

Maximize your IndigoPathway Results Guide

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This guides provides information on each section of your IndigoPathway results. Results can evolve over time, and it's important to meet yourself where you are now. Indigo believes that everyone was born with a specific set of strengths, interests and dispositions for a purpose. We hope IndigoPathway supports you in making that purpose real in the world.

See and appreciate yourself for who you are.



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Powerful Conversations

Top 5 things you can do with the **IndigoPathway quiz results and a friend or significant other**:

We highly recommend you both take IndigoPathway and share results.

- 1. **Strengths Validation:** Read through "Strengths and About You" sections on the Results Summary Page. Share specific experiences you've had with each other where you saw pracitical application of that strength. Be as specific and validating as possible. Ask each other, "When do you feel like you are able to best shine?" "How does it feel when you are using your strengths?" "How can I support you in having more opportunities grow in strength areas?"
- 2. **Custom Advice Section:** Read through the "Custom Advice" section at the bottom of the summary results page with each other and talk about it. Feel free to modify or reframe statements you don't agree with.
- 3. **Communication Tips:** Read through the "Communication Tips" section on the results. Each person picks a few that are MOST important to them. Talk about ways in which you can alter your current communication patterns to honor their specific communication needs. Use pages 18-20 to see all communication tips.
- 4. **Motivators:** Identify each persons top two Motivators. Talk about what these mean to you specifically, and how this might be different or similar to your own Motivators. Use the reference guide from the report or this packet to identify ways in which you are currently supporting each other's Motivators and where you can explore additional opportunities for activities Motivators can be maximized.
- 5. **Questions:** Reach each other's personalized questions. Each person picks a question they want to know most about the other. Ask and discuss with each other. You might be surprised by some of the answers!
- 6. **Career Matches:** Look through the "Career Matches" section of the results. What pathways look most interesting to you? Which options are brand new that they've never heard of before? Check out the Industry Insider Info pages and some of the education pathways. Strategize ways in which you can both explore some of the interesting and new ideas to see if they might be worth considering.

Motivators

Motivators are what drive us, like the fuel to an engine in a car. Understanding your own Motivators helps you understand yourself more clearly; understanding someone else's Motivators helps explain why they do the things they do.

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The 6 IndigoPathway Motivators

Motivators are listed in order from most important to least important on the Motivators results page.

Focusing Your Analysis

Focus on the top two Motivators. These are typically the biggest driving forces behind the choices an individual makes. The third and fourth may be worth noting if the intensity is strong (above 60%).

The lowest Motivator may also be important for understanding what could be a turn off or disengaging for a person.

Note: People who have opposite top and bottom motivators can have hidden conflicts because their orientation toward what is important is sometimes conflicting.

Ideal Career Environment

It's important to find activities and careers that align with your top two Motivators for engagment and fulfilment. See more on page 8 of this guide.

Theoretical

Driver: Learning for the sake of knowledge.

Ideal Environment: Intellectual challenge about a subject that matters to you.

Tips: Find out what you love to learn about and find ways to tailor your career or further education around that passion or talent.

Individualistic

Driver: Independence, rank, recognition, freedom or power.

Ideal Environment: Autonomy in work style, chances for recognition.

Tips: Find something to lead, look for an opportunity to perform, and make sure you have room to do things your own way.

Social

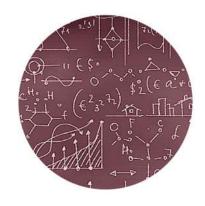
Driver: Helping others or solving society's problems.

Ideal Environment: Make sure there is a clear connection between your work and its impact.

Tips: Identify what causes you care about, and see if you can do things in your career path that intersects with them.







Aesthetic

Driver: Form, balance, harmony, and beauty.

Ideal Environment: Workplaces that match your personal definition of balance and creativity.

Tips: Avoid environments make you feel "off" and make time to explore your artistic or aesthetic passions.

