen families look for in a marriage. Eighteen is a custom, not a calculation. The eight items in the table tell you more than the total does.**

The match for this marriage is counted between the bride's star, Krittika, and the groom's, Krittika. (Why: the bride's Moon sign is Vrishabha (Taurus) and the groom's is Mesha (Aries).)

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Porutham	Signifies	Verdict	What it means
Dina	Health and longevity	Agrees in part	This counts in part for health and stamina in the marriage. (Why: bride and groom share one birth star, and this star is neither good nor bad to share.)
Gana	Temperament and disposition	Agrees	Husband and wife share one temperament: two people who will not have to work to understand each other.

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			(Why: both stars are in the same gana, the temperament group.)
Mahendra	Progeny and prosperity	Does not agree	This porutham looks at children and the family's prosperity, and it does not agree here.
Stree Deergha	The wife's wellbeing and long life	Does not agree	This porutham looks at the bride's wellbeing in the marriage, and it does not agree here. (Why: counting from the bride's star, the groom's comes within the first seven; this porutham asks for more than thirteen.)
Yoni	Physical compatibility	Agrees	The strongest agreement here: a sign of natural physical understanding between husband and wife. (Why: both stars share the same animal symbol.)
Rasi	Family harmony and progeny	Does not agree, set aside	This does not hold for family harmony. (Why: counting from the bride's Moon sign, the groom's is the 2nd, 4th, 5th or 12th.)
Rasyadhipathi	Mutual understanding	Agrees	This goes with mutual understanding in the marriage. (Why: on the porutham list, the lords of the two Moon signs are friends to each other.)
Vasya	Mutual attraction	Does not agree	This counts for mutual attraction, and it does not agree here. On its own it should not decide the marriage. (Why: in the vasya table neither Moon sign draws the other.)
Rajju	Longevity of the marriage	Does not agree, set aside	This porutham, for the length of the marriage, does not agree. (Why: both stars fall in Nabhi rajju, the navel.)
Vedha	Freedom from affliction between husband and wife	Agrees	The two stars do not obstruct each other, so this agrees for the marriage. (Why: the two stars are not one of the pairs that obstruct each other.)

4 of the ten agree in full: Gana, Yoni, Rasyadhipathi, Vedha. 1 agrees in part: Dina. 2 are set aside by an exception: Rasi, Rajju. 3 do not agree: Mahendra, Stree Deergha, Vasya. Five of the ten are the chief ones — Dina, Gana, Yoni, Rasi, Rajju — and of those five, 2 agree in full here and 1 in part. Check Dina and Rajju before the rest: they come first in importance, and here neither agrees in full. Your family does not need all ten to agree; families ask for at least 5 in full. This match has 4 in full. 2 faults are set aside, and a fault set aside does not count against the 5, so the match reaches 6.

> **Present, cancelled**
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> The fault here is in Rasi, Rajju. For this marriage an exception sets it aside, and your astrologer decides whether to accept it. (Why: Shukra (Venus) and Sevvai (Mars), the lords of the two Moon signs, are friends on the porutham list.)

So those 2 are not counted against the five families ask for. Families differ most over Rajju: some set its fault aside for a marriage like this, and some never do.

In North India, families match a marriage by the eight below, which weigh different things from the ten above. Do not expect the two totals to agree. (Why: these eight are the kootas of the northern system.)

Koota	Points	Status	What it means
Varna — the order of the two signs	1 / 1	Agrees	The groom's group is not below the bride's, the order wanted here.
Vashya — mutual influence	2 / 2	Agrees	Both moon signs fall in the same group, which goes with mutual influence between husband and wife.
Tara — wellbeing	3 / 3	Agrees	The count between the two stars is favourable both ways, which earns full marks for wellbeing in the marriage.
Yoni — physical compatibility	4 / 4	Agrees	Both stars share one animal symbol: the strongest score for physical compatibility in a marriage.

Koota	Points	Status	What it means
Graha Maitri — friendship of the sign lords	3 / 5	Agrees in part	By natural friendship, the two rulers are neutral to each other: neither help nor hindrance to friendship in the marriage.
Gana — disposition	6 / 6	Agrees	Husband and wife share one temperament, which earns full marks here.
Bhakoot — the pairing of the moon signs	0 / 7	Cancelled by exception	The distance between the two moon signs is one counted against a marriage, so this scores nothing.
Nadi — constitution	0 / 8	Cancelled by exception	Husband and wife share one constitution, which is what Nadi dosha means.

