#### WORKING WITH DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES

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### **Personality Types**

Examples of personality descriptions:

Introvert - Extrovert

Quiet - Loud

High Energy – Low Energy

Controlled - Impulsive

Trusting - Skeptical

Team player - Independent



#### **Personality Types**

B.E.S.T. Personality Quiz



#### **Facts About Personality Types**

You can modify your behavior (become more flexible), but your personality stays the same throughout life.

No one personality type is better than another.



#### Introduction to Personality Types

#### By learning:

about your own personality type, you can better understand why others react to you the way they do.

to 'read' others' personality types, you improve your ability to work with them.



#### **BEST Personality Quiz**

Instructions



#### **BEST Personality Quiz**

#### Four Personality Types:

- Bold
- Expressive
- Sympathetic
- Technical



## BEST Personality Quiz BOLDS

- Businesslike
- Decisive
- Problem-solver
- Direct
- Risk-taker

- Assertive
- Demanding
- Seek control
- Results-oriented
- Determined

## BEST Personality Quiz SYMPATHETICS

- Sympathetic
- Team person
- Relaxed
- Mature
- Supportive

- Considerate
- Empathetic
- Persevering
- Trusting
- Friendly

## BEST Personality Quiz EXPRESSIVES

- Talkative
- Motivating
- Enthusiastic
- Convincing
- Impulsive

- Wear bright colors
- Confident
- Dramatic
- Optimistic
- Animated

## BEST Personality Quiz TECHNICALS

- Analytical
- Controlled
- Precise
- Disciplined
- Cautious

- Diplomatic
- Accurate
- Conscientious
- Systematic
- Logical



# How to 'Read' Personality Types

Ask

Tell

**TECHNICALS** 

**BOLDS** 

Cold

Warm

**SYMPATHETICS** 

**EXPRESSIVES** 



### **Bolds Perceived Positive Traits**

- Decisive
- Independent
- Practical
- Determined
- Efficient

- Assertive
- A risk-taker
- Direct
- A problem solver



## **Bolds Perceived Negative Traits**

- Pushy
- My way or the highway
- Tough
- Demanding

- Dominating
- An agitator
- Cuts corners
- Insensitive



## Technicals Perceived Positive Traits

- Logical
- Ordered
- Detailed
- Task Focused
- Analyze data for Accuracy

- Factual
- Systematic
- Good with numbers
- Precise
- Responsible



# Technical Perceived Negative Traits

- Uptight
- Risk Aversive
- Critical
- Perfection
- Can't see forest for trees

- Intolerant of new ideas
- Unemotional
- Sometimes overlook human element

## **Expressives Perceived Positive Traits**

- Verbal
- Inspiring
- Ambitious
- Enthusiastic

- Energetic
- Confident
- Friendly
- Influential

## **Expressives Perceived Negative Traits**

- Gabby
- Overly dramatic
- Impulsive
- Undisciplined

- Excitable
- Egotistical
- Flaky
- Manipulating

#### Sympathetics Perceived Positive Traits

- Patient
- Respectful
- Agreeable
- Persistent

- Dependable
- Relaxed
- Organized
- Empathetic

# Sympathetics Perceived Negative Traits

- Hesitant
- 'Wishy-washy'
- Conforming
- Retiring

- Dependent
- Unsure
- Laid back
- Overly sensitive

### Best Ways to Work With Bolds

- Tell them what and when first
- Keep conversation fast paced
- Don't waste time

- Be businesslike
- Give them some freedom
- Talk about results
- Find shortcuts

## Best Ways to Work With Expressives

- Tell who first
- Be enthusiastic
- Allow for fun
- Support their creativity and intuition

- Talk about people
- Handle details for them
- Value feelings and opinions
- Keep fast paced

## Best Ways to Work With Sympathetics

- Tell why and who first
- Ask instead of telling
- Draw out their opinions

- Explore personal life
- Define expectations
- Strive for harmony

### Best Ways to Work With Technicals

- Tell what first
- Be Factual
- Focus on details

- Define what required, by when expectations
- Strive for clarity

## Working with Different Personalities

- Recognize benefits
- Leverage
- Clarify expectations / responsibilities
- Match skills and assignments
- Ask what others enjoy doing
- Identify "gaps" and plan to fill

