Myers Briggs Type Indicator: Four Preferences



Direction of Focus and Source of Energy

Extraversion

Outerworld—People—Action—Breadth

- Essential stimulation is from the environment: • the outer world of people and things
- Energized by other people, external experiences
- Does best work externally in action •
- Interests have breadth •
- Usually communicates freely; expressive
- Acts —> maybe reflects —> acts •
- Thinks best when talking to people •
- Usually take the initiative in making contact with • other people
- Have broad friendships with many people •
- Sociable

Introversion

Innerworld—Ideas—Reflection—Depth

- Essential stimulation is from within: the inner world of thoughts and reflections
- Energized by inner resources, internal experiences
- Does best work internally in reflection
- Interests have depth
- Communication is usually reserved until they know and trust a person
- Reflects —> maybe acts —> reflects
- Thinks best when alone shares with other people when clear what they believe
- Usually lets other people initiate contact
- Have a few deep friendships; intimacy
- Think best when alone

Ways of Perceiving and Acquiring Information

Sensing

Facts—Details—Experience—Present

- Gathers information by way of 5 senses (sight, sound, touch, taste and smell) either from the outer world or stored impressions
- Looks at specific parts and pieces
- Deals with known facts
- Lives in the present or past, enjoying what is or what was
- Trusts experience
- Prefers problems that are similar to previously solved ones
- Likes the concrete
- Learns sequentially; step by step
- Drawn to precise work
- Likes logic
- Focus on what is immediate, practical, and real

INtuition

Symbols—Patterns—Theory—Future

- Processes information by way of a "sixth sense" or hunch
- Looks at patterns and relationships; big picture
- Deals with possibilities •
- Lives toward future, anticipating what might be
- Trusts theory more than experience
- Likes new problems and developing new solutions
- Likes the abstract •
- Learns by seeing connections, jumps in anywhere, leaps over steps
- Drawn to creating designs
- Likes ideas and inspiration
- Good at spotting patterns and taking a highlevel view



Ways of Deciding and Evaluating

Thinking

Impersonal—Logic—Cool—Tough-Minded

- Decides based on logic and objective • considerations
- Tends to decide things impersonally • based on analysis and principles
- Trusts Logic ٠
- Places a premium on fairness
- Spontaneously finds flaws, criticizes
- Good at analyzing plans
- Values reasonableness •
- Tends to question —ask why? •
- Task oriented at work •
- Have a technical or scientific orientation •
- Concerned with truth and notices inconsistencies
- Believe telling the whole truth is more • important than being tactful

Feeling

Personal—Values—Warm—Tenderhearted

- Decides based on personal, subjective values
- Tends to decide things based on what they like or don't like, their values, or on the impact of decisions on people
- Trusts personal reactions
- Places a premium on harmony
- Spontaneously looks for ways to connect
- Good at understanding people •
- Values compassion
- Tends to accommodate
- Sociable and people-oriented at work
- Have a people or communications orientation
- Concerned with harmony and aware when it's missing
- Believe being tactful is more important than telling the "cold" truth

Ways of Perceiving and Acquiring Information Judging Perceiving

Structure—Decide—Organize—Scheduled

- Lifestyle is decisive, planned and orderly
- Enjoys being decisive
- Feels comfortable establishing closure
- Works best when can plan and follow the plan
- Schedules and plans to avoid anxiety resulting from too many tasks
- Does not tolerate uncertainty easily
- Likes definite order, structure
- At work, they decide quickly and clearly and work to get the job done
- Approach life in a structured way
- Like to make decisions, or at least like to have things decided
- Plan work to avoid rushing just before deadline

Flexible—Open—Adaptable—Spontaneous

- Enjoys being curious, discovering surprises
- Feels comfortable maintaining openness
- Enjoys working on different projects as interest surfaces
- Energized by deadlines—enjoys last minute rushes
- Able to tolerate ambiguity
- Likes going with the flow
- At work, they tend to avoid or put off decisions and prefer exploration of problems and situations
- Perceive structure as being more limiting than enabling
- Like staying open to respond to whatever happens
- Work in bursts of energy, and enjoy rushing just before deadlines