Present, cancelled

Bhakoot dosha is raised for this marriage and then cleared. On the porutham list, the two moon-sign rulers are friends, which clears this dosha for the marriage. A dosha the tradition itself cancels is not a reason to stop the marriage. Show your own astrologer the exception named here, so they can check it.

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Nadi dosha is raised for this marriage and then cleared. Both were born under the same star, in different quarters of it, which clears this dosha for the marriage.

Your family needs only the two stars for the ten poruthams and the thirty-six points. For the rest, you need both birth dates, times and places. They show whether either side carries Mars dosham, how each chart reads for married life, and when each marriage is due. Ask for the matching report to read all of that from both charts.

If this proposal does not go ahead, these are the stars that clear both lines with each side's star.

Star	Stars that clear both lines
With the bride's Krittika	Bharani, Krittika in Mesha (Aries), Krittika in Vrishabha (Taurus), Rohini, Mrigashira in Vrishabha (Taurus), Pushya, Ashlesha, Uttara Phalguni in Kanya (Virgo), Hasta, Chitra in Kanya (Virgo), Chitra in Tula (Libra), Vishakha in Vrischika (Scorpio), Anuradha, Jyeshtha, Mula, Dhanishta in Makara (Capricorn), Dhanishta in Kumbha (Aquarius), Shatabhisha, Purva Bhadrapada in Kumbha (Aquarius), Purva Bhadrapada in Meena (Pisces), Uttara Bhadrapada
With the groom's Krittika	Ashwini, Bharani, Krittika in Mesha (Aries), Krittika in Vrishabha (Taurus), Mrigashira in Vrishabha (Taurus), Mrigashira in Mithuna (Gemini), Ardra, Punarvasu in Mithuna (Gemini), Pushya, Ashlesha, Purva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni in Simha (Leo), Chitra in Kanya (Virgo), Chitra in Tula (Libra), Vishakha in Tula (Libra), Anuradha, Jyeshtha, Dhanishta in Makara (Capricorn), Dhanishta in Kumbha (Aquarius), Shatabhisha

2 The words and checks behind this reading

The words used above, defined — so you can check the reading against them, or hand these pages to the astrologer your family asks.

The ten poruthams read here are the southern ten, in their classical order: Dina, Gana, Mahendra, Stree Deergha, Yoni, Rasi, Rasyadhipathi, Vasya, Rajju and Vedha. Other lists of ten are in circulation — some put Nadi and a tree match, Vriksha, in place of Stree Deergha and Vasya, and some count twelve — so before comparing two counts, check that both were taken over the same ten. Not all ten have to agree. The rule asks for at least five, names Dina, Gana, Yoni, Rasi and Rajju as the five chief ones, and puts Dina and Rajju first among those.

Rajju sorts the twenty-seven birth stars into five groups named for parts of the body, from the foot upward: Pada, the foot; Kati, the hip and thigh (also called Ooru); Nabhi, the navel; Kanta, the neck; and Siro, the head. Rajju agrees when the two birth stars fall in different groups. When they share one, the higher the group sits on the body, the more weight the fault is given, the head most of all. Each person's own group is named with their birth star earlier in this document.

An exemption, a vilakku, is a rule that sets a fault aside. Two kinds are applied here, only classical ones. In the northern reckoning, the exceptions that clear Nadi and Bhakoot dosham, such as the same star in different padas, or one planet ruling both Moon signs. In the southern ten, the classical vilakku: a fault in Rajju, Vedha, Gana or Rasi is set aside when one graha rules both Moon signs, when the two rulers are friends, or when the two Moon signs face each other. Wherever one applies, it is named above with its rule. Other exemptions pass from family to family — that people born under certain stars need no matching at all, for instance — and none of those is applied, because none of them is a classical rule.

Which of these decides a marriage depends on where the family comes from. Tamil and most South Indian families count the ten poruthams and treat a failed Rajju as the hardest to pass over. Most North Indian families add up the thirty-six gunas, look for eighteen — a convention, not a measurement — and treat Nadi and Bhakoot as the blockers. The Sevvai dosham check differs by region too: by one widely published account, northern lists leave out Mars in the second house and southern lists leave out Mars in the first, so the same chart can be called manglik in Delhi and clear in Chennai. The check in this document counts both houses, which is why it raises more often than either list alone. Both matching systems are printed for the same reason: when the two families come from different regions, each side asks its own question, and both answers are here.

For your family astrologer

The charts, planetary positions and settings behind this report. These pages are for your jothidar, who can check every finding in this report against them.

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