

# What Do I Like?

Likes and dislikes are extremely important in career planning. Knowing what you like to do (and what you don't) will help you to narrow the field of occupational choices. The statements below will help you answer the question, "What do I like the best?"

## 1. Check the box of each phrase that describes you.

- 1. I'd rather make something than read a book.
- 2. I enjoy problem-solving games and working at puzzles.
- 3. I like helping other people when they need it.
- 4. I enjoy learning about new topics by reading about them.
- 5. I like working with my hands.
- 6. I like being the leader in a group of people.
- 7. I prefer to know all the facts before I tackle a problem.
- 8. I like to take care of other people.
- 9. I enjoy designing, inventing, and creating things.
- 10. I enjoy expressing myself through art, music, or writing.
- 11. I would like a job where I could deal with people all day.
- 12. I like working with materials and equipment.
- 13. I enjoy learning new facts and ideas.
- 14. I find cooperating with others comes naturally to me.
- 15. I like finding out how things work by taking them apart.
- 16. I would choose to work with things rather than with people.
- 17. I can usually persuade people to do things my way.
- 18. I enjoy building and repairing things.
- 19. I enjoy the research part of my projects.
- 20. I like interacting with people.
- 21. I enjoy thinking up different ideas and ways to do things.
- 22. I like hearing other people's opinions.
- 23. I enjoy learning how to use different tools.
- 24. I find it easy to follow written instructions.

I like to work with \_\_\_\_\_

These two occupations might be a good match:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. The numbers below reflect your responses in #1. Which letter has the highest number?

A.

B.

C.

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## 3. What does it mean?

The group (A, B or C) with the most circled numbers indicates your area of strongest interest. The group with the second most circled numbers is an area that you find interesting also, but not as much as the first group. Read the description below that corresponds to your area of strongest interest.

### A. I LIKE TO WORK WITH MY HANDS

You enjoy using tools and machines, making objects with your hands, maintaining and fixing equipment, and finding out how things work.

### B. I LIKE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE

You enjoy caring for and helping others, persuading people, working as part of a team, and leading and supervising others.

### C. I LIKE TO WORK WITH INFORMATION

You enjoy expressing yourself through writing, music or art, doing experiments or researching, solving puzzles and problems, and studying and reading.

**4. After you have determined what you like most, type it in the space at the top of this page (I like...). Then take a look at the occupations listed under your strongest area of interest on the next page. Find two occupations that you would like to research and type them in the spaces above.**



## I like to work with my hands

There are many occupations for those who have a knack for using tools and machines, are curious about how things work, and like to build, operate, and maintain equipment. The occupations below require hands-on skill with things.

SOC	Occupation Title
39-2011	Animal Trainers
27-1011	Art Directors
49-3023	Auto Service Techs. & Mechanics
49-3021	Automotive Body Repairers
35-3011	Bartenders
53-5021	Captains of Water Vessels
35-1011	Chefs & Head Cooks
29-1011	Chiropractors
17-3022	Civil Engineering Technicians
47-2061	Construction Laborers
29-1292	Dental Hygienists
29-1021	Dentists
27-1024	Graphic Designers
53-3032	Heavy Truck Drivers
49-9021	HVACR Mechanics
27-1025	Interior Designers
37-3011	Landscaping Workers
17-3027	Mechanical Engineering Techs.
49-9062	Medical Equipment Repairers
25-4013	Museum Technicians
29-2091	Orthotists & Prosthetists
27-4021	Photographers
29-1123	Physical Therapists
47-2181	Roofers
47-2211	Sheet Metal Workers
17-1022	Surveyors
27-3042	Technical Writers
29-1131	Veterinarians
29-2056	Veterinary Technicians
51-4121	Welders

## I like to work with people

There are many occupations in the world of work for people like you who enjoy exercising your people skills such as caring, helping, advising, persuading, and cooperating. The occupations below require people skills.

SOC	Occupation Title
29-9091	Athletic Trainers
39-9011	Childcare Workers
19-3033	Clinical/School Psychologists
33-3012	Correctional Officers & Jailers
43-4051	Customer Service Reps.
29-2042	Emergency Medical Technicians
39-9031	Exercise Trainers/Fitness Inst.
29-1215	Family Medicine Physicians
33-1012	First-Line Supvrs. of Police
11-9171	Funeral Home Managers
11-9111	Health Services Managers
31-1120	Home Health Care Aides
11-3121	Human Resources Managers
21-1018	Mental Health Counselors
21-1023	Mental Health Social Workers
29-1122	Occupational Therapists
43-4151	Order Clerks
29-1071	Physician Assistants
41-9021	Real Estate Brokers
41-9022	Real Estate Sales Agents
39-9032	Recreation Workers
29-1125	Recreational Therapists
29-1141	Registered Nurses
21-1015	Rehabilitation Counselors
41-9031	Sales Engineers
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers
25-3021	Self-Enrichment Teachers
11-3131	Training/Development Managers
41-3041	Travel Agents
35-3031	Waiters/Waitresses

## I like to work with information

Work today requires people who have the ability to find, classify, organize, and explain information in ways that help others understand it. The occupations below require skill with data and information.

SOC	Occupation Title
13-2011	Accountants and Auditors
43-3031	Bookkeeping Clerks
17-2041	Chemical Engineers
19-2031	Chemists
11-1011	Chief Executives
13-1031	Claims Adjusters/Examiners
15-1251	Computer Programmers
15-1232	Computer Support Specialists
19-1031	Conservation Scientists
13-1051	Cost Estimators
27-3092	Court Reporters
15-2051	Data Scientists
33-3021	Detectives
27-3041	Editors
43-4071	File Clerks
33-2021	Fire Inspectors
19-2043	Hydrologists
23-1023	Judges and Magistrates
23-1011	Lawyers
25-4022	Librarians
11-2021	Marketing Managers
29-2072	Medical Records Specialists
31-9094	Medical Transcriptionists
23-2011	Paralegals & Legal Assistants
29-1051	Pharmacists
43-9081	Proofreaders & Copy Markers
13-2020	Property Appraisers
41-9021	Real Estate Brokers
19-4061	Social Science Research Assts.
15-1254	Web Developers