Utilitarian

Driver: Return on investment of time, money, or energy.

Ideal Environment: Situations where the result you get are rewarded in relation to your efforts.

Tips: Find a job with a clear path to a larger salary or other reward that motivates you.

Traditional

Driver: A set of principles or core values.

Ideal Environment: Places where your work is tied to preserving and promoting your values.

Tips: Match your values to your chosen career, and learn how to positively express your traditions to others.







Motivator Reference Guide: College & Career

Motivators	Ideal Career Environments	Major/Career Ideas	
Theoretical Walue learning and knowledge	 Jobs with research opportunities Broad or intellectually intensive subject matter. Jobs that are intellectually challenging and push you to think at a deeper level or learn new things. 	Science, R&D, Astronomy, Engineering, Law, IT, Education, Mathematics, Economics, Philosophy, Journalist, Medicine, Aerospace, Think Tanks, Engineering, Pre-med, Pre-law, Neuroscience / Psychology, Economics, STEM, Masters or PhD Programs, Anthropology, Political Science	
Utilitarian Value practical accomplishments	 Jobs with a high starting salary. Jobs with clear growth opportunities in terms of salary increases or bonuses. Look for practical and hands-on programs where you get a return on investment. Sales, Finance, Trade Schools, Entreprene Law, Computer Programming Specific Sc Medicine, Consulting, Accounting, Engine Real Estate, Construction, Business Management, Investment Banking, Construction, Business Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management 		
Aesthetic Walue beauty, and harmony	 You should visit potential job offices to sense the atmosphere and to see how it looks/feels to you. Beautiful offices where you feel balanced. Jobs that have a creative outlet or form of self-expression. Media, Visual Arts, Architect, Therapy, Cou Entertainment, Event Planning, Interior De Fashion Design, Culinary Arts, Musicia Environmental Studies, Landscaping, Mark Advertising, Journalism, Creative Writir Horticulture, Environmental Design, Urb Planning, Theatre, Graphic Design, File 		
Social Value being of service to others	 Companies that are making an impact on the world in a way that you care about. Jobs with community service opportunities. Jobs where volunteering is part of the culture at work. Non-Profit, Social Entrepreneurship Social Responsibility, Educa Healthcare and Social Servi Community Programs, Physical Medicine, Social Work, Counseling Biomedical Engineering, Veterinar Policy, Environmental Studies, Put 		
IndividualisticIndividualisticImage: Structure of your days.Image: Structure of your days.		Entrepreneurship, Political Science, Chef, Philosophy, Public Speaker, Litigation, Driver, Business, Actor/Singer/Artist, Music or Entertainment Industry, Outdoor or Adventure Jobs, Personal Trainer, Broadcasting / Communications, Accounting, Trade Jobs such as Welding, Plumbing, Masonry etc., Real Estate, Consulting	
Traditional Onique system of values drives you	 Companies that support your core values and encourage you to bring them out. Jobs where your core beliefs are valued and respected. Groups or opportunities that align with your core values. 	Government, Education, Counselor, Banking, Military, Engineering, Medicine, Philosophy, Health Services or Public Health, Insurance, Religious Roles, Lobbying, Languages (i.e. Spanish), Quality Control, Industrial or Trade Jobs, Activism, Business, Cultural Studies	

