



INTELLECTION®

PEOPLE EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED IN THE INTELLECTION THEME ARE CHARACTERIZED BY THEIR INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITY. THEY ARE INTROSPECTIVE AND APPRECIATE INTELLECTUAL DISCUSSIONS.

People with strong Intellection talents like to think. They like mental activity. They like to exercise the “muscles” of their brain, stretching them in multiple directions. This need for mental activity may be focused; for example, they may be trying to solve a problem, develop an idea, or understand another person’s feelings. The exact focus will depend on their other strengths. The theme of Intellection does not dictate what they are thinking about; it simply describes that they like to think. They like to let their thoughts go in many directions. People with strong Intellection talents are introspective. This introspection gives them time to reflect and ponder. Wherever it leads them, their mental hum is a constant in their lives.

ITS POWER AND EDGE

The particular genius of people with especially strong Intellection talents stems from the processing that occurs when they think. When they have time to ponder and process, wisdom and clarity result. They can serve as a sounding board that helps others “stretch” to discover new ways to solve problems or enhance the quality of their work.

IF INTELLECTION IS A DOMINANT THEME FOR YOU:

Think deep and think often.

- Set aside a few minutes every day just to collect your thoughts. Your thinking will be sharper and more effective.
- Always take time to consider big projects before the action begins. Your timely insights will allow the project to move forward intelligently and without backtracking.
- Identify peers with whom you can have intellectual conversations on a frequent basis. The enjoyable exchange will stimulate your thinking and that of others.
- List your ideas in a log or a diary. These ideas will serve as grist for your mental mill, and might yield valuable insights.
- Take time to write. Writing might be the best way to crystallize and integrate your thoughts.
- Explain to others why you need time for introspection. Although it might seem to others that you are slow to act, introspection allows you to refine your ideas; thus, for you it is productive behavior.

IF INTELLECTION IS A LESSER THEME FOR YOU:

Think about how you process information and make decisions. Even if you lack the intensity of the Intellection theme, you no doubt think — even think deeply — about the things that are important to you or that interest you.

- It could be that you think better when you are talking with others. If you need a special level of clarity or depth of thought on a particular subject, invite others to help you discuss and analyze the topic.
- When you formulate an idea or plan, before you implement it, have a conversation with trusted friends and colleagues who help you challenge your perspective and explore new ideas. They can be a sounding board to test your ideas.
- Help others understand that you might be more willing to rely on intuition or to make decisions based on limited processing time. Build complementary partnerships that help you evaluate your decisions before implementing them.