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Leading the World's Best Career Counselors

Personality Type Handbook

*A Counselor's Guide for Using Personality Type
To Understand and Counsel Students*

Introduction

This handbook has been written specifically for *you* – the high school counselor who uses *Do What You Are™*. It will ensure that you and your students both get the maximum benefit from this program.

In this guide you will find the following:

- A brief history and introduction to Personality Type
- A description of the Program
- Why Personality Type is such a good predictor of career satisfaction
- A description of the key assessment instruments
- How the program works and a description of the components
- Description of the Counselor's Report
- Presenting the program to parents
- Profiles for each of the 16 Personality Types
- Additional resources

A Brief History of Personality Type

The popular use of Personality Type is the result of the work of Swiss psychologist Carl Jung and two American women, Katherine Briggs and her daughter, Isabel Briggs Myers, who developed an instrument – the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI®) to help identify and explain the Jungian Types. Personality Type and the MBTI® have been embraced the world over as a wonderful, non-judgmental tool for helping people better understand themselves and others. Today, it is widely used by educators, counselors, clergy people, and the majority of Fortune 500 companies, for improving management effectiveness, helping work teams function better, and helping people make the most satisfying career decisions.



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Leading the World in Career Assessment and Guidance

Why Personality Type is such a good predictor of career satisfaction and success?

Do What You Are™ differs from other programs in several important ways. Perhaps most notable is that other programs are based on the belief that the best career decisions result from matching students' values, skills, and interests with specific jobs. But in reality, all three of these are quite fluid in young people and often change significantly as they grow older. This program is based on Personality Type -- the innate way people naturally see the world and make decisions -- a set of basic drives and motivations that remain constant throughout a person's life.

Learning about their Personality Types provides students with accurate and invaluable insights about themselves and their career-related needs. This enables them to make the most informed, satisfying, college and career decisions.

Personality Type and Career Choice

Personality Type is the foundation of this program because people are happiest and most successful in jobs that allow them to use their greatest natural gifts. Personality Type is the best way of determining what those gifts are, and in which occupations they find the greatest opportunity for expression.

Overview of Personality Type

Personality Type refers to a system for understanding human behavior. It is based upon the belief that there are sixteen distinctly different personality types, and every person has one type that most accurately describes him or her.

We believe that people are born with a type and that one's type does not change throughout life. Certainly we grow, develop, and change as a result of life experiences. And we develop a range of behaviors that are appropriate to a given situation. This enables us to act differently at a party than at a funeral. But it is really our *behaviors* that change and not our personality types.

The model of Personality Type is non-judgmental. There are no better or worse, healthier or sicker types. Each type has its own inherent strengths and potential weaknesses. Personality Type does not predict intelligence, rather it identifies important natural pre-dispositions and tendencies.



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Unlocking the Power of Your Personality

The Four Dimensions of Personality Type

The Type model describes four basic aspects of human personality: how we interact with the world and where we direct our energy; the kind of information we naturally notice and remember; how we make decisions; and whether we prefer to live in a more structured way (making decisions) or in a more spontaneous way (taking in information). We call these aspects of human personality *dimensions* because each one can be viewed as a continuum between opposite extremes, like this:

How we interact with the world and where we direct our energy

(E) Extraversion _____ | _____ Introversion (I)

The kind of information we naturally notice and remember

(S) Sensing _____ | _____ Intuition (N)

How we make decisions

(T) Thinking _____ | _____ Feeling (F)

Whether we prefer to live in a more structured or in a more spontaneous way

(J) Judging _____ | _____ Perceiving (P)



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Everyone's personality falls onto one side or the other of the midpoint on each of these four scales. The opposite sides of the scales are called preferences. If you fall on the extraverted side then we say you have a preference for Extraversion. If you fall on the introverted side, we say your preference is for Introversion. But it's important to keep in mind: *everyone* uses both sides of each dimension -- people are *primarily* Extraverts (or Introverts, etc.), but not *exclusively* one or the other.

All of us use both sides of all four scales in our daily life, but we have an inborn preference for one side over the other. Your preferred way of operating is more comfortable, automatic, trustworthy, and competent. Keep in mind that each scale is a continuum and people may fall close to the midpoint, indicating a less clear preference, or at the extreme ends, indicating a very clear preference.