Motivator Reference Guide: Activities

Motivators	Things to do / Resources to look into	
Theoretical Walue learning and knowledge	 Continuing education, online classes. Explore your favorite topics by reading books, writing, or joining a club. Start a blog on a topic you are interested in or conduct research on it. Work or intern in a bookstore, museum, library, research facility, teaching assistant, etc. Coursera: take college level classes online and for free from the best colleges in the US. Khan Academy: learn about specific topics EdX: take college courses online and get credits for them! Udemy: online school for specific skills that can help you take your career to the next level 	
Utilitarian Value practical accomplishments	 Get a job with chances to get a raise or gain responsibility. High paying or high credibility Internships to enhance your resume or make money. Build something tangible, join a startup company, or learn a specific trade. Read The College Investor (online blog for investing and making money) Investopedia.com: learn how to invest through mock investing online Learn to code, ex.: Code Academy (Online), Galvanize (In person) Join FBLA or Robotics club: (Any club where you can build things or make money) Udemy: online school for specific skills that can help you take your career to the next level 	
Aesthetic Walue beauty, and harmony	 Volunteer or work outdoors. Decorate your workshpace. Create your own blog. Explore graphic design for free on canva.com Take on real design projects and make money on designcrowd.com and 99designs.com Make arts and crafts and sell them online Get an internship, work, or join a club that encourages self-expression (art, music, etc.) 	
Social Value being of service to others	 Volunteer programs Look for community service opportunities: homeless shelter, animal shelter, non-profits, grassroots campaigning, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, etc. Become a mentor or a tutor. If you have an idea for impacting the world, check out Echoing Green to apply for funding. Join a community service group. Lead a fundraiser for a cause that you care about 	
Individualistic Walue personal recognition and independence	 Volunteer in political campaigns. Start your own business (Look at Techstars and Kickstarter to raise money for your ideas) Create your own music or band (upload your music on YouTube or Soundcloud) Participate in sports or get your personal training certificate. Join debate club, local government, entrepreneur support group, radio or TV club. Join Toastmasters (public speaking) or do a public speaking competition. Udemy: online school for specific skills that can help you take your career to the next level 	
Traditional Onique system of values drives you	 Help local military groups and veterans or join ROTC. Work, volunteer, or intern with cultural groups, religious organizations or any company that aligns with your traditions. Work or intern in government, firefighting, police, military, etc. Start a blog, join a club, or read books related to your beliefs and traditions. Join a grassroots campaign or volunteer for a political candidate that shares your core values. 	

Motivator Reference Guide: Job Fulfillment

Motivators	Key points to remember if this is a top Motivator	
Theoretical Value learning and knowledge.	Make sure your job provides continuous intellectual challenge.	
Utilitarian Value practical accomplishment.	Find a role that provides financial rewards for accomplishment. This may also take the form of desiring tangible impact for time and energy invested in projects.	
Aesthetic Value beauty and harmony.	Find a job environment that makes you feel balanced and harmonious - whether or not you like the physical workspace will affect your performance.	
Social Value being of service to others.	Find ways to give back to others. This can be in many forms, including corporate social responsibility, helping team members or impacting your community.	
Individualistic Value personal recognition and independence.	Make sure your role gives you control over your own destiny and recognition for your work.	
Traditional Unique system of values drives you.	Find a workplace where coworkers respect your traditions and values.	

Behaviors (DISC)

Behaviors describe how we communicate, or "show up", when we are around people. It explains our social habits and styles.

Understanding DISC Scores



Each of the DISC scores falls somewhere between 0-100%, and is indicated by a colored bar, with the numerical score listed to the left. There is no good or bad in DISC. The score just indicates which behaviors come more naturally to a person. If a person is Low (0-35) in a certain behavior, then they will favor the tendencies described in the Low category in most situations, just as the High (65 - 100) will favor the tendencies described in their categories. People in the Middle (36 – 64) in all four categories) can swing either way depending on the context.

Someone in the Middle on all 4 Behaviors is called a "Bridge" and can adapt to a wide variety of environments, so focus more on Motivators than behavior style.

There is no "Right" or "Wrong" Style

People often want to know the best DISC combination, but there is no best combination. High performing teams and organizations have a mix of all styles because all styles can contribute their unique strengths.

There is no wrong style, but it's important to remember that there *are* wrong environments for every style.

All Styles Can Lead

All styles can lead. DISC is not a measurement of leadership potential. Your style only influences the way that you lead. However, High D's do exhibit a natural desire to lead more often than other styles.

