

Strong Interest Inventory®

Profile with College Profile, Interpretive Report, & Skills Confidence Inventory Profile

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HOW THE STRONG CAN HELP YOU

The Strong Interest Inventory® instrument is a powerful tool that can help you make satisfying decisions about your career and education. Whether you are just starting out in your career, thinking about a change, or considering education options for career preparation, you can benefit from the wealth of information reflected in your Strong results. Understanding your Strong Profile can help you identify a career focus and begin your career planning and exploration process.

Keep in mind that the Strong measures interests, not skills or abilities, and that the results can help guide you toward rewarding careers, work activities, education programs, and leisure activities—all based on your interests. As you review your Profile, remember that managing your career is not a one-time decision but a series of decisions made over your lifetime.

HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT

The Strong can be a valuable tool in helping you identify your interests, enabling you to

- Achieve satisfaction in your work
- Identify career options consistent with your interests
- Choose appropriate education and training relevant to your interests
- Maintain balance between your work and leisure activities
- Understand aspects of your personality most closely associated with your interests
- · Determine your preferred learning environments
- Learn about your preferences for leadership, risk taking, and teamwork
- · Use interests in shaping your career direction
- · Decide on a focus for the future
- Direct your own career exploration at various stages in vour life

HOW YOUR RESULTS ARE ORGANIZED

Section 1. General Occupational Themes

Describes your interests, work activities, potential skills, and personal values in six broad areas: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C).

Section 2. Basic Interest Scales

Identifies specific interest areas within the six General Occupational Themes, indicating areas likely to be most motivating and rewarding for you.

Section 3. Occupational Scales

Compares your likes and dislikes with those of people who are satisfied working in various occupations, indicating your likely compatibility of interests.

Section 4. Personal Style Scales

Describes preferences related to work style, learning, leadership, risk taking, and teamwork, providing insight into work and education environments most likely to fit you best.

Section 5. Profile Summary

Provides a graphic snapshot of Profile results for immediate, easy reference.

Section 6. Response Summary

Summarizes your responses within each category of Strong items, providing interpretive data useful to your career professional.

Note to professional: Check the Response Summary on page 9 of the Profile before beginning your interpretation.



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GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL THEMES

SECTION 1

The General Occupational Themes (GOTs) measure six broad interest patterns that can be used to describe your work personality. Most people's interests are reflected by two or three Themes, combined to form a cluster of interests. Work activities, potential skills, and values can also be classified into these six Themes. This provides a direct link between your interests and the career and education possibilities likely to be most meaningful to you.

Your *standard scores* are based on the average scores of a combined group of working adults. However, because research shows that men and women tend to respond differently in these areas, your *interest levels* (Very Little, Little, Moderate, High, Very High) were determined by comparing your scores against the average scores for your gender.

THEME DESCRIPTIONS

THEME	CODE	INTERESTS	WORK ACTIVITIES	POTENTIAL SKILLS	VALUES
Artistic	Α	Self-expression, art appreciation, communication, culture	Composing music, performing, writing, creating visual art	Creativity, musical ability, artistic expression	Beauty, originality, independence, imagination
Investigative	ı	Science, medicine, mathematics, research	Performing lab work, solving abstract problems, conducting research	Mathematical ability, researching, writing, analyzing	Independence, curiosity, learning
Social	S	People, teamwork, helping, community service	Teaching, caring for people, counseling, training employees	People skills, verbal ability, listening, showing understanding	Cooperation, generosity, service to others
Enterprising	E	Business, politics, leadership, entrepreneurship	Selling, managing, persuading, marketing	Verbal ability, ability to motivate and direct others	Risk taking, status, competition, influence
Conventional	С	Organization, data management, accounting, investing, information systems	Setting up procedures and systems, organizing, keeping records, developing computer applications	Ability to work with numbers, data analysis, finances, attention to detail	Accuracy, stability, efficiency
Realistic	R	Machines, computer networks, athletics, working outdoors	Operating equipment, using tools, building, repairing, providing security	Mechanical ingenuity and dexterity, physical coordination	Tradition, practicality, common sense

YOUR HIGHEST THEMES Artistic, Investigative, Social AIS

THEME	CODE			STD SCORE			
THEINE	CODE	< 30	40	50	60	70 >	31D 3COIL
Artistic	Α					VERY HIGH	71
Investigative				MODERA	TE		56
Social	S			MODERATE			51
Enterprising	E I		MOE	DERATE			48
Conventional	C		MODERATE				43
Realistic	R	L	ITTLE				37

The charts above display your GOT results in descending order, from your highest to least level of interest. Referring to the Theme Descriptions provided, determine how well your results fit for you. Do your highest Themes ring true? Look at your next highest level of interest and ask yourself the same question. You may wish to highlight the Theme descriptions on this page that seem to fit you best.

BASIC INTEREST SCALES

SECTION 2

The Basic Interest Scales represent specific interest areas that often point to work activities, projects, course work, and leisure activities that are personally motivating and rewarding. As with the General Occupational Themes, your interest levels (Very Little, Little, Moderate, High, Very High) were determined by comparing your scores against the average scores for your gender.

As you review your results in the charts below, note your top interest areas and your areas of least interest, and think about how they relate to your work, educational, and leisure activities. Take time to consider any top interest areas that are not currently part of your work or lifestyle and think about how you might be able to incorporate them into your plans.