Here is a brief review of the eight preferences and career implications -- how they impact a student's career needs:

Extraversion (E) -- Introversion (I)
is about:

How we interact with the world & Where we direct our energy

EXTRAVERTS

- * Focus attention outward
- * Enjoy a variety of tasks
- * Seek out and need other people
- * Work at a rapid pace
- * Need to talk about their ideas to think them through

INTROVERTS

- * Focus attention inward
- * Consider things fully before responding
- * Enjoy tasks that require concentration
- * Work best on one project at a time
- * Work at a careful, steady pace



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Sensing (S) - Intuition (N)
is about:
What kind of information we naturally notice and remember

SENSORS	INTUITIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Focus on "what is" * Like working with real things * Apply past experience to solving problems * Need specific and realistic directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Focus on "what could be" * Enjoy theory and speculation * Like working with possibilities and implications * Need to use their imaginations

Thinking (T) - Feeling (F)
is about:
whether we make decisions logically and impersonally, or by using personal values

THINKERS	FEELERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Enjoy analyzing problems logically * Make fair and objective decisions * Need to weigh the pros and cons to make decisions * Can be tough negotiators * Make fair and objective decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Need work to be personally meaningful * Like helping others and being appreciated * Need decisions to be congruent with their values * Need to work in a friendly environment * Are driven to understand others and contribute



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Learning the Types & How They Behave

Judging (J) - Perceiving (P)
is about:
the way we like to live our lives,
more structured (*making decisions*) or more spontaneous (*taking in information*)

JUDGERS	PERCEIVERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Enjoy work that allows them to make decisions* Prefer a predictable work pattern and environment* Work towards completing their responsibilities before relaxing* Like to maintain control of their projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Enjoy flexible and changing work situations* Like to be able to respond to problems as they arise* Are more satisfied with fewer rules and procedures* Need to have fun in their work

A "type" is really more than just a four letter code that describes different "preferences". Each type preference tells us something important about the individual. But no one is "just" an Introvert. A person is an INTJ, an ISFP or one of six other Introverted types. In other words, while all Introverts share certain characteristics, it is the other letters in their type --the COMBINATION of letters -- that makes Type so rich and its insights so valuable.

**Profiles for each of the sixteen types appears in Appendix 2*



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Using the Myers-Briggs Type Instrument to Help You Succeed

Working with different types of students

Using this program will help you understand and communicate better with all your students. However, you will inevitably experience challenges working with some students that can both be explained, and helped by, understanding their type preferences. Some typical challenges you may experience while working with:

- Extraverts:** to get them to slow down enough to really think things through before taking action
- Introverts:** to provide you with enough information to help them, and to get them to move from the thinking stage to the action stage
- Sensors:** to help them see possibilities that don't yet exist and to focus on the big picture and long-range consequences
- Intuitives:** to help them realistically evaluate career options and plans, and pay attention to the little details that are so important
- Thinkers:** to remind them of the human consequences of their decisions, both for themselves and for others
- Feelers:** to help them evaluate options more objectively and not take rejection or setbacks personally
- Judgers:** to delay making decisions prematurely, and to stay open to new information
- Perceivers:** to help keep them on task and nudge them into making decisions when appropriate



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Understanding Yourself & Others Through Personality Type

Additional challenges or "What if..."

A student is not sure if he/she has identified his/her type correctly?

No Type assessment will identify every person's type accurately 100% of the time. But built into this program is a method for helping students "verify" their types – increasing the odds they've determined their "right" type, by reviewing and comparing profiles of one or more other types which may be close to the student's. In the overwhelming number of cases, students are able to "verify" their "true" type.

The first thing counselors should do is see how accurately the student thought the type profile described him or her. This will help the counselor feel confident that the information presented is valid for this student, and if a student does not feel the assessment accurately describes them, the counselor can take extra time to help the student find his or her right type.