High Dominance



Style: Direct, opinionated, takes initiative

Ideal Work Environment: Results oriented, competition encouraged When you communicate with a High D person: Be clear, don't be intimidated, get to the point

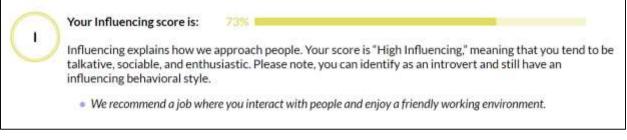
Low Dominance



Style: Cooperative, agreeable, peaceful

Ideal Work Environment: Collaboration, no unnecessary conflict When you communicate with a Low D person: Connect on a personal level, ask questions, don't be aggressive

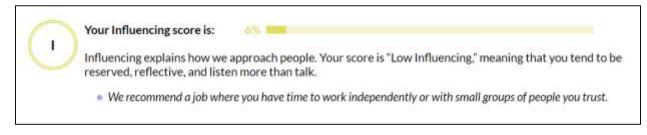
High Influencing



Style: Talkative, friendly, enthusiastic

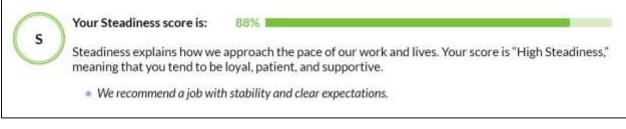
Ideal Work Environment: Group projects, lively discussions When you communicate with a High I person: Be friendly, speak warmly, act enthusiastic

Low Influencing



Style: Reserved, analytical, matter of fact Ideal Work Environment: Independent projects, analytical activities When you communicate with a Low I person: Don't crowd them, keep dialogues short, give them time to process

High Steadiness

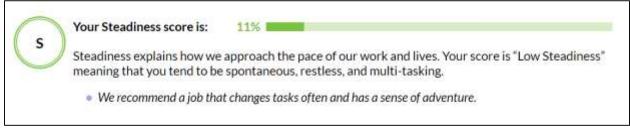


Style: Patient, understanding, loves consistency

Ideal Work Environment: Well defined projects, clear path to completion

When you communicate with a High S person: Don't be all over the place, explain structure clearly, be patient

Low Steadiness



Style: Flexible, restless, change oriented

Ideal Work Environment: Room for variety, juggling multiple priorities When you communicate with a Low S person: Be spontaneous, don't make them sit down and listen, show emotion

High Compliance



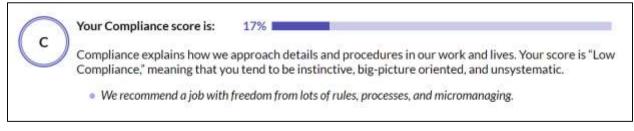
Style: Precise, conscientious, cautious

Ideal Work Environment: Jobs where quality matters, details are

important

When you communicate with a High C person: Be accurate, be factual, be realistic

Low Compliance



Style: Big picture, unsystematic, independent

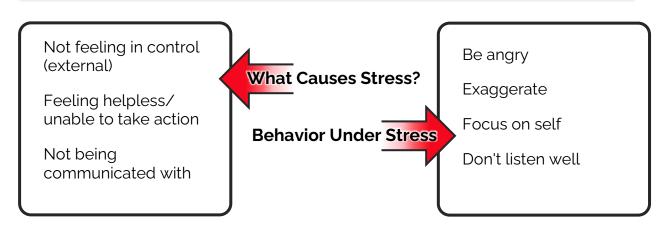
Ideal Work Environment: Minimal rules, focus on broad topics When you communicate with a Low C person: Talk about vision, be casual, avoid details

