

How Entrepreneurial are YOU?

This entrepreneurial self-evaluation activity will help you gain a greater self-understanding as you determine if you have the traits found in successful entrepreneurs. Read each question and circle the letter of the sentence that describes you the best.

1. Are you self-motivated?

If someone gets me started on something, I can keep going and get the job done.

- b.** I like to do things my own way and come up with my own ideas about how to accomplish things.
- c.** I prefer not to overdo it. I really don't like putting myself out unless it is really necessary.

2. Are you a leader?

- a.** I usually let people lead themselves.
- b.** I can get people to do things but it's pretty difficult.
- c.** Most people go along with my ideas without too much difficulty.

3. How organized are you?

- a.** I like to make plans before I start something, and I stick to my plan until it's done.
- b.** I just take things as they come. I don't like to stifle my possibilities with too many plans.
- c.** If things don't go according to my plan, I take this as a sign..."it wasn't meant to be."

4. How do you feel about people?

- a.** Most people drive me crazy.
- b.** I have enough friends. I make new ones only when necessary.
- c.** I really enjoy people and get along with them very well.

5. Are you a good worker?

- a.** I can work hard and push through until the goal is accomplished. I don't mind working hard.
- b.** I will work hard if I know it will pay off right away.
- c.** I prefer not to overdo it. I am very creative about coming up with ways to avoid hard work.

6. Can you make decisions?

- a.** I want time to make up my mind. I like to check things out with my friends first.
- b.** I like to make my own decisions good or bad, I am willing to put up with the consequences.
- c.** I would rather have others make the decisions. What if I make a mistake?

7. Can people trust you?

- a. I try to avoid hurting people's feelings and say what I think they want to hear.
- b. I tend to say things in a straightforward way, even if other people may not agree with me.
- c. I really don't care if people trust me. I do and say what I want.

8. Can you "stick" with something?

- a. I usually finish what I start.
- b. If something goes wrong or I find it too difficult, I don't fight it.
- c. If I set a goal and make up my mind to do something, nothing stops me.

9. Do you take responsibility?

- a. I like to take charge and see things through.
- b. I'll take over if I have to but I prefer to let someone else be responsible
- c. There's always a bossy person around. Let them do it.

10. Are records important to you?

- a. I understand the importance of records but they stifle my creativity.
- b. Records are critical to help me measure my success.
- c. I keep records in my head and I can figure it out as I go.

==> Your total score:

(100-86) You have very strong entrepreneurial characteristics. Take the advice of Debbi Fields and find out what you love to do and become the best at it. You have what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur.

(85-71) If you truly have a desire to be an entrepreneur and you scored in this range, determine your weaknesses and overcome them. Remember, learning to do something well builds confidence.

(70-50) You may want to consider working in a position where you are more secure and comfortable. The risks and commitment level required of an entrepreneur may be difficult for you at this time. If you want to become more entrepreneurial, set some goals and go after them.

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