Occasionally, and for some very good reasons, some students will simply not be able to identify their types. Here are a few things you can do: suggest the student re-take the assessment or have the student take the assessment with someone who knows him or her well, to perhaps get more accurate perceptions. If neither of these efforts help clarify the student's type, we suggest you de-emphasize the importance of verifying the student's type, and instead focus on majors and careers the student expresses an interest in.

A student resists the notion of "being typed"?

While the majority of students seem to enjoy discovering their type, and the validation it brings, some students (as well as adults) feel typing "pigeonholes" or stereotypes them. For this reason, nowhere in the materials that students receive is their type identified. The student's four-letter code *is* identified on the Counselor's Report, and the decision to share this information with students and/or parents is left up to the individual counselor. Since many parents are already familiar with Personality Type, most will be predisposed to find the results both insightful and helpful.

If a student is truly resistant, it is helpful to explain that Type is only one measure, and it is up to the *student* to decide how useful and accurate the insights are. This process is designed to empower students, so they should never be made to feel they must accept a type as theirs, if it doesn't feel right to them. But in all likelihood, you will rarely, if ever experience this problem.



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Finding the Right Career You Are Born To Do

A student has a strong interest in a particular career that doesn't show up on his or her list of recommended occupations?

Occasionally this will happen because occupations are correlated to types based on how satisfied most people of a certain type would be doing that job. But there are always exceptions! Although Type is a great tool, students should *never* be counseled into or out of a particular job based *solely* on their type. When a student expresses an interest in a career that you think will not be satisfying – based on the Self Discovery Assessment or your own intuition and experience – you should make sure the student *really* understands what it's like to have that job. This can be accomplished by encouraging the student to do field research or a job shadow. Once the student has done this and is still interested, he or she should be encouraged to continue exploring this field.

No jobs in certain career fields (for example "the Arts") appear in the student's list of possible careers? Does this mean the student isn't suited to any jobs in "The Arts"?

No. The reason the student's type was not represented in this career field is because there are relatively few people of that type who find this kind of work satisfying. But again, there are always exceptions! For example, few INFPs (sensitive, caring, creative, empathetic, open-minded, curious types) choose to go into manufacturing. So there may not be any manufacturing jobs coded for INFPs. However, students should always be encouraged to explore whatever occupation or career field they express an interest in. This program will hopefully help them understand what may or may not be a satisfying match.

A student questions the uniqueness of the information because his report is "exactly like" one of his friends?

This happens occasionally because students (as well as adults) tend to surround themselves with people who are similar to them. That two people of the same type would find similar jobs satisfying makes good sense! While both students may find the same jobs listed, there will usually be a greater difference in the *order* of the recommended jobs. This is because two students with the same type will not necessarily have the same degree of interest in all of the different career *fields*. And the career fields that students express the most interest, appear first.

A student is difficult to help because he or she doesn't give you much information?

It can be extremely frustrating for counselors who want to help their students but don't get the information they need. Often (but not always!) it is Introverted students who present the biggest challenge to Extroverted counselors because these two have a very different style of communicating. Obviously, it is the counselor's responsibility to find a way to reach the student, not the other way around. To assist you in this most important exercise, we provide specific recommendations in the Counselor's Report for communication with each individual student under "How to Best Counsel this Student."



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Finding the Right Career Path for You Through Personality

Appendix 1:
Resource Material for learning more about Personality Type

Web sites

Listed below are several web sites that provide additional information about Personality Type and career management.

The Association for Psychological Type
www.aptcntral.org

Career / Lifeskills Resources
www.career-lifeskills.com

Career Research and Testing
www.careertrainer.com

The Center for Application of Psychological Type
www.capt.org

Consulting Psychologists Press
www.cpp-db.com

Lifekeys
www.lifekeys.com

Temperament Research Institute
www.tri-network.org

Type Resources
www.type-resources.com



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Books

There have been many books, and thousands of articles and dissertations written about Personality Type and career management, though very little has been written specifically for counselors of high school students. By far, the most comprehensive source of *general* career information is the Bibliography for the Personality Type and the MBTI® is maintained by The Center for Application of Psychological Type (CAPT), which lists over 6,500 entries. CAPT also maintains a very active research department. Queries can be directed to www.capt.org.

