

Interchange Activities

interchange 1 PERSONALITY TYPES

A Pair work What is your personality type? Take turns using this quiz to interview each other. Then score your answers and find out which category best describes each of you.

Personality Quiz

1. When you work on a big project, do you:
 - a. try to finish it as quickly as possible?
 - b. work at it over a long period of time?
 - c. put off finishing it as long as possible?
2. When you do something, do you:
 - a. try to do a first-class job so people will notice?
 - b. do it as well as you can without worrying too much about it?
 - c. do only what you must to get it done?
3. When faced with a difficult challenge, do you:
 - a. look forward to facing it?
 - b. worry about whether you can deal with it?
 - c. avoid it, if at all possible?
4. Do you think the best way to get the most out of a day is to:
 - a. do as many things as possible?
 - b. take your time to get things done?
 - c. do only those things you really have to?
5. When something needs to be done, do you:
 - a. decide to do it yourself?
 - b. work with others to get it done?
 - c. offer to do it only if no one else will?
6. When something doesn't work out the way you want it to, do you:
 - a. get angry with yourself and others?
 - b. think calmly about what to do?
 - c. give up because it wasn't important anyway?
7. When people take a long time to get something done, do you:
 - a. get impatient and take over?
 - b. gently encourage them to get it done?
 - c. let them take their time?
8. If you compare your goals with your friends' goals, do you:
 - a. set out to do much better than they might?
 - b. hope that you and they can achieve similar things in life?
 - c. not care if they set higher goals for themselves than you do?
9. When people are late for appointments, do you:
 - a. get angry and stressed out?
 - b. remember that you are sometimes late, too?
 - c. not worry, because you are usually late, too?
10. When people are talking to you, do you:
 - a. not listen and think about other things?
 - b. listen and enter into the conversation?
 - c. let them take over and agree with everything they say?
11. When people are expressing their ideas and opinions, do you:
 - a. step in and give your own opinions?
 - b. listen and sometimes share your own ideas?
 - c. listen but not add your own opinions?

Scoring

Count up how many A, B, and C answers your partner has. If there are . . .

- more **A** answers: This person is a superachiever.
- more **B** answers: This person is the cool and steady type.
- more **C** answers: This person is the easygoing or carefree type.

B Group work Compare your scores. Then suggest four basic characteristics of each personality type.

"The superachiever is the kind of person who . . .
He or she can't stand it when . . ."

interchange 2

THE BEST AND THE WORST

A Class activity Go around the class and ask five people about their summer or part-time jobs. What summer or part-time jobs have they had? What were they like? Complete the survey.

Name	Job	Job duties	Good points	Bad points
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2.				
3.				
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A: What jobs have you had?

B: Well, I once had a job on a cruise ship.

A: What did you have to do?

B: I organized activities for the passengers.

A: What did you like about it?

B: Well, working on a cruise ship was terrific. I really enjoyed

A: Were there any bad points?

B: Oh, sure. Every job has its bad points.

I didn't like

B Group work Compare your surveys. Which classmate do you think had the most unusual job? the best job? the worst job?



interchange 3 BORROWERS AND LENDERS

A Look at these items. If you owned these items, which ones would you be willing to lend to a friend? Which ones wouldn't you lend? Check (✓) a response for each item. Make sure you check at least three items you "would rather not lend."



motorcycle

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



surfboard

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



luggage

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



tent

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



beachhouse

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



ice cream maker

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



electric guitar

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



umbrella

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend



leather coat

- wouldn't mind lending
- would rather not lend

B Class activity Go around the class and take turns asking to borrow the things in part A. Say why you need each item. Try to borrow everything. When responding, say if you are willing to lend the item or not. If you won't lend something, give an excuse.

A: Would you mind lending me your beach house for the weekend? I have some friends visiting me.

B: Um, sorry, I can't. I'm having the house painted. OR

B: Sure. Just come over tonight and get the key.

C Class activity Who was able to borrow everything on the list?

interchange 4 A DOUBLE ENDING

Students A and B

A Pair work Read the beginning and end of this story. What do you think happened during the middle part of it? Complete the story.

