Work Environments



People are happiest and most productive when they work in an environment that suits them. What kind of work environment would make your job a good match?

Below are two lists of work environments. Compare choices A and B on each line and circle the environment in which you would prefer to work. Then, circle a level of importance from 1 – 4 for each line.

For example, if you would only accept a job that is indoors, circle ***Work indoors*** in Column A. And because this is very important to you, circle the 4 on Line 1. If you didn't really care, then you would circle the 1.

Line	A	B	not so important → very important			
1	Work indoors	Work outdoors	1	2	3	4
2	Work with people	Work with information	1	2	3	4
3	Work by myself	Work in groups	1	2	3	4
4	Work in a noisy place	Work in a quiet place	1	2	3	4
5	Wear a uniform	Wear my own clothes	1	2	3	4
6	Work with my hands	Work with information	1	2	3	4
7	Work during the day	Work at night	1	2	3	4
8	Communicate through speaking	Communicate through writing	1	2	3	4
9	Work 12 months/year	Work seasonally	1	2	3	4
10	Work a regular schedule	Change schedules often	1	2	3	4
11	Freedom to make decisions	Take directions from others	1	2	3	4
12	Work in a formal office	Work in an informal office	1	2	3	4
13	Work with humans	Work with animals	1	2	3	4
14	Work under pressure	Work without deadlines	1	2	3	4
15	Responsible for others	Responsible only for yourself	1	2	3	4
16	Work is repetitive	Work varies from day-to-day	1	2	3	4
17	Work while sitting	Work on your feet	1	2	3	4
18	Work in a building	Work in a vehicle	1	2	3	4

Is there a work environment NOT listed above that is very important to you? If yes, what is it?





Can you find any jobs that would meet your ***very important*** (3 or 4) work environment choices? Hint: Look at the occupation's ***Work Context*** on O*NET OnLine: ***www.onetonline.org.***