Listed below are several books and articles you may find most helpful. The first four, we highly recommend and consider indispensable for all career professionals:

Do What You Are - Discover the Perfect Career for You Through the Secrets of Personality Type, Paul D. Tieger and Barbara Barron-Tieger.

MBTI Manual - A guide to the Development and Use of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® by Isabel Briggs Myers, Mary H. McCaulley, Naomi L. Quenk and Allen Hammer.

Newly updated, the manual provides a comprehensive overview of MBTI® uses and applications, and includes chapters on Theory, Administration and Interpretation, Scoring, Construction, and Reliability/Validity. An extensive applications section includes Counseling and Psychotherapy, Education Development, Management and Leadership, and Multicultural Applications.

The Atlas of Type Tables by Gerald P. Macdaid, Mary H. McCaulley and Richard I Kainz. and published by CAPT.

This great resource contains over 300 type tables of occupations, as well as the percentages and rankings for all occupations based on preferences.

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Appendix 2: Profiles of all Sixteen Personality Types

ENFJ

Extravert, Intuitive, Feeling Judging type

People like you are usually very warm, outgoing, and talkative. You make friends easily and are often popular and well liked because you are so enthusiastic and cheerful. You care deeply for your family and friends, and like to express your feelings through words and actions. People often say you have a gift for language and are able to articulate your strong beliefs and opinions with tact. You are quite empathetic and seem to just know what other people are feeling. Tension, fights, or conflict make you very uncomfortable so you try hard to please others and make peace between your friends. You hate direct confrontations and will "soften" your message or even avoid telling the entire hard truth if you feel it might hurt someone's feelings. While you have strong opinions, you sometimes back away from what you really believe in. You sometimes choose harmony over total and frank honesty. Because you get your feeling hurt easily, it is hard to hear even the most constructive criticism.

Creative and often imaginative, you may love learning, daydreaming, and entertaining others with your many artistic talents. You have a quick mind and are good at putting ideas and concepts together. Organized and productive, you get a blast of energy and satisfaction from getting projects done. You like to be in charge and can usually come up with a plan of action for even complicated projects. But you tend to become annoyed when someone tries to change or interrupt your plan. You like to know what's expected of you, and you care about what other's think. The hardest thing for you is to stay calm and objective when you're upset. You're a very sensitive person; you know first hand that it is both a blessing and curse to be so insightful about other people.

INFJ

Introvert, Intuitive, Feeling, Judging type

People like you are usually imaginative, creative, and sensitive. You are a private person, and you take your time to get to know people and to let people get to know you. You often have a small group of close and trusted friends, and are generally cautious about jumping into new social situations. People describe you as thoughtful and empathetic, and you will try hard to please the people you care about. Outwardly quiet, you have strong feelings and opinions, especially about the way people should treat one another. You are very committed to your beliefs so you may have trouble backing down or giving up your ideals just to do what others think is best. You may even be somewhat of a perfectionist. People sometimes disappoint you and since it's hard for you to stay objective, you often get your feelings hurt.

You also love to fantasize about the future, and enjoy all sorts of creative activities like writing, reading, music, and art. You tend to be organized, efficient, and inventive about getting your work done, and you are a responsible and respectful person. Since you like to have a plan of action, you may get flustered by sudden changes and need plenty of time to adjust or to prepare for new experiences. You like spending time alone and while you love doing things with your good friends, you are not typically the one who initiates social activities. Since you are a great listener, people trust you and are often amazed by the original insights you have about others. You naturally look below the surface to understand the deeper meaning in every experience and interaction.



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ENFP

Extravert, Intuitive, Feeling, Perceiving type

People like you are very outgoing, enthusiastic, and spontaneous. You love meeting new people and so you probably have a large circle of friend and acquaintances. Since you are always on the go and seem to have boundless energy, you are usually up for any new experience and you especially love surprises! You are very curious so you ask a lot of questions, and you are fascinated by people or things that are out of the ordinary. Because of your vivid imagination, you have a million ideas a day and are great at finding creative ways of solving problems or overcoming obstacles. You love to talk – especially about fun or interesting possibilities. People enjoy your unusual sense of humor and find you fun to be with. You pride yourself on being a totally unique individual.