YOUR TOP FIVE INTEREST AREAS

- 1. Writing & Mass Communication (A)
- 2. Performing Arts (A)
- 3. Visual Arts & Design (A)
- 4. Culinary Arts (A)
- 5. Law (E)

Areas of Least Interest

Management (E)
Computer Hardware & Electronics (R)
Military (R)

ARTISTIC — Very High

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	< 30		NTEREST 0 6		0 >	STD SCORE
Writing & Mass Communication				VH		71
Performing Arts				VH		71
Visual Arts & Design				VH		70
Culinary Arts				VH		67

INVESTIGATIVE — Moderate

BASIC INTEREST SCALE			STD				
	: < 3	0 4	0 5	0 6	50 7	0 >	SCORE
Research				Н			57
Science				М			56
Medical Science			1	Λ			52
Mathematics		L					40

SOCIAL — Moderate

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BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STI < 30	SCORE & INTE 40 50	REST LEVEL 60 70 >	STD SCORE
Social Sciences			Н	59
Counseling & Helping			M	58
Religion & Spirituality		М		53
Human Resources & Training		M		48
Healthcare Services		M		46
Teaching & Education		M		45

ENTERPRISING — Moderate

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL < 30						
Law	< 30	40	30	VH	70 /	SCORE 66	
Marketing & Advertising				VH		65	
Politics & Public Speaking				Н		58	
Entrepreneurship			М			48	
Sales		L				41	
Management	VL					33	

CONVENTIONAL — Moderate

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL < 30 40 50 60 70	STD SCORE
Finance & Investing	M	55
Office Management	M	50
Taxes & Accounting	M	43
Programming & Information Sy	stems	39

REALISTIC — Little

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL	STD
BAGIO INTERIEUT GOALE	< 30 40 50 60 70 >	SCORE
Nature & Agriculture	M	50
Protective Services	М	47
Athletics	M	45
Mechanics & Construction	М	40
Military	L	38
Computer Hardware & Electronics	VL	33

OCCUPATIONAL SCALES

SECTION 3

This section highlights your Profile results on the Occupational Scales of the *Strong*. On the next three pages you will find your scores for 122 occupations. The 10 occupations most closely aligned with your interests are listed in the summary chart below. Keep in mind that the occupations listed in your Profile results are just *some* of the many occupations linked to your interests that you might want to consider. They do not indicate those you "should" pursue. It is helpful to think of each occupation as a single example of a much larger group of occupational titles to consider.

Your score on an Occupational Scale shows how similar your interests are to those of people of your gender who have been working in, and are satisfied with, that occupation. The higher your score, the more likes and dislikes you share with those individuals. The Theme Codes associated with each occupation indicate the GOTs most commonly found among people employed in that occupation.

YOUR TOP TEN STRONG OCCUPATIONS

- 1. Librarian (A)
- 2. Technical Writer (AIR)
- 3. Broadcast Journalist (AE)
- 4. Graphic Designer (ARI)
- 5. Photographer (ARE)
- 6. Reporter (A)
- 7. Chef (ERA)
- 8. Attorney (A)
- 9. Editor (AI)
- 10. Translator (A)

Occupations of Dissimilar Interest

Physical Education Teacher (SRC)

Physicist (IRA)

Athletic Trainer (RIS)

Mathematician (IRC)

Mathematics Teacher (CIR)

As you read through your Occupational Scales results on this and the following pages, note the names of those occupations for which you scored "Similar." Those are the occupations you might want to explore first. If you have no scores in this range, take a look at those in the midrange and begin there. You might also consider occupations of least interest or for which you scored "Dissimilar"; however, keep in mind that you are likely to have little in common with people in those types of work and probably would contribute to such occupations in a unique way. Your career professional can guide you further in this process.

You can learn about occupations from information found in a public library, in the career library of a college or university near you, in a professional career center, or on the Internet. A recommended online source for occupational information is the O*NETTM database at http://online.onetcenter.org. You can also learn a lot about an occupation by talking to people who are working in that particular occupation. These people can describe their day-to-day work and tell you what they like and dislike about it.

ARTISTIC - Creating or Enjoying Art, Drama, Music, Writing

CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	10	DISSIMILAR 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 4	SIMILAR 0 50 55	STD 60 SCOR
A	Librarian	10	15 20	30 4	0 30 55	63
AIR	Technical Writer					62
AE	Broadcast Journalist					61
ARI	Graphic Designer					61
ARE	Photographer					61
Α	Reporter					60
Α	Attorney					56
Al	Editor					56
Α	Translator					56
AE	Advertising Account Manager					52
AES	Corporate Trainer					52
ASI	ESL Instructor					52
AE	Public Relations Director					51
Α	Musician					50
AR	Artist					45
ASE	English Teacher					43
AER	Public Administrator					41
Al	Urban & Regional Planner					40
AIR	Medical Illustrator					36
ASE	Art Teacher					31
ARI	Architect					28

Similar results (40 and above)

You share interests with women in that occupation and probably would enjoy the work.

Midrange results (30-39)

You share some interests with women in that occupation and probably would enjoy some of the work.

Dissimilar results (29 and below)

You share few interests with women in that occupation and probably would not enjoy the work.

For more information about any of these occupations, visit O*NET™ online at http://online.onetcenter.org.