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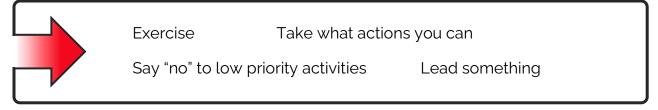
Behaviors	You Should Avoid	Ideal Career Environment	Major or Job Fit
High D Direct Competitive Opinionated	 Situations where you can't express yourself or be direct with others Jobs that have little room for opinions. Controlling bosses that treat you paternalistically Calm jobs with little to no challenge. 	 Careers where competition is encouraged. Jobs that are results-oriented and encourage risk-taking. Opportunities to lead and take initiative. Places where you can be direct with others and share your opinions. High intensity environments 	Political Science, Philosophy, Law, Business Management, Entrepreneurship, Surgeon / Intense Medical Paths, Firefighting, Real Estate, Armed Forces, Sports Management, Investment Banking, Consulting, Personal Training, Emergency Personnel
High I Talkative Friendly Enthusiastic	 Being alone too long. Bosses who appear cold and distant. Solo projects Jobs without collaboration. Jobs where you are not encouraged to raise your voice. 	 Friendly environments. Group projects. Careers with a lot of collaboration time and open discussion. Careers with a lot of face time with other people. Environments where you can express thoughts and feelings out loud. 	Broadcasting / Communications, Education, Theatre, Public Relations, Marketing / Advertising, Journalism, Music and Entertainment, Field Researcher, Liberal Arts, Community Programs, Comedy, Actor / Singer, Personal Training
High S Loyal Patient Understanding	 Changing and unstable situations. Lack of consistency. Jobs that are open-ended and require a lot of improvisation. Situations where the expectations are not clear. 	 Jobs where you can clearly see the structure of your work tasks. You should know what is expected from you on day one all the way until completion. Supportive, calm, and understanding environments. Minimal surprises or change. Jobs that encourage a patient, understanding, and calm approach. 	Nursing, Education, Social Work, Medicine, Counselor / Advisor, STEM, Psychology, Research Driven Majors, Accounting, Health Care and Social Services, Biology, Chemistry, Therapy, Librarian, Industrial Engineering, Airplane Steward or Pilot, Administration
High C Precise Conscientious Cautious	 Jobs without clear expectations. High risk environments. Jobs where the result is much more important than the process. Jobs that force you to think "big picture" only and not prioritize the details. 	 Structured jobs where quality, the process, and the details matter. Jobs that require a step-by-step approach. Jobs that encourage you to pay attention to all of the details and follow a process the "right" way. Jobs that encourage an analytical, systematic, or logical approach or mindset. 	Medicine, Engineering, STEM, Computer Science, Finance, Data Analysis, Data Scientist Law, Mathematics, Physics, Research driven majors. PhD programs, Architecture, Sociology and Psychology (Research Based), Pilot, Law Enforcement, Administration, Computer Systems, IT

DISC Stress Tips

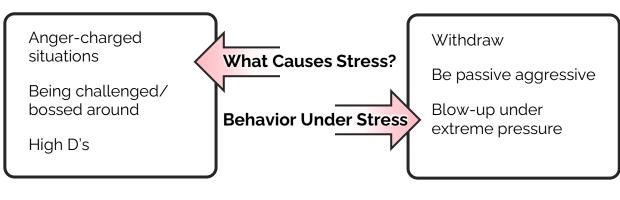
High Dominance



How Can You Reduce Stress?



Low Dominance

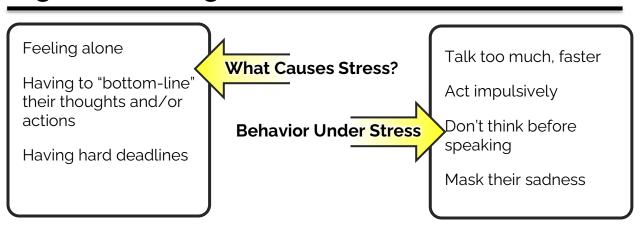


How Can You Reduce Stress?