You are also a sensitive and empathetic person so you often have accurate insights about others. Your friends know you are devoted and affectionate and that you feel things very deeply, even if you don't always say so. But you may also take criticism personally and find your feelings are easily hurt. When you have a lot of details to remember or projects to manage, you may become overwhelmed or discouraged. In fact, your curiosity often distracts you from the more routine parts of projects and you probably find that staying organized is one of the hardest things for you to do. Making decisions is also a struggle because there are so many interesting options calling to you at once. Whatever you choose, it has to be something you believe in or you won't be able to stick with it for very long.

INFP

Introvert, Intuitive, Feeling, Perceiving type

People like you are rare; you are a unique and creative person and you tend to march to the beat of your own drummer. Private, quiet, and socially cautious, only friends who know you very well ever see your more playful and expressive side. In fact, it takes a while for you to feel comfortable with new people so you are often described as somewhat reserved. But inside, you are a person of great feeling and you care deeply for the people and causes that are dear to your heart. Your personal values are most important to you so you always try to make choices that you feel good about. And you are rarely willing to compromise on anything that is really important to you. You can sometimes become overwhelmed by the intensity of your emotions, and your relationships need to be free of conflict or tension for you to remain in them.

You are also a highly imaginative person and may enjoy expressing yourself through the arts. But since you are also somewhat of a perfectionist, you may have trouble hearing any constructive criticism without taking it personally. You are quick to understand the deeper meaning of things, and you often have a fresh or original take on events and people. Since you are essentially spontaneous and casual, you resist too many rules or too much structure. But you may also have trouble staying organized or making decisions. At heart, you are a non-conformist and must find the path that is really right for you, even if it means striking out alone.



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Learning and Repeating What You Do Best

ENTJ

Extravert, Intuitive, Thinking, Judging type

People like you are energetic, confident, and assertive. You almost always seem to be sure of yourself, and you speak your mind directly and honestly. You have strong opinions and are usually able to convince others that your position is right. While you are naturally very fair, you are also rather outspoken. You sometimes hurt other people's feelings without even realizing it because you are so friendly and comfortable being the center of attention, you probably have a large circle of friends. People admire your determination and willingness to push yourself to achieve your very high standards.

You are also a creative person who likes to ask thought-provoking questions. You love to learn but get bored with any repetition, and constantly need a new challenge to stay interested. Imaginative and creative, you like to look beyond the everyday to really understand why the world operates as it does. You are decisive and organized, and since you like to be prepared at all times, you may find it difficult or embarrassing to try to improvise. You like to be in charge but you sometimes take over projects that aren't really yours. You are frustrated by inefficiency, and find illogical rules infuriating. Whatever you try, you want to be good at, and you especially like to demonstrate your competence to others. People around you look to you as a natural leader and they are often impressed with your knowledge. You are a person other people respect so they feel comfortable giving you a lot of responsibility.

INTJ

Introvert, Intuitive, Thinking, Judging type

People like you are intense, private, and creative. You are a highly imaginative and intellectual person, and you are rarely satisfied with anything less than a full and logical understanding of issues. Serious, quiet, and cautious, you tend to initially hang back from new social situations, and you are pretty selective about which activities you get involved in and which people you befriend. You probably have a small group of trusted friends and also enjoy spending time alone, delving deeply into the subjects and activities that interest you. You keep your feelings and your private thoughts to yourself, or share them occasionally with your very closest friends. You have a rich inner life and enjoy learning, reading, and studying perspective or lifestyles that are out of the ordinary. You quickly grasp complex concepts or theories, and are able to glean the less obvious meanings of information. But you may have little patience for anything superficial or repetitive.

You are super independent and are willing to stand up for your positions, even if others disagree. But you may be stubborn and have difficulty changing your mind once it's made up. You are also a naturally skeptical person who questions the way things are so only a sound logical argument ever persuades or convinces you. Calm and emotionally self-contained, you don't like when other people exaggerate or over react. Overall, you are much more interested in meeting or exceeding your own high personal standards, than trying to please other people.