INVESTIGATIVE - Researching, Analyzing, Inquiring

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	10	DISSIMILAR 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	SIMILAR 50 55	60	STD SCORE
IA	Psychologist						43
IRA	Chiropractor						36
IAR	University Professor						35
IRA	Dentist						32
IA	Geographer						31
IAR	Sociologist						31
ICR	Pharmacist						29
IR	Software Developer						28
IR	Optometrist						23
IR	R&D Manager						23
IAR	Physician						22
IRA	Biologist						21
IES	Dietitian						21
IRC	Medical Technologist						19
IRA	Veterinarian						18
IRA	Geologist						16
IRA	Respiratory Therapist						15
IRS	Science Teacher						14
IR	Chemist						13
IRC	Medical Technician						13
IRC	Computer Scientist						11
IRC	Mathematician						0
IRA	Physicist	j					-5

SOCIAL – Helping, Instructing, Caregiving

THEME	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE		DISS	IMILAR	ANGE	SIMILAI	STD		
CODE	OUGOT ATTORAL SUALE	10	15	20	30	40	50	55 60	SCOR
SA	College Instructor								53
SA	Social Worker								53
SEA	Social Science Teacher								45
SAI	Rehabilitation Counselor								42
SEA	School Administrator								41
SA	Speech Pathologist								41
SAE	Foreign Language Teacher								40
SE	School Counselor								32
SE	Community Service Director								30
SE	Parks & Recreation Manager								30
SI	Registered Nurse								29
SE	Special Education Teacher								28
SAR	Occupational Therapist								26
SA	Recreation Therapist								26
SAR	Minister								24
S	Elementary School Teacher								23
SCE	Licensed Practical Nurse								19
SIR	Physical Therapist								7
SRC	Physical Education Teacher	1							-11

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ENTERPRISING - Selling, Managing, Persuading

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	10	DIS 15	SSIMILAR 20	MIDR 30	ANGE 40	SIMILA 50	∖R 55	60	STD SCORE
ERA	Chef									59
EA	Marketing Manager									52
ECA	Travel Consultant									48
EAS	Flight Attendant									47
Е	Top Executive									47
EA	Interior Designer									46
EAI	Technical Sales Representative									43
Е	Retail Sales Representative									42
ECA	Retail Sales Manager									41
Е	Sales Manager									40
ECR	Restaurant Manager									39
EC	Buyer									38
ECS	Operations Manager									38
ECR	Purchasing Agent									38
EAC	Florist									37
ECS	Housekeeping/Maintenance Manager									37
EAS	Elected Public Official									33
EAS	Human Resources Manager									33
EIR	Investments Manager									31
ECR	Optician									30
Е	Life Insurance Agent									27
EC	Cosmetologist									23
Е	Realtor									21

CONVENTIONAL – Accounting, Organizing, Processing Data

THEME	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE			SIMILAR	MIDR		SIMILAR		STD
CODE		10	15	20	30	40	50 5	5 60	SCOR
CE	Paralegal								53
С	Computer & IS Manager								42
CES	Nursing Home Administrator								36
С	Computer Systems Analyst								32
CES	Food Service Manager								30
С	Health Information Specialist								30
CE	Financial Analyst								29
CS	Administrative Assistant								28
CE	Financial Manager								26
CE	Credit Manager								25
CE	Accountant								23
С	Bookkeeper								23
CES	Business Education Teacher								23
CE	Banker								22
CRE	Military Enlisted								22
CES	Production Worker								22
CSE	Farmer/Rancher								13
CI	Actuary								5
CIR	Mathematics Teacher								3

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REALISTIC – Building, Repairing, Working Outdoors

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	10	DISSIM 15 2	MIDRAN 30	GE 40	SIMIL/	AR 55	60	STD SCORE
RE	Law Enforcement Officer								32
REI	Military Officer								31
RIC	Engineering Technician								28
RIC	Network Administrator								28
RIS	Radiologic Technologist								27
RIC	Technical Support Specialist								24
RI	Engineer								19
RI	Forester								18
RC	Landscape/Grounds Manager								18
REI	Horticulturist								17
RIA	Electrician								14
RCI	Emergency Medical Technician								12
RIS	Firefighter								11
RIA	Carpenter								10
R	Automobile Mechanic								6
RSI	Vocational Agriculture Teacher								5
RIS	Athletic Trainer	j							-1

PERSONAL STYLE SCALES

SECTION 4

The Personal Style Scales describe different ways of approaching people, learning, leading, making decisions, and participating in teams. Personal Style Scales help you think about your preferences for factors that can be important in your career, enabling you to more effectively narrow your choices and examine your opportunities. Each scale includes descriptions at both ends of the continuum, with scores indicating your preference for one style versus the other.

Your scores on the Personal Style Scales were determined by comparing your responses to those of a combined group of working men and women.

YOUR PERSONAL STYLE SCALES PREFERENCES

- 1. You are likely to prefer a balance of working alone and working with people
- 2. You seem to prefer to learn through lectures and books
- 3. You probably are comfortable both leading by example and taking charge
- 4. You may dislike taking risks
- 5. You probably enjoy both team roles and independent roles

