



Many Thai people believe in **astrology**, and they like to know what will happen in their future. They often ask fortune tellers to tell the future. For example, they read **tarot cards** or use **numerology**.

Since the pandemic, many young Thais have more problems. They worry more about their work, and experts say that the situation is very serious. More people are using fortune tellers' services because they believe that they will help them feel better.

People could not meet during the pandemic, so many fortune tellers worked online. One company employs 7,000 fortune tellers who meet people online. Fortune tellers say that people more often ask about work instead of love and relationships.

Difficult words: **astrology** (the study of the planets and stars' movements and how they impact people), **tarot cards** (cards with pictures which some people use to tell the future), **numerology** (the study of numbers and what they mean in a person's life).

Discussion Questions**Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *astrology, tarot cards and numerology*
2. Why do many Thai people go to fortune tellers?
3. How do fortune tellers tell the future of the people who come to ask them?
4. What do most young Thais worry about? And why do more young people use fortune tellers' services?
5. How did fortune tellers work during the pandemic?
6. What are people who ask fortune tellers help more concerned about?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Do you believe in fortune telling?
2. Have you ever asked a fortune teller about your future?
3. Is fortune telling such as reading tarot cards or using numerology popular in your country?
4. Did fortune tellers in your country also had to work online during the pandemic?