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Finding the Right Career Path for the MBTI Personality Type

ENTP

Extravert, Intuitive, Thinking, Perceiving type

People like you are friendly, creative, and confident. Since you love to talk and tell engaging stories, you have lots of friends and acquaintances and are pretty easy to get to know. You love being in the spotlight and especially enjoy entertaining others with your clever wit and unusual sense of humor. You probably have little trouble adapting to change, and most people admire your adaptability. You pride yourself on your creativity and ability to see possibilities where other people can't. You grasp new ideas quickly and enjoy learning new things, but are easily distracted and tend to get bored as soon as the challenge in a project is over. While you are easy going and playful, it is often a struggle for you to make decisions or commit to one plan of action for any extended period of time since you are so curious and eager to experience as much of life you can.

You are also a very logical person and are bothered by inconsistencies and unfairness. You love a spirited debate - regardless of the topic - but can sometimes be argumentative. Your spontaneity and enthusiasm is infectious, and other people often want to follow your lead. Since you like starting things much more than you enjoy finishing them, you often have trouble slowing down, preparing carefully, and following through with your commitments. Luckily, you are great at improvising and get a real sense of excitement from pulling things off at the last minute. You are also an excellent negotiator and can usually convince or charm other people into letting you have your way, or one more chance!

INTP

Introvert, Intuitive, Thinking, Perceiving type

People like you are independent, curious, and creative. You are very private and need plenty of time alone to think things through or tinker with the subjects and projects that really interest you. You tend to have a very small cluster of close, trusted friends and you rarely initiate social activities. You need a lot of space and don't like to be crowded or pressured to participate in social activities that are too hectic or superficial. You may have a real passion for science or the arts and enjoy learning new things. Inventive and imaginative, you make quick and insightful connections, and enjoy coming up with original solutions to problems. But you get bored quickly, dislike repetition, and may struggle to explain your ideas simply and clearly to other people.

You are also a super logical person and are able to remain calm and cool in almost any situation. Because you are bothered by unfairness and inconsistency, and are rarely influenced by other people's opinions, you speak your mind honestly, if sometimes a bit bluntly. Above all, you strive to meet or exceed your own high standards rather worry about trying to please others. But even your family and closest friends may not know how much you care about them because you rarely share your most private feelings. You easily see both sides of issues so you may enjoy debating, and you are great at finding the flaws in other people's arguments. Casual and unpredictable, you are highly adaptable and spontaneous. But your relaxed attitude about deadlines and neatness can make you run late or fail to follow through on commitments.



DO WHAT YOU ARE™

Finding the Right Career Path for the Person You Are

ESTJ

Extravert, Sensing, Thinking, Judging type

People like you are outgoing, responsible, and quite strong willed. You like to be around other people and are talkative, friendly, and confident. You prefer to be in charge of any situation, and are usually good at organizing events and groups of people. Since you are so concerned about fairness, and you have very clear opinions about right and wrong, you tend to be annoyed when people make exceptions to the rules or simply ignore them altogether. Outspoken, honest, and direct, you may sometimes interrupt or bluntly step on peoples' toes without even realizing that you've hurt their feelings. You're naturally quite organized and productive, make quick decisions, and like to finish one project on time and neatly before starting another.

You are also a realistic and down to earth person: You prefer activities that are hands-on and have some practical use. While you probably have a great memory for facts and details, you become bored or frustrated with too much theory or with long discussions about things that may never happen. You prefer to stay busy and physically active and are skeptical about trying new things or changing your routine. Your many friends admire your strong work ethic and know you to be a person of your word. But in your desire to have most things settled and decided you may sometimes act a bit controlling or inflexible. You like to know what others expect of you, and you strive to fulfill all of your commitments precisely and completely.

ISTJ

Introvert, Sensing, Thinking, Judging type

People like you are quiet, serious, and conscientious. You typically think before you speak, and are pretty cautious about jumping into new experiences. Since you are so private, you rarely share your feelings or reactions with people you don't know well. You need a good deal of time alone and while you enjoy the company of a small group of close friends, you are rarely the one to initiate getting together. You are also selective about your interests, usually preferring to study things in depth or participate in physical or hands-on activities. You are careful with facts, money, and your possessions, and you may have an excellent memory for details. Practical and realistic, people describe you as matter-of-fact, polite, and responsible.