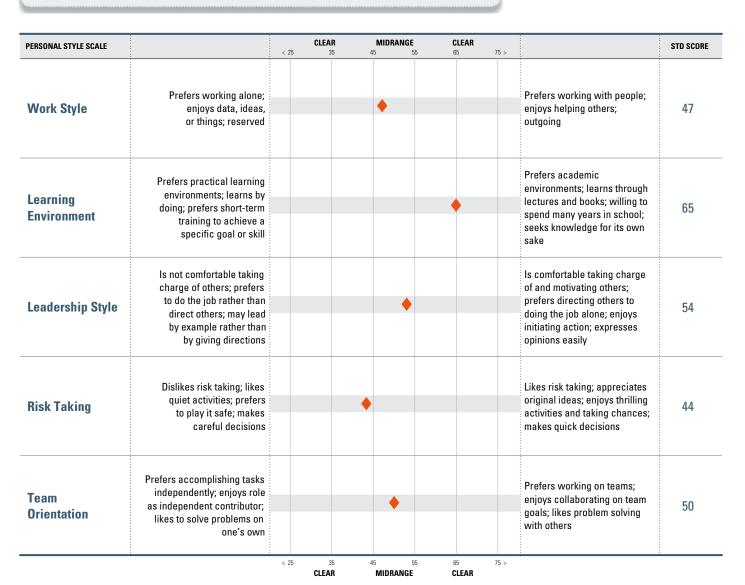
Clear Scores

(Below 46 and above 54)

You indicated a clear preference for one style versus the other.

Midrange Scores (46-54)

You indicated that some of the descriptors on both sides apply to you.



PROFILE SUMMARY SECTION 5

YOUR HIGHEST THEMES

Artistic, Investigative, Social

YOUR THEME CODE

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RESPONSE SUMMARY **SECTION 6**

This section provides a summary of your responses to the different sections of the inventory for use in interpretation by your career professional.

ITEM RESPONSE PERCENTAGES						
Section Title	Strongly Like	Like	Indifferent	Dislike	Strongly Dislike	
Occupations	23	9	17	8	42	
Subject Areas	30	13	22	15	20	
Activities	18	19	25	12	26	
Leisure Activities	54	14	7	11	14	
People	44	0	19	19	19	
Characteristics	56	11	11	22	0	
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	28	13	19	12	29	

Total possible responses: 291

Your response total: 290

Items omitted: 1

Typicality index: 19—Combination of item responses appears consistent

Note: Due to rounding, total percentage may not add up to 100%.



USING YOUR THEMES

Your *Strong* results indicate a Theme code of AIS. Your top three Themes are listed below in order of interest. Each Theme describes an important aspect of your interests and personality. Use all three Themes to identify college courses and academic majors that allow you to express what is important to you. The majors listed within each Theme are examples of some of the many related academic areas worth exploring.

CONSIDERING THEMES OF GREATEST INTEREST TO YOU

Artistic (A)

CREATIVE COMMUNICATORS

Artistic students prefer to take a self-expressive or creative approach involving art/design, music, or writing.

TYPICAL COLLEGE MAJORS					
Advertising	Classics	Fashion Merchandising	Mass Communication		
Architecture	Comparative Literature	Fine Arts	Medical Illustration		
Art Education	Creative Writing	Foreign Languages	Music Education		
Art History	Dance	Humanities	Philosophy		
Broadcasting	Design	Journalism	Photography		
Cinematography	English	Linguistics	Theater Arts		

Investigative (I) SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM SOLVERS

Investigative students prefer to take an analytical approach involving research, experimentation, or diagnosis.

Anthropology	Computer Information Systems	Geography	Pre-Dentistry
Astronomy	Computer Science	Geology	Pre-Medicine
Biochemistry	Criminal Justice	Mathematics	Psychology
Biological Sciences	Economics	Optometry	Science Education
Botany	Emergency Health Services	Physical Therapy	Sociology
Chemistry	Food Science	Physics	Veterinary Science

Social (S) EMPATHIC HELPERS

Social students prefer to take a helping or altruistic approach involving teaching, developing, or caring for others.

TYPICAL COLLEGE MAJORS			
Child Development	Ethnic Studies	Nursing	Secondary Education
Counseling	Family Studies	Occupational Therapy	Social Work
Criminology	Health Education	Physical Education	Special Education
Dietetics/Nutrition	Hearing and Speech	Public Health	Substance Abuse Counseling
Elementary Education	Home Economics	Recreation	Urban Studies
ESL Teaching	Human Services	Religious Studies	Women's Studies



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USING YOUR BASIC INTEREST SCALES

These scales indicate interests that are important to your overall lifestyle, both in school and out of school.

Use your strongest basic interests to explore college courses, extracurricular activities, internships, and part-time jobs. You show the greatest interest in the five areas outlined below (arranged in descending order of interest).

WRITING & MASS COMMUNICATION — Very High

Using language and literature to communicate

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES	INTERNSHIPS/JOB SETTINGS	COLLEGE COURSES
Campus Radio and TV	Advertising Agency	Communications
Foreign Language Club	Book Publishing Company	English
Student Publication	Newspaper/Magazine	Journalism

PERFORMING ARTS — Very High

Performing or appreciating a wide range of music, dance, and drama activities

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES	INTERNSHIPS/JOB SETTINGS	COLLEGE COURSES
Band or Musical Group	Campus Concert Production	Dance
Dance Group	Community Arts Program	Music
Theater Production	Community Theater	Theater Arts

VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN — Very High

Working with visual creativity and spatial visualization

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES	INTERNSHIPS/JOB SETTINGS	COLLEGE COURSES
Interior Design Club	Advertising Department	Architecture
Newspaper Photography	Architecture Firm	Art & Design
Student Architecture Club	Design Studio	Computer Graphics

CULINARY ARTS — Very High

Cooking and hosting/entertaining others

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES	INTERNSHIPS/JOB SETTINGS	COLLEGE COURSES
Home Economics Club	Campus Catering	Culinary Arts
Nutrition Club	Hotel or Resort	Food Science and Nutrition
Restaurant Reviewer	Restaurant	Hospitality Management

LAW — Very High

Debating, applying the law, and studying legal proceedings

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES	INTERNSHIPS/JOB SETTINGS	COLLEGE COURSES
Debate Team	Labor Union	Criminal Justice
Legal Aid Volunteer	Law Firm	Law
Pre-Law Organization	Student Conduct Office	Paralegal Studies

USING YOUR OCCUPATIONAL SCALES

These scales identify jobs held by people with whom you share common interests, arranged in order of similarity of interests. Some occupations require specific training; however, many do not require a particular college major. Explore classes relevant to these occupations and consider related careers as well.

