

Establishing your Preferred Thinking Representational system

This exercise is to help identify how you think using the NLP Representational system. For each group there are 4 statements. These are to be numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, in the order of preferences of:

- 4. Best Describes You**
- 3. Next Best Description**
- 2. A little less like you**
- 1. Least Like You**

Each group has no duplicates, only the numbers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, as per the example below:

EXAMPLE: When you first meet a person you	A	B	C	D
Observe what they look like	<u>-4-</u>			
Listen to the sound of their voice		<u>-1-</u>		
Check out how you feel about them			<u>-2-</u>	
Figure out their age				<u>-3-</u>

If you have trouble deciding between two phrases, go with the first thought that comes to mind.

Start allocating number 1, 2, 3, and 4 to each group.

1. When vacationing at the beach, the first thing that makes me glad to be there is:	A	B	C	D
The scenery, the bright sun, and the blue water.	_____			
The roar of the waves, the whistling wind or the sound of birds in the distance.		_____		
The feel of the cool sand, the warm sun or the fresh breeze on my face.			_____	
This is the type of vacation that makes sense or the cost is reasonable.				_____

2. When overwhelmed, I find it helps if:	A	B	C	D
I can see the big picture.	_____			
I can hear what's going on.		_____		
I can get in touch with what is happening.			_____	
I make sense of things in my head.				_____

3. When given an assignment at work, it is easier to carry out if:	A	B	C	D
I can picture what is required.	_____			
I have tuned into what's required.		_____		
I have a feeling for what is required.			_____	
I have an understanding of what is required.				_____

4. I find it easier to follow a presentation if:	A	B	C	D
There is a visual display so that I can visualize the concepts.	_____			
The presenter speaks clearly with varying tonality or sound to emphasize msg.		_____		
I feel in touch with the presenter and the material is within my grasp.			_____	
The presentation is based on facts and figures and is logically presented.				_____

5. When buying a car, I make my decision on:	A	B	C	D
The colour, styling or how I would look in it.	_____			
The sound of the engine or stereo system or how quiet it rides.		_____		
How comfortable the seats are or the feeling I get when I test drive it.			_____	
The purchase price, petrol mileage, safety features, etc.				_____

6. I communicate my thoughts through:	A	B	C	D
My appearance.	_____			
My tone of my voice.		_____		
My feelings.			_____	
My words				_____

7. When I am anxious, the first thing that happens is:	A	B	C	D
Things begin to look different.	_____			
Things begin to sound different.		_____		
Things begin to feel different.			_____	
Things begin to not make sense.				_____

8. During a discussion, I am most often influenced by:	A	B	C	D
Seeing the other person's body language or picture the other person's point of view.	_____			
The other person's tone of voice.		_____		
The energy I feel from the other person.			_____	
The other person's logic				_____

9. I assess how well I am doing at work based on:	A	B	C	D
How I see myself making progress.	_____			
How things sound.		_____		
How satisfied I feel.			_____	
My understanding of what needs to be done.				_____

10. One of my strengths is my ability to:	A	B	C	D
See what needs to be done.	_____			
Hear what sounds right.		_____		
Get in touch with my feelings.			_____	
Make sense of new facts and data.				_____

11. I enjoy:	A	B	C	D
Choosing clothes that look good.	_____			
Choosing a piece of music to listen to.		_____		
Choosing clothes that are comfortable.			_____	
Making a logical, compelling point.				_____

12. If you agree with someone, you are more likely to say:	A	B	C	D
That looks right.	_____			
That sounds right.		_____		
That feels right.			_____	
That makes sense.				_____

Next, add up each of the columns and put the total into the table below for each column:

Total Each Column	Column A- Visual =	Column B- Auditory =	Column C- Kinesthetic =	Column D- Digital =
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