You are also a logical and organized person. Even in tense situations, you are usually able to remain calm and cool. Since you are most comfortable with a predictable routine and like to be prepared at all times, you don't usually like surprises or changes. You are skeptical about untested ideas and may get bored with too much theoretical discussion. Because you have strong opinions, you may sometimes act a bit controlling or inflexible. You like compliments about your accomplishments; and may become angry when others make unfair or arbitrary decisions. Above all, you need to understand the logical reason for decisions since once you make up your mind, you may be reluctant to change it.



DO WHAT YOU ARE™

Leading the World's Largest Career Development Program

ESFJ

Extravert, Sensing, Feeling, Judging type

People like you are warm, friendly, and talkative. You are an enthusiastic and energetic person who loves to be surrounded by people and activity. Expressive and affectionate with your friends and family, you are usually quite comfortable letting others know just how you feel. Since you are so sympathetic and caring, you naturally like to help others and are often the first person to volunteer. Polite and trusting, you try hard to please others and place your relationships high on your list of priorities. You have very strong values about the appropriate way to behave and are very responsible. But you may sometimes try to impose your beliefs on others. You also tend to take all criticism personally so your feelings get (you may be offended or insulted) easily hurt often. Since you sometimes have trouble speaking your mind clearly and honestly while you're upset, you may simply decide to avoid dealing with any person who offends you.

You are also a practical and down-to-earth person. You probably love the outdoors, animals, and a variety of sports or physical activities. You are blessed with a keen awareness for your environment and like your surroundings to be comfortable and beautiful. You are very literal and like others to be clear and explicit about their expectations of you. Since you strive to be prepared at all times, you may have trouble improvising or dealing with sudden changes in plan. You like your routine to remain constant so you may sometimes be a bit rigid when you don't have time to adjust to changes. Organize and efficient, you like to work steadily through a project, completely each step carefully and neatly before moving to the next.

ISFJ

Introvert, Sensing, Feeling, Judging type

People like you are quiet, gentle, and caring. When people first meet you, you may seem reserved and cool. But once you get to know and care about someone, you are warm and very loyal. You tend to be cautious about jumping into social activities and sometimes resist trying new experiences. Instead, you like spending time with one or two close, trusted friends or spending time alone, enjoying the things that really interest you. You are considerate, respectful, and sensitive, and usually find tension or conflict between people very uncomfortable. Since you have a strong beliefs about right and wrong and try yourself to always treat other people kindly, you may be easily hurt or offended by the insensitivity or callousness of others.

You are also an unpretentious and down-to-earth person. You speak clearly and literally, and want others to be equally explicit in explaining directions or stating their expectations of you. You tend to be selective about things like food and clothing, are usually tidy and organized, and prefer to be dressed appropriately for every occasion. You're also careful with your money and possessions. You are probably blessed with an excellent memory for details, especially facts about people, but you may find it hard to read between the lines or deal with a lot of abstractions. Since you like to make a decision and stick with it, you don't like sudden changes. You're not a big risk taker and are happiest with a predictable daily routine. While you want to please the people close to you, you are rarely willing to compromise on really important issues.



DO WHAT YOU ARE™

Learning the Right Things First for the Right Reasons

ESTP

Extravert, Sensing, Thinking, Perceiving type

People like you are energetic, friendly, and easygoing. Usually talkative, often charming, you meet new people easily and have a lot of friends. Most people think you're funny since you like to joke and can be quite entertaining. Spontaneous, even impulsive, you prefer to "fly by the seat of your pants", rather than do a lot of planning in advance. You have a real sense of adventure and enjoy a wide variety of physical, sometimes risky activities. Since you prefer to be active and learn best in a hands-on way, you tend to get bored and distracted when you have to sit still for too long, or when the subject is highly theoretical. You are a realistic, literal, and very curious person. Super observant, you notice details other people miss. And to be convinced of anything, it must make logical and practical sense to you.