Characteristics Frequently Associated with Each MBTI Type

ISTJ	ISFJ	INFJ	INTJ
Quiet, serious, earn success by	Quiet, friendly, responsible, and	Seek meaning and connection in	Have original minds and great
thoroughness and	conscientious. Committed and	ideas, relationships, and	drive for implementing their
dependability. Practical,	steady in meeting their	material possessions. Want to	ideas and achieving their goals.
matter-of-fact, realistic, and	obligations. Thorough,	understand what motivates	Quickly see patterns in external
responsible. Decide logically	painstaking, and accurate.	people and are insightful about	events and develop long-range
what should be done and work	Loyal, considerate, notice and	others. Conscientious and	explanatory perspectives. When
toward it steadily, regardless of	remember specifics about	committed to their firm values.	committed, organize a job and
distractions. Take pleasure in	people who are important to	Develop a clear vision about	carry it through. Skeptical and
making everything orderly and	them, concerned with how	how best to serve the common	independent, have high
organized - their work, their	others feel. Strive to create an	good. Organized and decisive in	standards of competence and
home, their life. Value traditions	orderly and harmonious	implementing their vision.	performance - for themselves
and loyalty.	environment at work and at		and others.
	home.		
ISTP Tolerant and flexible, quiet	ISFP Quiet, friendly, sensitive, and	INFP Idealistic, loyal to their values	INTP Seek to develop logical
observers until a problem	kind. Enjoy the present	and to people who are	explanations for everything that
appears, then act quickly to find	moment, what's going on	important to them. Want an	interests them. Theoretical and
workable solutions. Analyze	around them. Like to have their	external life that is congruent	abstract, interested more in
what makes things work and	own space and to work within	with their values. Curious, quick	ideas than in social interaction.
readily get through large	their own time frame. Loyal and	to see possibilities, can be	Quiet, contained, flexible, and
amounts of data to isolate the	committed to their values and	catalysts for implementing	adaptable. Have unusual ability
core of practical problems.	to people who are important to	ideas. Seek to understand	to focus in depth to solve
Interested in cause and effect,	them. Dislike disagreements	people and to help them fulfill	problems in their area of
organize facts using logical	and conflicts, do not force their	their potential. Adaptable,	interest. Skeptical, sometimes
principles, value efficiency.	opinions or values on others.	flexible, and accepting unless a	critical, always analytical.
		value is threatened.	
ESTP	ESFP	ENFP	ENTP
Flexible and tolerant, they take	Outgoing, friendly, and	Warmly enthusiastic and	Quick, ingenious, stimulating,
a pragmatic approach focused on immediate results. Theories	accepting. Exuberant lovers of	imaginative. See life as full of possibilities. Make connections	alert, and outspoken.
and conceptual explanations	life, people, and material comforts. Enjoy working with	between events and	Resourceful in solving new and challenging problems. Adept at
bore them - they want to act	others to make things happen.	information very quickly, and	generating conceptual
energetically to solve the	Bring common sense and a	confidently proceed based on	possibilities and then analyzing
problem. Focus on the here-	realistic approach to their work,	the patterns they see. Want a	them strategically. Good at
and-now, spontaneous, enjoy	and make work fun. Flexible and	lot of affirmation from others,	reading other people. Bored by
each moment that they can be			
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active with others. Enjoy	spontaneous, adapt readily to new people and environments.	and readily give appreciation and support. Spontaneous and	routine, will seldom do the same thing the same way, apt
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PERSONALITY REFLECTION ACTIVITIES

Workplace Habits

- 1. What type of supervision do you desire?
- 2. What type of teammate will you be? Do you prefer teams or to work independently?
- 3. What type of leader do you desire to be?

Strengths & Weaknesses

1. What are your top personality strengths? What environments/activities will complement these?

2. What are your top personality weaknesses? How will you manage these?