YOUR TOP STRONG OCCUPATIONS

OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	THEME CODE	EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION	COLLEGE COURSES	RELATED CAREERS
Librarian	Α	Master's degree in library science (MLS)	Information Science Education Foreign Languages	Archivist Curator Computer Scientist
Technical Writer	AIR	BA or MA in liberal arts	English Engineering Sciences	Science Writer Reporter Editor
Broadcast Journalist	AE	AA or BA in liberal arts	Journalism Public Speaking Mass Communications	Media Producer TV/Video Operator Reporter
Graphic Designer	ARI	Vocational/technical certificate, AA, or BA	Drawing Design Computer Graphics	Illustrator Web Designer Animator
Photographer	ARE	High school diploma, AA, or BA	Photography Design Filmmaking	Filmmaker Photojournalist TV/Video Technician
Reporter	Α	BA or MA in liberal arts or journalism	English Journalism Political Science	Editor Screenwriter Political Analyst
Chef	ERA	Vocational/technical certificate, AA, or BA	Specific culinary training courses	Food Writer Restaurant Manager Caterer
Attorney	Α	JD or LLB	English Public Speaking Government	Legal Assistant Mediator Judge
Editor	AI	BA in liberal arts	Journalism English Communications	Journalist Technical Writer Screenwriter
Translator	A	BA or MA in foreign languages	Foreign Languages Writing Linguistics	Editor Foreign Language Teacher Linguist

USING YOUR PERSONAL STYLE SCALES

Next, use your Personal Style Scales to identify the specific ways you prefer to approach whatever academic courses, majors, or jobs you undertake.

PERSONAL STYLE SCALE	PREFERENCES/ACTIVITIES
Work Style	 Your score suggests you may prefer a balance between working independently and working with others, depending on the circumstances.
WORK Style	 You may enjoy spending part of the day alone researching or reading, and then switching to interactive activities such as group discussions.
	Your score suggests you enjoy the traditional student role and learning for the sake of learning.
Learning Environment	 You may prefer classroom lectures, theoretical readings, and library research to practical hands-on training or work-study programs.
Leadership Style	Your score suggests a preference for leading others through a variety of means.
	 Sometimes you may enjoy leading a student organization or facilitating a class discussion, and at other times you may prefer to be a contributing member.
	Your score suggests a preference for careful consideration before acting or deciding.
Risk Taking	 You may prefer academic work that involves research, reading, and "how-to" workshops rather than assignments that require approaching new things spontaneously or quickly.
	Your score suggests a preference for a mix of academic activities depending on the circumstances.
Team Orientation	 You may enjoy a range, from independent assignments that require you to solve problems on your own to collaborative team projects.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR STRONG INTERPRETIVE REPORT

You recently took the *Strong Interest Inventory*® assessment, the most widely used measure of career interests in the world. The purpose of this report is to help you understand the information presented in your *Strong* Profile and use it to explore your career options.

Your *Strong* results reflect your interests. You are likely to be the most satisfied and productive with career and educational choices that incorporate what you like to do. Your career professional can help you consider your interests, along with your skills and values, to find rewarding career, educational, and leisure options.

The *Strong* compares your answers to those of thousands of people in the general workforce and to the interests of satisfied workers in 120 occupations. This report summarizes your general interest patterns and your similarity to workers in various career fields and jobs. Your general interest patterns point to potentially satisfying work environments; your similarity to workers suggests potentially satisfying work tasks and specific careers.

Your results are organized around six major occupational themes that describe people and the environments in which they work. These occupational themes are listed in the Six Occupational Themes box to your right.

YOUR STRONG INTERPRETIVE REPORT INCLUDES PERSONALIZED INFORMATION ON

- Your general interests (General Occupational Themes)
- Specific activities you might like to do at work and in your leisure time (Basic Interest Scales)
- Occupations suggested by your interests (Occupational Scales)
- Your preferred styles of working and learning (Personal Style Scales)

SIX OCCUPATIONAL THEMES

- Realistic—the doers
- Investigative—the thinkers
- Artistic—the creators
- Social—the helpers
- Enterprising—the persuaders
- Conventional—the organizers

YOU CAN USE THIS INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

- · Choose a career field or specific job
- Explore educational options
- · Identify potentially satisfying work environments
- Enrich your current work
- Generate ideas for volunteer and leisure activities

As you read this report, always keep in mind that the *Strong* is an inventory of your interests. It is not a test of your abilities. If you need clarification of your results, be sure to talk them over with your career professional.



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YOUR GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL THEMES

Your report begins with your results on the six General Occupational Themes. The chart below expands on the information presented on your Profile to include definitions of the Themes on which you scored highest, as well as career fields, personal descriptors, and leisure activities typically associated with those Themes. The Themes describe broad patterns of interest and can be used to help you identify satisfying work environments, the kinds of people you might enjoy working with, and what motivates you the most at work. Keep in mind that because the Themes are very broad, the descriptors may not fit you exactly. Your Theme code is AIS.

