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## Graphology Defined

Graphology is defined as the scientific study of handwriting to determine personality traits. Since the 17th century, researchers have linked human character to handwriting patterns. Graphology is an empirical science that offers a direct link to human personality. The conscious and subconscious minds are revealed through hundreds of handwriting aspects by the complex coordination of nerves, body and brain function. It could more accurately be referred to as “brain writing.” No two writings are exactly alike. Our writing is as unique as our fingerprints. Handwriting is an expression of the true self.

## Accuracy in Graphology

Handwriting analysis can't reveal everything. It can't always predict the attitude a person will take or the exact choices they will make. **Graphology does show, however, how a person acts, feels and thinks. It symbolizes a person's state of mind and personality at the time of writing, signifies past behavior and shows *potential* for future conduct.** It is important to note that no single form of personality analysis is 100% accurate. Well-trained graphologists often offer at least 80% accuracy in personality analysis.

Accuracy in graphology demands that the context of the entire writing sample be considered and that all individual aspects and parts of the script must be interpreted independently and then built into a complete picture describing the personality. The collective body of traits in a handwriting sample either supports or mitigates the energy of any one individual aspect. **Although the above mentioned process of analyzing handwriting is necessary to achieve the highest level of accuracy in personality analysis through graphology (and is best learned through formal graphology training), an untrained graphology novice can still gain a very good understanding of human character by applying the information in this Graphology Trait-Based Guide toward any one person's handwriting sample.**

## Handwriting Samples

It is best if a handwriting analyst has at least a page of handwriting to work with. The sample should be dated, written spontaneously on unlined paper with a ballpoint pen, and then signed at the end. If the person usually prints, at least five lines of cursive should be written. It's a good idea to avoid attempting to analyze handwriting from just a signature or a few words, as more handwriting is necessary for a reasonable analysis.

## Use of Graphology

Some of the more practical uses of graphology include the following: use it to decide which person to hire as your accountant, who you should hire as your baby-sitter, who