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About Your Report

Your Myers-Briggs® Interpretive Report for Organizations is designed to help you understand your results on the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*® (MBTI®) assessment and how you can use them to optimize success at work.

The MBTI assessment provides a useful method for understanding people by identifying 16 Myers-Briggs personality types. The personality types arise from the four pairs of opposite preferences shown below. Each preference is indicated by a letter.

EXTRAVERSION (e)	or	i INTROVERSION	Opposite ways to direct and receive energy
SENSING S	or	n INTUITION	Opposite ways to take in information
THINKING t	or	f FEELING	Opposite ways to decide and come to conclusions
JUDGING j	or	PPERCEIVING	Opposite ways to approach the outside world

Although each of us can and does use all of the preferences at least some of the time, people typically find one in each pair more comfortable and natural than its opposite. Your four preferences—your choice from each pair of opposites—make up your four-letter Myers-Briggs type.

The MBTI assessment was developed by Isabel Briggs Myers and her mother, Katharine Cook Briggs, based on the personality type theory proposed by psychologist Carl Jung. As you explore your Myers-Briggs personality type, remember that the MBTI assessment

- Describes rather than prescribes; it is used to open possibilities, not limit options
- Identifies natural preferences, not skills, abilities, or competencies
- Assumes that all preferences are equally important and valuable, and are used by every person
- Is research based and well documented with thousands of scientific studies
- Is supported by ongoing research

HOW YOUR REPORT IS ORGANIZED

- Your Myers-Briggs® Personality Type
- Your Snapshot
- Your Work Style
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- Your Communication Style
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Your Myers-Briggs® Personality Type

Your answers to the questions on the MBTI assessment show which preference in each of the four pairs of opposites you prefer.

Your reported Myers-Briggs personality type

ENFP

Your preferences

Extraversion | Intuition | Feeling | Perceiving

Think of your choices as something like being right- or left-handed. Both hands are valuable and useful, but most people use their favored hand more often and become more adept with it. In the same way, your type preferences are choices between equally valuable and useful qualities. Your ENFP results are described below.

THE WAY YOU DIRECT AND RECEIVE ENERGY

Extraversion

People who prefer Extraversion tend to direct their energy toward the outside world and get energized by interacting with people and taking action.





Introversion

People who prefer Introversion tend to direct their energy toward their inner world and get energized by reflecting on their ideas and experiences.

THE WAY YOU TAKE IN INFORMATION

Sensing

People who prefer Sensing tend to take in information that is real and tangible. They focus mainly on what they perceive using the five senses.





Intuition

People who prefer Intuition tend to take in information by seeing the big picture. They focus mainly on the patterns and interrelationships they perceive.

THE WAY YOU DECIDE AND COME TO CONCLUSIONS

Thinking

People who prefer Thinking typically base their decisions and conclusions on logic, with accuracy and objective truth the primary goals.





Feeling

People who prefer Feeling typically base their decisions and conclusions on personal and social values, with understanding and harmony the primary goals.

THE WAY YOU APPROACH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

Judging

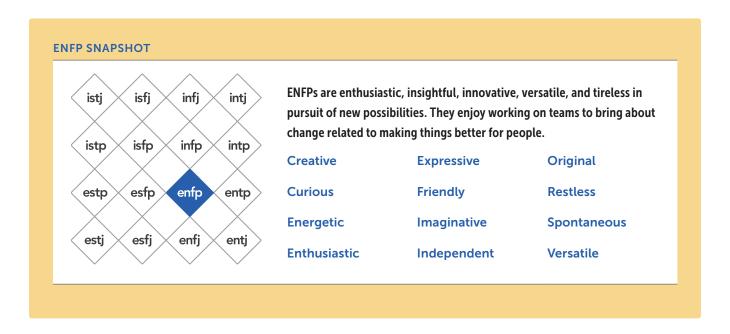
People who prefer Judging typically come to conclusions quickly and want to move on, and take an organized, planned approach to the world.





Perceiving

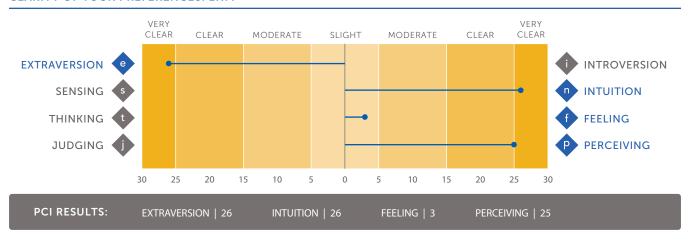
People who prefer Perceiving typically look for more information before coming to conclusions and take a spontaneous, flexible approach to the world.



Some of these descriptors may not fit you because you are a unique person. Although most ENFPs have personality attributes in common, there are still plenty of individual differences among people who share the same four-letter type.