YOUR THEME DESCRIPTIONS

THEME	CODE	DEFINITION	CAREER FIELDS	PERSONAL DESCRIPTORS	LEISURE ACTIVITIES
Artistic	Α	Creating or enjoying art, drama, music, writing	Writing Entertainment Commercial or fine arts Music	Creative, expressive, independent, imaginative, original	Collecting artwork, attending plays or concerts, visiting museums, painting, playing music
Investigative	ı	Researching Analyzing Problem solving	Research Mathematics Physical, natural, or medical science	Analytical, achievement oriented, independent, insightful	Reading, doing crossword puzzles, playing strategy games, surfing the Internet
Social	S	Helping Instructing Caregiving	Teaching Healthcare Counseling Religion	Helpful, concerned for others, humanistic, verbal, generous	Entertaining, volunteering, reading self-improvement books

ACTION STEP

Look over your Theme descriptors here and on your Profile and highlight any that seem like a good fit for you. Cross out any that don't appeal to you.

You did not score as high on the Themes in the chart below, but some of the descriptors may still appeal to you. Highlight any that seem like a good fit.

OTHER THEME DESCRIPTIONS

THEME	CODE	DEFINITION	CAREER FIELDS	PERSONAL DESCRIPTORS	LEISURE ACTIVITIES
Enterprising	E	Selling Managing Persuading	Business Politics Sales Marketing	Assertive, adventurous, energetic, talkative, self-confident	Running for public office, raising money for organizations, sports
Conventional	С	Accounting Organizing Processing data	Office management Banking/accounting/finance Government service Business education Software development	Practical, organized, systematic, accurate, efficient	Collecting things, managing family finances, civic organizations, volunteering, exercising
Realistic	R	Building Working outdoors Mechanical interests	Agriculture Forestry Technology Skilled trades Law enforcement	Practical, reliable, rugged, persistent	Building and repairing things, hiking, camping, serving in the military reserves, driving recreational vehicles

A CLOSER LOOK AT YOUR GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL THEMES

Most people's interests combine more than one Theme, which define their career motivators. The top Themes of your three-letter Theme code are Artistic and Investigative. These Themes are the ones we will focus on in this section.

Your Artistic and Investigative Themes suggest career fields that might interest you the most and are your strongest career motivators—what will most excite you in your work. Examples of career fields for your highest Themes are highlighted below. Of course, you are not limited to these career fields. They are only a starting point for your exploration process.

SELECTED CAREER FIELDS

- Technical writing
- Medical illustration
- Psychology
- Urban planning
- Law
- Editing

ACTION STEP

Note any career fields in the list above that appeal to you.

Although your Themes have some characteristics, each one has unique career motivators—what will stimulate you to achieve in your career.

YOUR CAREER MOTIVATORS

YOUR HIGHEST THEMES	STRONGEST CAREER MOTIVATOR	MOTIVATOR COMBINATIONS			
Artistic	Expressing creativity	Expressing your creativity in abstract, analytical, and independent ways			
Investigative	Analyzing	IA Analyzing theories and ideas intuitively and creatively			

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Consider your career motivators. How might they determine the kind of work environment that would be attractive to you or the kind of work you would like to do? How have they been present in your life up to this point?
- 2. Consider other potential careers that seem to combine expressing creativity and analyzing.

The next section of your report begins to narrow down these broad Theme categories into more specific interests.

YOUR BASIC INTERESTS

Now that you have considered your interests at the most general level, it is time to focus on specific areas of activity—things you might like to do. There are 30 Basic Interest Scales on the *Strong*.

The Basic Interest Scales in which you show the most interest are listed below. Notice that each Basic Interest is related to a particular Theme.

YOUR TOP STRONG INTEREST AREAS

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	THEME	TYPICAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES
Writing & Mass Communication	Artistic	Writing articles and storiesTelevision announcingLiterature
Performing Arts	Artistic	 Acting in a play Teaching music or drama Attending concerts and plays
Visual Arts & Design	Artistic	 Photography Designing public relations materials Designing architectural structures
Culinary Arts	Artistic	Preparing dinner for guestsTrying new recipesCatering
Law	Enterprising	Arguing legal issuesPreparing for trialStudying law

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Look over the interest areas above. How are they present in your life now? Do they represent your current work, school, or leisure interests? Do the activities you like cluster in the same Themes as your general interests? If they do, your interests are probably fairly focused. Try to make sure your work matches these interests. If your interest areas do not cluster, your interests may be more diverse. Think about ways you might incorporate some of them into your work and others into your leisure time.
- 2. Look at page 3 of your Profile. In what areas do you have the least interest? Try to avoid these areas in your work. If you do have to work in areas that are not particularly interesting to you, try to engage your top interests in your leisure time.

YOUR SIMILARITY TO OCCUPATIONS

The Occupational Scales section of the *Strong* focuses your work interests even further. It shows the occupations in which your likes and dislikes were most similar to those of the people who work in them and are satisfied with their jobs. Listed below are the occupations for which your likes and dislikes were the most similar.

You would probably enjoy the day-to-day work of these and other occupations that share the same Themes. These are just a few of the occupations that might interest you. Ask your career professional to show you how to use the Theme codes provided to expand your list.

