

As You Read

As you read, think about this question:
► How do personality and job choice relate to each other?

When you play, play hard;
when you work, don't play
at all. 🎧

—Theodore Roosevelt (American
president, 1858–1919)

Personality and Job Choice

When you think about getting a job, there is one very important question: What job is best for you? You might be good at something, but it may not be what you want to do for a living. For example, you may be a good gardener, but you don't like to work outside. Or you may be good at math and might be a good accountant, but you don't want to work in an office all day. You want to enjoy your job, so it's important to think about what you really like to do.

Psychologists say that matching personality and type of job is very important for job happiness. To find out about your personality, take the following quiz. Your answers may give information that will help you find the job that's best for you.

For each question, fill in the bubble of the best answer for you.

Question 1

You go into a full classroom. Everyone looks at you. What do you do?

- (A) put your head down and quickly go to an empty seat
- (B) smile and walk slowly to a seat

Question 2

The teacher puts the students into groups. She assigns you to be the leader of your group. What do you do?

- (A) refuse and look around for someone else to do it
- (B) accept and immediately get the group started on the assignment

Question 3

Your friend asks for help with a computer problem. What do you do?

- (A) sit down and solve the problem for your friend in six minutes
- (B) tell your friend what to do and wait patiently so your friend can learn how to do it

Question 4

A friend asks you to help her move. What do you do?

- (A) tell her that you are busy and can't help
- (B) say, "I'll put on some old clothes. Just tell me what to do."

Question 5

Your friend has the table set up for his party. You come in and take off your coat. It swings over the table and messes up the arrangement. What do you do?

- (A) carefully try and put everything back the way it was
- (B) apologize many times and watch as your friend rearranges the table

Answers

Let's look at the answers and see what they mean. If you chose:

- 1a. You are an introvert. Look for a job where you don't have to talk to many people.
- 1b. You are an extrovert. Look for jobs where you work with people.
- 2a. You work well with a team. Look for jobs where you work in groups.
- 2b. You are a leader. Look for jobs where you can tell others what to do.
- 3a. You like to get things done. Look for a job where you can see what you finish.
- 3b. You like to help others. Look for a job helping people or animals.
- 4a. You don't like physical work. Look for a job where you work sitting down.
- 4b. You like physical work. Look for a job where you use your muscles.
- 5a. You like to solve problems. Look for a problem-solving job.
- 5b. You do not like to solve problems. Look for a job where you lead and others solve problems.

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Timed Reading

Read "Personality and Job Choice" again.
Read at a comfortable speed. Time your reading.

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