Your MBTI responses also provide a picture of how clearly or consistently you chose your preference in each pair of opposites. This *preference clarity index* (pci) is indicated in the graph below. A longer line suggests that you are quite sure about a preference; a shorter line means that you are less sure about whether that preference truly describes you. Your preference clarity does not indicate how well developed your preferences are or how well you use them.

CLARITY OF YOUR PREFERENCES: ENFP



Because a variety of influences, such as work responsibilities, family demands, and any number of other pressures, may have affected the way you answered the MBTI questions, the results you received may not entirely fit you. If that is the case, work with your Myers-Briggs practitioner, who can assist you in finding the type that fits you best.



You'll do best and be most satisfied if you're able to work mostly in a style that suits your natural preferences. If you're forced to work outside your natural style for long periods, you'll likely find yourself more fatigued and less productive as a result.

YOUR WORK STYLE: ENFP

What You Contribute at Work — You are likely to

See the need for change and initiate it

Focus on possibilities, especially for people

Energize and persuade others through your enthusiasm

Bring creativity and imagination to projects and actions

Appreciate and acknowledge others

How You Lead — When leading others, you make an impact by

Sharing your energy and enthusiasm

Taking charge of the start-up phase

Communicating readily, possibly becoming a spokesperson for worthy causes

Making an effort to include and support people while allowing for autonomy

Focusing on what motivates people and encouraging them to act

Your Ideal Workplace — You thrive in work settings that

Include imaginative people focused on possibilities

Allow for sociability and flair

Foster participation with different kinds of people and perspectives

Offer variety and challenge

Encourage sharing ideas

Are flexible, casual, and unconstrained

Mix in fun and enjoyment

How You Like to Learn — Learning works best for you when it is

Active, experiential, and imaginative

Interesting, whether or not it has practical applications

Potential Pitfalls — Take note when you find yourself

Wanting to move on to new ideas or projects without finishing what you've started

Overlooking relevant facts and details

Overextending yourself and trying to do too much

Procrastinating while searching for the best possible answer

Success Boosters — You may find it helpful to

Set priorities based on what is most important and then follow through

Pay attention to key details and then stay focused on them

Screen tasks and say no rather than try to do them all, no matter how appealing they may sound

Use project and time management skills to meet goals

Remember that the MBTI assessment identifies preferences, not skills or abilities. You may find that you are adept at a number of things that are outside your preferences.

There are no "good" or "bad" preferences or "good" or "bad" personality types for any role in an organization. Each person has something to offer and learn that enhances his or her contribution.

YOUR PREFERENCES AT WORK: ENFP

EXTRAVERSION — You are likely to

Enjoy participating actively in a variety of tasks

Become impatient with long, slow jobs

Be interested in the activities involved in your work and in seeing how other people do them

Act quickly, sometimes without thinking

Welcome disruptions when working on a task

Develop ideas by discussing them with others

Want to have people around and work on teams

INTUITION — You are likely to

Enjoy solving new, complex problems

Enjoy the challenge of learning something new

Seldom ignore insights but tend to overlook facts

Prefer to do things you view as innovative

Present an overview of your work first

Prefer change, sometimes radical, to continuing with things the way they are

Work in bursts of energy, following your inspirations

FEELING — You are likely to

Use values to reach conclusions

Work best in harmony with others, concentrating on the people

Enjoy meeting people's needs, even in small matters

Let decisions be influenced by your own or others' likes and dislikes

Be sympathetic and avoid telling people unpleasant things

Look at the underlying values in the situation

Want appreciation throughout the process of working on a task

PERCEIVING — You are likely to

Want flexibility in your work

Enjoy starting tasks and leaving them open for last-minute changes

Want to include as much as possible, deferring needed tasks as long as you can

Prefer to stay open to experiences, not wanting to miss anything

Postpone decisions so you can continue to search for options

Adapt well to change and feel restricted by too much structure

Use lists to remind yourself of possible things to do

Understanding and adapting to differences in communication style can enhance your interactions with managers, co-workers, employees, and customers.

YOUR COMMUNICATION STYLE: ENFP

EXTRAVERSION — You tend to

Communicate with energy and enthusiasm

Respond quickly without long pauses to think

Converse about people, things, and ideas in the outside world

Sometimes need to moderate your delivery

Seek opportunities to communicate with groups

Like at least some communication to be face-to-face

In meetings, like talking out loud to build your ideas

INTUITION — You tend to

Like global schemes, with broad issues presented first

Want to consider future possibilities and challenges

Use insights and imagination as information and anecdotes

Rely on a roundabout approach in conversations

Like suggestions to be new and unusual

Refer to general concepts

In meetings, use the agenda as a starting point

FEELING — You tend to

Prefer to be personable and in agreement

Want to know an alternative's impact on people and values

Be appreciative and accepting of others

Be convinced by personal authenticity

Present points of agreement first

Consider logic and objectivity as secondary data

In meetings, seek involvement with people first

PERCEIVING — You tend to

Be willing to discuss timetables but resist tight deadlines and unchangeable schedules

Enjoy surprises and adapt to last-minute changes

Expect others to respond to situational requirements

Present your views as tentative and modifiable

Want to hear about options and opportunities

Focus on autonomy and flexibility

In meetings, pay attention to how things are proceeding

When faced with an issue, you'll have greatest success if you use all four of the mental processes. Often people with your type use this order to work things out.