YOUR TOP STRONG OCCUPATIONS

OCCUPATION	THEME CODE	TYPICAL WORK TASKS	SELECTED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES
Librarian	A	Catalog books, publications, and films using standard library classification systems Analyze patrons' requests to determine needed information and assist in locating that information	Ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules Ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing
Technical Writer	AIR	Write technical materials, such as equipment manuals and operating instructions Write material according to set standards regarding clarity, style, and terminology Incorporate drawings, specifications, and mockups to illustrate technology, operating procedure, sequence, and detail	Knowledge of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar Knowledge of techniques for media production, communication, and dissemination Skill in communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience
Broadcast Journalist	AE	Report and write news stories for broadcast, describing the background and details of events Conduct taped or filmed interviews Investigate breaking news such as disasters or crimes, and human interest stories	Knowledge of media production, communication, and dissemination techniques and methods Ability to verbally communicate information and ideas so others will understand
Graphic Designer	ARI	Design or create graphics to meet specific needs, such as packaging, logos, or Web sites Create designs based on knowledge of layout principles and aesthetic design concepts	Knowledge of techniques for media production, communication, and dissemination Knowledge of methods for showing, promoting, and selling products or services
Photographer	ARE	Photograph persons, subjects, and merchandise or other commercial products Photograph subjects or newsworthy events using a variety of photographic equipment	Skill in estimating or measuring light level and distance Ability to quickly and repeatedly adjust the controls of a machine to exact positions Skill in focusing cameras and adjusting settings based on lighting, subject material, distance, and film speed

YOUR TOP STRONG OCCUPATIONS (continued)

OCCUPATION	THEME CODE	TYPICAL WORK TASKS	SELECTED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES		
Reporter	A	 Write stories for newspaper, news magazine, radio, or television Collect and analyze facts gathered via interview, investigation, or observation Conduct taped or filmed interviews 	 Skill in communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience Knowledge of techniques for media production, communication, and dissemination Ability to give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to ask questions 		
Chef ERA		Supervise and coordinate activities of cooks and workers engaged in food preparation Plan and price menu items, order supplies, and keep records Check the quality of received products	Ability to prepare nutritious and appetizing meals Knowledge of business principles, including resource allocation, human resource management, production methods, and coordination of people and resources Knowledge of personnel recruitment, selection, training, benefits, and labor relations		
Attorney	A	Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings Draw up legal documents and manage cases Advise clients on legal or business transactions	Knowledge of laws, court procedures, and government regulations Ability to use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternatives Skill in persuading others to change their minds or behavior		
Editor	Al	Assign topics, events, and stories to individual writers or reporters Develop story or content ideas, considering reader or audience appeal Plan the contents of publications	Knowledge of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar Knowledge of techniques for media production, communication, and dissemination Skill in communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience		
Translator	A	Translate or interpret written or oral language into another language for others Read written material and rewrite to specified language, according to established rules of grammar	Knowledge of the structure and content of a foreign language, including the meaning and spelling of words, grammar, and pronunciation Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, grammar, and pronunciation Skill in giving full attention to what other people are saying		

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Highlight words or phrases that appeal to you in the Typical Work Tasks column of the chart above. Can you fit these highlighted words or phrases together to design your own unique job?
- 2. Refer to the last column to determine what knowledge, skills, and abilities you already possess or may need to acquire for any of the occupations that interest you.
- 3. Visit the O*NET™ database online at http://online.onetcenter.org to learn more about your top occupations or to expand your list.

YOUR PERSONAL STYLE

Your personal style in five areas is indicated in the chart below, suggesting your unique way of approaching work and learning.

YOUR PERSONAL STYLE SCALE PREFERENCES

PERSONAL STYLE SCALE	YOUR SCORE SUGGESTS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A JOB WHERE
Work Style	 You work with ideas, data, things, and people You balance your time between working with colleagues and working alone You have a mix of writing reports, analyzing data, and interacting with others
Learning Environment	 You can learn lots of new ideas You can learn from reading and lectures You can apply your learning to abstract problems
Leadership Style	 You can assume leadership when necessary You can take charge of some projects but not others You can voice your opinion or not, depending on the circumstances
Risk Taking	 You don't have to take financial or social risks You can make decisions carefully You can feel secure in your job
Team Orientation	 You can work both independently and on a team You can make decisions on your own and by consensus You have a balance between group and individual responsibility and accomplishment

ACTION STEPS

Consider your personal style in the five areas listed above. Highlight the phrases you agree with. Cross out those you don't agree with. How do your highlighted phrases relate to the Theme codes that appear elsewhere in your report? What implications do your results have for

- Working with others or alone? (Work Style, Leadership Style, Team Orientation)
- Your approach to learning? (Learning Environment)
- The way you go about your career search? (Risk Taking)

INTERPRETIVE REPORT SUMMARY

You have seen throughout your report that your General Occupational Themes, Basic Interests, and Occupations are all related to six personal/occupational categories: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional. The following chart summarizes your personal information from these categories and suggests how each section of your *Strong* report might be represented in your life.

