The Personality Compass – at a glance

Everyone has some characteristics from each of the four types, but one will capture the essence of your personality more accurately than the others. That is your dominant type.

No one type is better than another, they're all just different.

Which type are you? Does one immediately jump out as fitting your personality?

If you’re not sure which one you are, an easy way to find out is to the pick which type is LEAST like you. Find the one that has characteristics that:

- you don’t like
- you tend to avoid
- makes you feel uncomfortable
- you don’t do well
- you don’t enjoy

Find it? Now look across the compass to the opposite side and that is your dominant type.

My dominant type is: ____________________________

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Quick Tests to Identify your Type (1)

Are you more North or South?
For each set of words, circle the word that describes you more often than the other one (even though you may have both characteristics at times)

a. Confident  
b. Helpful

a. Self-reliant 
b. Understanding

a. Fast-paced 
b. Easy-going

a. Independent 
b. Team player

a. Decisive 
b. Diplomatic

a. Assertive 
b. Non-confrontational

a. Competitive 
b. Cooperative

a. Leader 
b. Loyal

a. Goal-centered 
b. People-centered

a. Initiator 
b. Listener

a. Determined 
b. Unselfish

a. Straightforward 
b. Patient

a. Results-focused 
b. Relationship-focused

a. Hardworking 
b. Friendly

a. In-charge 
b. Generous

a. Task-oriented 
b. Peace-oriented

a. Bold 
b. Supportive

a. Productive 
b. Faithful

a. Self-starter 
b. Volunteer

a. Opinionated 
b. Sensitive

a. Challenger 
b. Mediator

a. Doer 
b. Communicator

a. Deadline-driven 
b. Values-driven

a. Achiever 
b. Caregiver

Total # of A’s circled: ________  (if this number is higher, you’re more North)

Total # of B’s circled: ________  (if this number is higher, you’re more South)
Quick Tests to Identify your Type (2)

Are you more East or West?
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Total # of C’s circled: ________ (if this number is higher, you’re more East)

Total # of D’s circled: ________ (if this number is higher, you’re more West)

Now that you have a number for each of the four types (North, South, East, West)…

This type has the highest number _______________ (this is your Dominant Type)

This type has the second highest number _______________ (this is your Subdominant Type)
The Personality Compass
Dominant – Subdominant Type

Now see what the compass has to say about you based on your Dominant type combined with your Subdominant type.

Your Dominant type is the one listed first, your Subdominant is the second.

NORTH – WEST
Assertive, Decisive, Flexible, Creative, Adventerous

WEST – NORTH
Flexible, Creative, Assertive, Decisive, Fast-Paced

WEST – SOUTH
Flexible, Creative, Friendly, Caring, Cooperative

SOUTH – WEST
Friendly, Caring, Flexible, Creative, Adventerous

NORTH – EAST
Assertive, Decisive, Structured, Detailed, Organized

EAST – NORTH
Structured, Detailed, Assertive, Decisive, Fast-Paced

EAST – SOUTH
Structured, Detailed, Friendly, Helpful, Slow-Paced

SOUTH – EAST
Friendly, Caring, Structured, Detailed, Organized

So, even two people who are both primarily NORTH, can still be very different if they have opposite subdominant types: WEST versus EAST.

Does your combined type seem to even more closely describe you than just your Dominant type?
# Jobs that Fit the Type

Each personality type has characteristics that naturally fit well with certain job descriptions. Here are some examples below. Do you think the jobs listed under your type fit you?

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<td>Human Resources – people person (S), organized (E)</td>
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<td>Negotiator – assertive (N), analytical (E)</td>
<td>Nurse – caring (S), detailed (E)</td>
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<td>Chairperson – authoritative (N), organized (E)</td>
<td>Mediator – peace-loving (S), structured (E)</td>
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<td>Maitre d’ – decisive (N), proper protocol (E)</td>
<td>Receptionist – friendly (S), logical (E)</td>
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<td>Conductor – goal-centered (N), focused (E)</td>
<td>Assistant Coach – team player (S), strategist (E)</td>
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<td>Salesperson – likable (S), flexible (W)</td>
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<td>Manager – hardworking (N), flexible (W)</td>
<td>Diplomat – hospitable (S), adaptable (W)</td>
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<td>Project Leader – fast-paced deadlines (N), innovative (W)</td>
<td>Missionary – giving (S), adventurous (W)</td>
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<td>Police Officer – fearless (N), risk taker (W)</td>
<td>Waiter – helpful (S), fast-paced (W)</td>
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<td>Coach – action-centered (N), adaptable (W)</td>
<td>Talk Show Host – good listener (S), sense of humor (W)</td>
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<td>Project Coordinator – juggles many tasks (W), leader (N)</td>
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<td>Attorney – detailed (E), assertive (N)</td>
<td>Advertiser – innovative (W), competitive (N)</td>
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<td>Surgeon – focused (E), confident (N)</td>
<td>Engineer – analytical (E), determined (N)</td>
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<td>City Planner – plans well (E), process-centered (S)</td>
<td>Story-Boarder – idea-centered (W), communicator (S)</td>
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<td>Car Sales Rep – punctual (E), friendly (S)</td>
<td>Liaison Officer – flexible (W), helpful (S)</td>
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<td>Artist – creative (W), introspective (S)</td>
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<td>Museum Curator – responsible (E), slow-paced (S)</td>
<td>Landscaper – sees options (W), people pleaser (S)</td>
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From reading your personality description earlier, what other jobs do you think would be a good fit and why?
Differences are Valuable

Each type is different. Each has different preferences, different strengths, different weaknesses, and different points of view. At times those differences can create difficulties and clashes, but if we understand the differences we can find ways to work together and that can become a great strength!

Understanding differences:

…In Image
NORTHS reflect Achievement
EASTS reflect Compassion
SOUTHS reflect Compassion
WESTS reflect Originality

…In Attitudes
NORTHS call a spade a spade
EASTS call a spade by its precise scientific name
SOUTHS call a spade whatever it wants to be called
WESTS don’t want to limit a spade by assigning a name to it

…In Priorities
NORTHS – Goals
EASTS – Facts
SOUTHS – Values
WESTS – Methods

A perception is what we think about something. A perception can seem very true for you based on your preferences and that’s ok. Just remember that someone else’s perception can be very different, and that’s ok too.
## Even when Different, there are Similarities

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<td>Move slow</td>
<td>Listen well</td>
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<td>Avoid change</td>
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<td>Follow rules</td>
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<td>South &amp; West</td>
<td>Motivate others</td>
<td>Sociable</td>
<td>Shun deadlines</td>
<td>Adaptable</td>
<td>Avoid pressure</td>
<td>Enjoy relaxation</td>
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## The Four Types – in Summary

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<td>Expand all horizons</td>
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<td><strong>Great Strength</strong></td>
<td>Making quick decisions</td>
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<td><strong>Basic Weakness</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pace</strong></td>
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