You are also casual and playful, and rarely take things too seriously, or let other people's opinions influence you or hurt your feelings. Since you're so flexible you have no trouble adapting to change and improvising when necessary. But you tend to resist anyone trying to restrict or control you, and you may have trouble remembering rules, especially one you think are unnecessary. Starting new projects is much more fun for you than finishing old ones, so you sometimes neglect to follow through completely with every one of your commitments. Your ability to solve problems as they come up often helps you get through sticky situations. A natural free spirit, you may have to work hard to resist the temptation to play and instead fulfill your responsibilities. While you are very fun loving, you may sometimes say or things that hurt other people's feelings – without even realizing that you've done it. Your natural resilience is a great asset but it sometimes results in an attitude other's see as a lack of genuine caring.

ISTP

Introvert, Sensing, Thinking, Perceiving type

People like you are quiet, serious, and independent. You are super-observant but keep most of your reactions, thoughts, and opinions to yourself. When you do speak, you tend to be literal, matter-of-fact, and honest, and you avoid small talk. People see you as totally calm and even-tempered, and even your family and very closest friends rarely know what you're feeling. When you do speak your mind, you are truthful to the point of bluntness. You may be baffled about why people take offense or otherwise react emotionally, and you may sometimes think relationships are too complex and confusing. Because you are naturally private, you avoid big social gatherings and would rather spend time alone or with a good friend, busy with your particular interests. You enjoy the outdoors, physical activities, or adventures that have a certain element of risk. You approach problems with curiosity and logic, and people often say you're great with your hands.

You are also an easy going and casual person and don't like a lot of rules, structure, or restrictions on your freedom. You like to explore, have fun, and follow your impulses rather than live by any one else's expectations or standards. Since you prize your own independence, you don't try to impose yourself or your beliefs on other people. While you are amazingly adaptive and able to turn on a dime, you often have trouble making decisions or following through on projects. Sometimes you get distracted and forget your commitments. But luckily, you are so resourceful that you are often able to improvise.



DO WHAT YOU ARE™

Leading the Best Career Choice for the Individual

ESFP

Extravert, Sensing, Feeling, Perceiving type

People like you are easygoing, friendly, and happy go lucky. You are curious and outgoing so you meet new friends wherever you go. Active, talkative, and uninhibited, you have fun at whatever you're doing and seem to bring energy and life to any situation. Naturally down-to-earth and unpretentious, people love your sincere and generous nature. You have a lot of friends, and love to laugh, and you rarely like to sit still for very long. You enjoy animals, being outdoors, and playing sports or any other kind of game. You are very observant and like to surround yourself with objects of beauty. And you adore surprises!

You are also sensitive and affectionate, and are loyal and devoted to your friends and family. Rarely do you see anything but the most positive qualities in other people so you are frequently disappointed when people aren't as nice as you think they are. You have a big heart and feel things deeply, even if you don't always show it right away. Responsive and spontaneous, you don't like a lot of rules or restrictions on your freedom. But you are also sometimes are disorganized and find yourself running behind on projects. You are easily tempted by any opportunity to do something fun so you may accidentally let other people down. You are quick to apologize and forgive. But while you are flexible and casual about many things, when it comes to your personal values, you may hold your ground with surprising strength.

ISFP

Introvert, Sensing, Feeling, Perceiving type

People like you are gentle, caring, and sensitive. To those you don't really know you, you may appear cool and reserved. But inside you feel things very deeply. Your close friends know you are loyal and affectionate, expressive and eager to please. You are thoughtful, considerate, and supportive of your friends and family. While you love to be included in social activities, you also need time alone to relax or pursue your interests. Because you have such a big heart, you often take even the most constructive criticism personally and may frequently feel disappointed or hurt, and often take even the most constructive criticism personally. You have to force yourself to deal with conflicts head on, and to speak your mind honestly, even when you know it might hurt someone's feelings.

You are also a down to earth and realistic person. You probably have a keen sense of aesthetics and may love a variety of artistic expressions or activities. Since you are so observant, you give your full attention to whatever you are doing at the moment, and are often able to tell amazingly accurate stories. You're easy going and playful, but may not be especially adventurous. You struggle to stay organized and may find large or complicated projects a bit overwhelming. Since you naturally want to follow your curiosity wherever it leads you, you may have trouble making decisions or following through and finishing all of the projects you start. You hate to disappoint anyone and you yourself are quick to forgive others.