SNAPSHOT OF RESULTS

YOUR HIGHEST THEMES	PERSONAL AND WORK ENVIRONMENT DESCRIPTORS				
• Artistic	 Creative, flexible, self-expressive 				
• Investigative	 Analytical, independent, research oriented 				
• Social	Helpful, collaborative, cooperative				
SPECIFIC INTERESTS FOR WORK, LEISURE, AND LEAR	NING				
Writing articles and stories	Attending concerts and plays				
Television announcing	Photography				
Literature	 Designing public relations materials 				
Acting in a play	 Designing architectural structures 				
Teaching music or drama					
• Librarian	• Reporter				
Technical Writer	• Chef				
Broadcast Journalist	Attorney				
Graphic Designer	• Editor				
Photographer	Translator				
HOW YOU LIKE TO WORK AND LEARN					
Balance between working with colleagues and	 Playing it safe and making decisions carefully 				
working alone	A combination of group and individual responsibility				
• Learning new ideas to apply to abstract problems	and accomplishment				
Taking charge of some projects but not others					

NEXT STEPS

As is true for many people, your General Occupational Themes, Basic Interests, and Occupations have some characteristics in common, but they do not all reflect the same Themes. This may mean that you have a variety of interests in work, leisure activities, and school subjects. Use any of the Themes in your report in your exploration. Some of your diverse interests may be expressed in a job that provides a lot of variety, or they may be reflected in a balance in your life between work and leisure activities.

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Using the summary chart on the preceding page or any of the descriptors you highlighted in this report or on your Strong Profile, create a master list of all descriptors that either describe you or appeal to you. Take this list with you to any informational or job interviews you attend. During the interview, ask questions to determine whether there are opportunities to express these interests or engage in these activities and try to determine whether there is a good fit between your interests and the job you are considering. For example, if you highlighted Creative, flexible, self-expressive, ask about opportunities to express this interest.
- 2. Your *Strong* results can also help you during your career exploration. Your Artistic Theme score suggests that the career planning process may at times seem too goal directed and structured, requiring you to be more practical than you like to be. To keep yourself motivated:
 - Try some creative ways to research occupations—collect pictures from magazines and create a collage of work-related activities that interest you or write down some of your career fantasies and talk them over with a friend
 - Check out occupational videotapes from the library
 - Visit some classes before you enroll in a career-related educational program to make sure the training is interesting and fits your learning style
 - Ask a close friend to keep you on target with your decision making so you don't go off in too many directions at once

THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES WILL BE HELPFUL

- Where Do I Go Next? Using Your Strong Results to Manage Your Career. This booklet can help you better
 understand the meaning of your Strong results and provides worksheets to help you in your career
 exploration.
- The O*NET™ database (www.onetcenter.org) for career information. For additional information about tasks, knowledge, skills, and abilities, and for other information about specific occupations, click on the link O*NET™ Online.
- Dictionary of Holland Occupational Codes. This guide can help you find additional occupations related to each Theme.
- CPP, Inc., at www.cpp.com. Visit the CPP Web site for resources on the *Strong* and on career exploration.
- Expand your self-knowledge by taking the MBTI[®] and/or FIRO-B[®] instrument or the Career Beliefs Inventory.
 See your career professional.
- Books and Web links suggested by your career professional.



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LEVELS OF SKILLS CONFIDENCE BY THEME

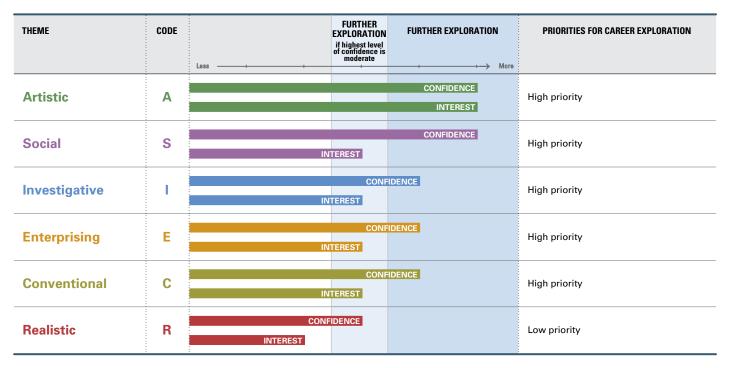
Your *Skills Confidence Inventory* results describe how you perceive your own capabilities in performing activities related to the same six broad areas represented by the General Occupational Themes. Keep in mind that these results may not reflect your actual abilities; the results reflect how you rate yourself. Your own rating may influence what kinds of activities you try or avoid and may determine what occupations or educational programs you consider as possibilities for exploration.

Your confidence in each of the six areas is shown below in rank order. Your Skills Confidence Theme code summarizes the areas in which you feel most confident performing particular activities. Your Skills Confidence Theme code is ASI.

THEME	CODE	CONFIDENCE SCORE & LEVEL				SCORE	TYPICAL SKILL AREAS		
THEIVIE	CODE	1	2	3	4	1	5	(1–5)	TITIOAL SKILL ANLAS
Artistic	Α				VE	RY HIGH		4.6	Creative expression, music, design
Social	S				VERY	HIGH		4.4	Education, counseling, social service
Investigative	1				ŀ	IIGH		4.3	Research, math, science
Enterprising	Е				HIGH			3.7	Sales, speaking, management
Conventional	С				HIGH			3.7	Finance, computers, organization
Realistic	R			MODERATE	1			3.1	Outdoor work, construction, repair

COMPARISON OF LEVELS OF SKILLS CONFIDENCE AND INTEREST

The chart below compares your skills confidence levels with your interest levels as measured by the *Strong*. Your Skills Confidence Theme code is ASI. Your *Strong* Theme code is AIS. Use this comparison to help you select Themes you'd like to explore further to find satisfying career, educational, and leisure options. Also, refer to Understanding Your Results on the *Skills Confidence Inventory*, available from your career professional, for more information.



Total responses out of 60: 60

