

PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS



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Personality characteristics are defined as those traits with which you are born or naturally inclined to have and to use. Choose the traits that reflect your greatest strengths.

(This assessment is only a start to understanding your personality and how it fits into career decision making. To gain a more in-depth view of your personality, consider taking the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and talking to a career counselor at the Career Center)

- _____ ACCURATE: Work free from error or mistakes; careful, precise; detailed
- _____ ACTIVE: Lively; agile; high energy; busy
- _____ ADVENTUROUS: Try new things; take risks
- _____ ANALYTICAL: Examine and separate the parts of something to find its essential meaning
- _____ ARTISTIC: Appreciation of or ability in the arts
- _____ ATTENTIVE: Listen well; play close attention to verbal and non-verbal messages
- _____ ASTUTE: Perceptive; clever; insightful
- _____ CALM: Remain peaceful, composed, and serene under pressure
- _____ CAUTIOUS: Careful; prudent; exercise forethought
- _____ COMPASSIONATE: Considerate; sympathetic; humane
- _____ COLLABORATIVE: Working as a team
- _____ COMPETENT: Skilled; qualified; capable
- _____ COMPETITIVE: Strive to win; oppose a rival
- _____ CONCEPTUAL: Intuitive; abstract or reflective thinking
- _____ CONCERNED: Care and high regard
- _____ CREATIVE: Imaginative; inventive; original
- _____ DECISIVE: Show firm determination in using judgment to make decisions

- _____ DEXTEROUS: Well-coordinated; handy; adroit
- _____ DIPLOMATIC: Tactful; skillful at negotiations
- _____ DISCREET: Showing good judgment; keeping confidences
- _____ DYNAMIC: Energetic; vigorous
- _____ EMPATHETIC: Sensitive to or identify with the feelings of others; warm
- _____ ENTHUSIASTIC: Show interest and excitement; expressive
- _____ FIRM: Unlikely to change mind; adamant; certain
- _____ FLEXIBLE: Adaptable; versatile
- _____ FORESIGHTED: Realize what is likely to happen in the future
- _____ HONEST: Truthful; genuine; having integrity; straightforward
- _____ LOGICAL: Rational; analytical; reasonable
- _____ OPEN-MINDED: Impartial; receptive to new ideas; free from prejudice of bigotry
- _____ ORGANIZED: Structured; orderly; systematic
- _____ OUTGOING: Sociable; friendly
- _____ PERCEPTIVE: Observant; keen insight or awareness
- _____ PERSISTANT: Refuse to give up; persevere
- _____ PERSUASIVE: Influence or lead others
- _____ PRACTICAL: Realistic; pragmatic; down-to-earth
- _____ RESPONSIBLE: Dependable; trustworthy; reliable; loyal
- _____ SENSIBLE: Showing good sense; sound judgment
- _____ SOPHISTICATED: Cultured; world-wise
- _____ STRONG: Powerful

Select your top 5 traits and describe in a brief statement how you effectively used each trait