Ken Passell was born in Columbus, Ohio. He came from a large, working-class family. His father worked in a flour mill, and his mother was a factory worker. When Ken was a child, he was very good with his hands.



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The wedding was held in the biggest church in Los Angeles. Then Ken and Cindy left on their private yacht for a honeymoon cruise to Baja, Mexico. When they return, they will live in their 20-room mansion in Beverly Hills.

B Group work Tell your story to Students C and D and answer any questions they have. Then listen to their story.

interchange 4 A DOUBLE ENDING

Students C and D

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Ken and his wife, Cindy, were arrested last week in London. They had over \$250,000 in cash in a suitcase, and Cindy was wearing over \$100,000 in jewelry. Inspector Quinn said, "This is one of the most bizarre cases I have ever been involved with."

B Group work Listen to Students A and B tell their story. Ask any questions you want. Then tell them your story.

interchange 5 CULTURE CLASH

A Pair work Look at these photos and the information about the United States and Canada. Are the customs the same or different in your country? Give one or two pieces of information about each event in your country.



You're supposed to kiss a friend at midnight on New Year's Eve.



When a child is born, the parents often give cigars to friends.



When you come back from a vacation, you're expected to bring small gifts for your friends.



When a couple has an important anniversary (like the 50th), they sometimes renew their wedding vows.



When a couple gets married, the bride's family usually pays for the reception.



When someone moves into a new home, it's the custom to give a "housewarming" gift.

B Group work Compare your information. Are your group's customs the same or different?

interchange 6 **FIXER-UPPER**
Student A

A Look at this apartment. What's wrong with it? First, make a list of as many problems as you can find with each room.



B Pair work Compare your lists. What are the similarities and differences in the problems between your picture here and your partner's picture? Ask questions to find the differences.

A: What's wrong in the living room?

B: Well, in my picture, the sofa has a hole in it. And the carpet

A: Oh, really. In my picture, the sofa has a hole in it, but the carpet . . . , and the wallpaper

interchange 6 **FIXER-UPPER**

Student B

A Look at this apartment. What's wrong with it? First, make a list of as many problems as you can find with each room.



B Pair work Compare your lists. What are the similarities and differences in the problems between your picture here and your partner's picture? Ask questions to find the differences.

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A: Oh, really. In my picture, the sofa has a hole in it, but the carpet . . . , and the wallpaper

interchange 7 **COMMUNITY PLANNER**

A Group work Imagine you are a member of an environmental protection committee in your local town. You have to decide what to do about the following problems. Talk about each problem and think of solutions for each one.



Many parks and sidewalks are littered with empty soda cans and bottles, especially after the weekend.



Often, cats that end up in shelters have been abused or abandoned.



Many buildings downtown are being ruined by graffiti.

useful expressions

- One thing to do about it is
- Another way to help is
- The best thing to do is
- Why don't we . . . ?



Car-repair shops have a lot of old car tires that need to be gotten rid of.



Buses, trucks, and other large vehicles are causing horrible traffic problems on the highways during commuting hours.

B Class activity Share your group's solutions for each problem.

interchange 8 LEARNING CURVES

A Complete this chart with information about yourself.



two foreign languages I'd like to learn	.....	.....
two musical instruments I'd like to learn to play	.....	.....
two dances I'd like to learn	.....	.....
two types of cuisine I'd like to learn how to cook	.....	.....
two evening courses I'd like to take	.....	.....
two sports I'd like to learn or start playing	.....	.....
two skills that I'd like to improve	.....	.....

B Class activity Take a survey. Ask three classmates to choose between the things you wrote down in part A. Ask for reasons.

	Names		
foreign language
musical instrument
dance
cuisine
evening course
sport
skill

A: Would you rather learn Portuguese or Turkish?
 B: Hmm. I guess I'd rather learn Portuguese.
 A: Why Portuguese?
 B: Well, I visited Portugal last summer. I'd love to go back and be able to speak the language.

C Pair work Compare with a partner. Which of your choices got the most responses? Why?

A Group work Look at these problems that teenagers sometimes have. Think of three more problems that teenagers are often concerned about.