1 INTUITION

Explore creative possibilities for growth

2 FEELING

Align with your values

3 THINKING

Apply logic dispassionately

4 SENSING

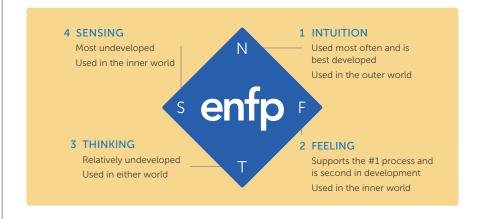
Consider the relevant facts and details

Your Unique Preference Pattern: ENFP

The two middle letters of your Myers-Briggs personality type show the two mental processes that make your type unique.

Taking In Information Coming to Conclusions THINKING to or f FEELING

Your two middle letters are N (Intuition) and F (Feeling). As an ENFP, you devote most of your energy to Intuition and support your Intuition with Feeling. Thinking (T) is less attractive to your type, and therefore you are less likely to use it. Least preferred and least used of all is Sensing (S). ENFPs tend to develop Intuition and Feeling during the first half of life, and at midlife they begin to find Thinking and Sensing more interesting and easier to use.



Intuition is your favorite process, the one you use most frequently. It enables you to leverage your strengths in

Recognizing new possibilities

Coming up with new solutions to problems

Delighting in focusing on the future

Watching for additional ideas

Eagerly starting something new

If you're stressed, you may

Become overwhelmed with ideas and possibilities, all equally enticing

Obsess over unimportant details

Become so preoccupied with one irrelevant fact that it becomes your whole focus

Overindulge the senses—with excessive eating, drinking, exercising, or watching

TV, for example—to avoid facing reality

To improve your decisions and problem solving even more, consider the remaining preferences at each step along the way.

Use **INTROVERSION** to reflect on the situation and choices

Use **EXTRAVERSION** to discuss things before moving on

Use **PERCEIVING** to keep discussions and options open and avoid cutting things off prematurely

Use **JUDGING** to draw conclusions and determine the deadline and schedule

Your Problem-Solving Approach: ENFP

When you are solving problems, a better solution is likely to result if you use all four mental processes—Sensing, Intuition, Thinking, and Feeling. This may seem straightforward, but it can be hard to do because people tend to rely on their favorite and most used processes and skip those parts of problem solving that require use of their third and fourth processes. The chart below, as well as the tips on the left, will help guide you in this approach.

1 INTUITION — You are most likely to start with Intuition by asking

What can I interpret from the facts?

What insights and hunches come to mind about this situation?

What would the possibilities be if there were no restrictions?

What other directions/fields can I explore?

What is the problem similar to?

2 FEELING — You may then proceed to Feeling and ask

How will the outcome affect the people, process, and organization?

What do I like and dislike about each alternative?

How will others react and respond to the options?

What are the underlying values involved for each choice?

Who is committed to carrying out the solution?

3 THINKING — You are not as likely to ask questions related to Thinking, such as

What are the pros and cons of all the alternatives?

What are the logical consequences of the options?

What are the objective criteria that need to be met?

What are the costs of each choice?

What is the most reasonable course of action?

4 SENSING — You are least likely to ask questions related to Sensing, such as

How did this problem occur?

What are the verifiable facts?

What exactly is the situation now?

What has been done and by whom?

What already exists and works?

Even though you can flex when needed, you'll contribute most when using your natural preferences and drawing on your strengths.

Next Steps

Working with your Myers-Briggs practitioner or on your own, consider ways you can build on your strengths at work.

- Identify your top strengths and consider how you've used them to achieve a result you're proud of. Are there ways you can leverage those strengths in other areas or situations?
- Next, identify up to three opportunities to boost your effectiveness by expanding your style. You may want to consider ways to flex your work style to accomplish a set objective. Think of a colleague whom you like and respect who clearly demonstrates a preference that differs from yours. What can you learn from your colleague that might help you adjust your style? Are there opportunities to use a different communication style to improve your effectiveness?

Although people of any type can successfully perform any role in an organization, individuals tend to gravitate toward jobs that fit their preferred work, learning, and communication styles. Even though people can learn to flex their type when needed as part of everyday functioning, all of us contribute more effectively when using our natural styles and drawing on our strengths.

