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INVESTIGATIVE PERSONALITY
(I-THEME)

Tends to center around science and scientific activities. Extremes of this type are task-oriented; they are not particularly interested in working around other people. They enjoy solving abstract problems, have a great need to understand the physical world, and prefer to think through problems rather than act them out. They enjoy ambiguous challenges and do not like highly structured situations with many rules. Frequently they have unconventional values and attitudes, tend to be original and creative, especially in scientific areas.

INVESTIGATIVE PERSONALITY

- * Persons who live very much “in their minds”
- * Unconventional and independent thinkers, intellectually curious, very insightful, logical
- * Express themselves, and achieve primarily through their minds, rather than through association with people or involvement with things
- * Like to explore ideas through reading, discussing
- * Enjoy complex and abstract mental challenges
- * Solve problems by thinking and analyzing

Deals with the “real world” of things, but at a distance. They prefer to read, study, use books, charts, and other data. When involved with people they tend to focus on ideas, collect information and analyze the situation before making a decision. If they enjoy the outdoors, it’s because of their curiosity, and allows them to explore their ideas.

REWARDS

The unique reward is the worker’s freedom and opportunity to satisfy an innate curiosity. Scientists are continually curious about nature, people, business, even about art and music. They are continually studying all of these areas, using a scientific approach - analyzing situations, checking out data or trying to understand what is going on in the field they are working in. Jobs usually allow considerable freedom to try new ways and indulge their own work styles, even though there is steady pressure for achievement.

Most people can be categorized as one of six personality types Realistic (**R**), Social (**S**), Artistic (**A**), Conventional (**C**), Investigative (**I**), and Enterprising (**E**). Look at your three highest scores. You now have a three-letter code, that can be switched around to get additional occupations. The John Holland theory suggests that you should explore several variations of your three-letter code. You are able to come up with six variations of this three-letter code. Most of you will find many occupations which match your profile. For example, **IRE** can become **IER**, **EIR**, **REI**, **RIE**, **ERI**.

SAMPLE LIST OF INVESTIGATIVE CAREERS

Accountant and Auditor	Engineer: (cont'd)	Physical Scientist
Actuary	Industrial	Physical Therapist
Aircraft Pilot	Internal Science	Physician
Assessor, Controller, & Treasurer	Mechanical	Physicist
Biophysicist	Metallurgical	Physiologist
Botanist	Petroleum	Political Scientist
Broadcast Technician	Safety	Production Planner
Chemical Technician	Environmental Analyst	Psychiatrist
Chemist	Experimental Physicist	Psychologist
Chiropractor	Financial Analyst	Occupational Therapist
Clinical Lab Technician	Food & Drug Administrator	Quality Control Technologist
College Instructor	Forest Biologist	Radiation Biologist
Computer Operator	Forester	Radiation Monitor
Computer Programmer	Forest Entomologist	Radiological Technician
Computer Services Technician	Geneticist	Registered Nurse
Computer Systems Analyst	Geographer	Research Analyst
Dental Assistant	Geologist	Respiratory Therapist
Dental Hygienist	Geophysicists	TV/Radio Electronic Engineer
Dentist	Horticulturist	Secondary School Teacher
Detective	Information Systems Manager	Surgical Technician
Dietician	Market Research Analyst	Soil Conservationist
Ecologist	Mathematician	Systems Analyst
EKG Technologist	Medical Lab Assistant	Taxonomist
Electromechanical Technician	Metallurgical Lab Assistant	Teacher:
Electronics Technician	Meteorologist	Math
Endocrinologist	Microbiologist	Science
Engineer:	Neurophysiologist	Technical Writer
Aeronautical	Nurse Practitioner	Theoretical Physicist
Agricultural	Occupational Therapist	Tool Designer
Artistic	Optometrist	Toxicologist
Biomedical	Ornamental Horticulturist	Veterinarian
Chemical	Osteopathic Physician	Water Treatment
Civil	Pathologist	Web Developer
Computer	Pharmacist	Zoologist
Electrical	Pharmacy Technician	

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