How can you . . . ?



get rid of pimples



save money on clothes



make a good impression on a first date



get better grades in school



make your allowance go further

Three more problems

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B Group work Take turns making suggestions for the problems in the pictures and on your list.

- A: How can you get rid of pimples?
- B: Maybe you could
- C: Or it might be a good idea to
- D: Have you thought about . . . ?

C Class activity Share your group's suggestions for each problem.

interchange 10 HISTORY BUFF

Student A

A Pair work Ask your partner these questions. Put a check (✓) if your partner gives the correct answer. (The correct answers are in bold.)



the 1992 Barcelona Olympics



Michelangelo's David



Marilyn Monroe

Test Your Knowledge

1. Was Julius Caesar emperor of Athens, Rome, or Constantinople?
2. What did Thomas Edison invent in 1879: the television, the telephone, or the lightbulb?
3. In which year did Mexico gain its independence? Was it in 1721, 1821, or 1921?
4. Where were the 1992 Olympics held? Were they in Los Angeles, Barcelona, or Tokyo?
5. When did World War I take place? Was it from 1898 to 1903, or from 1911 to 1915, or from 1914 to 1918?
6. Who sculpted the famous statue of David? Was it Leonardo da Vinci, Auguste Bartholdi, or Michelangelo?
7. What was the name of the first space shuttle launched by the United States?
Was it *Columbia*, *Voyager*, or *Challenger*?
8. When were the first CDs put on the market? Was it in 1963, 1973, or 1983?
9. What was the actress Marilyn Monroe's real name? Was it Norma Jean Baker, Mary Lou Dreyer, or Billy Jean Monkton?
10. Was Cleopatra the queen of Rome, Egypt, or Greece?

B Pair work Answer the questions your partner asks you. Then compare quizzes. Who has more correct answers?

C Class activity Think of three more questions of your own. Can the rest of the class answer them?

interchange 10 HISTORY BUFF
Student B

A Pair work Answer the questions your partner asks you.

B Pair work Ask your partner these questions. Put a check (✓) if your partner gives the correct answer. (The correct answers are in bold.) Then compare quizzes. Who has the most correct answers?


Sally Ride

Volkswagen Bug

Albert Einstein

Test Your Knowledge

- 1. When did the Wright brothers make their first airplane flight? Was it in 1903, 1923, or 1933?
- 2. Who was the first American woman in space? Was it Stella Quinn, **Sally Ride**, or Sylvia Warren?
- 3. When did Walt Disney make his first cartoon movie? Was it in 1920, 1938, or 1947?
- 4. In which century did the composer Mozart live? Was it the seventeenth, **eighteenth**, or nineteenth century?
- 5. Who was the novel *Frankenstein* written by? Was it Jane Austen, John Keats, or **Mary Shelley**?
- 6. Who discovered penicillin? Was it **Alexander Fleming**, Marie Curie, or Albert Einstein?
- 7. When was the first Volkswagen Bug car built? Was it during the 1920s, **the 1930s**, or the 1940s?
- 8. Who used the first magnetic compass? Was it the Americans, **the Chinese**, or the Dutch?
- 9. When did the British return Hong Kong to China? Was it in 1995, 1996, or 1997?
- 10. Was the theory of relativity created by **Albert Einstein**, Charles Darwin, or Isaac Newton?

C Class activity Think of three more questions of your own. Can the rest of the class answer them?

interchange 11 IF ONLY . . .

A Complete this survey with information about yourself. Think of reasons for your answers.

1. If you had been born as a famous person, who would you be?
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2. If you had been born in a different century, what century would you choose?
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3. If you could have chosen your own name, what would it be?
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4. If you had been born in a different country, what country would you choose?
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5. If you could change one thing about your appearance, what would you change?
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6. If you had been born as a famous musician, who would you like to be?
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7. If you were an animal, what animal would you choose to be?
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8. If you had had the chance to be in a movie, what movie would you have been in?
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B Class activity Go around the class and compare your surveys. Ask follow-up questions of your own.

- A: If you had been born as a famous person, who would you be?
 B: I'd be Whoopi Goldberg.
 A: Really? Why?
 B: Because she's really funny. She always makes me laugh.