DISC Stress Tips

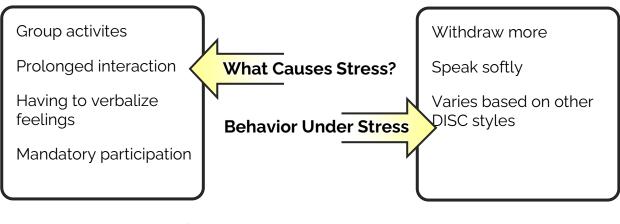
High Influencing



How Can You Reduce Stress?



Low Influencing



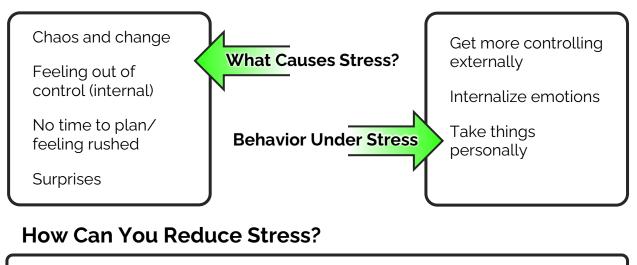
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Take time to process what's going on in your life

Alone time

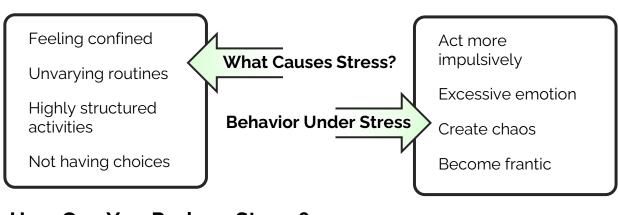
Writing/journaling/drawing

High Steadiness

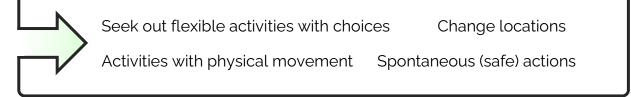




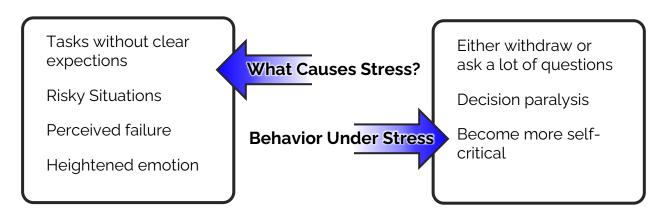
Low Steadiness



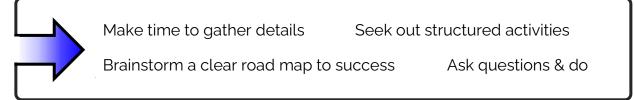
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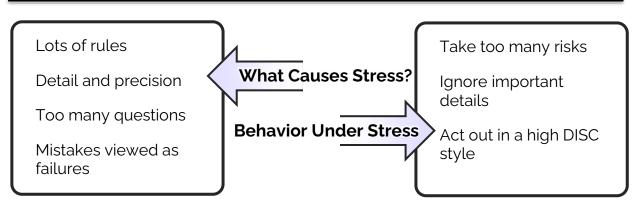
High Compliance



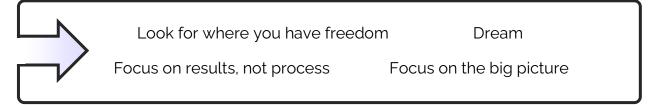
How Can You Reduce Stress?



Low Compliance



How Can You Reduce Stress?



IndigoPathway DISC Communication Tips

The IndigoPathway results section only includes communication tips for your high or low DISC scores. The next three pages show all styles and how they like to communicate. We recommend you review this with significant relationships in your life and co-create a plan to improve communication with each other.

KEY:

- High = over 65
- Low = under 35
- Bridge = between 35 and 65 in all 4 DISC categories



- You have a "Bridge" DISC style, which means all four of your scores are between 35 and 65. This means you have the most adaptable communication style and can usually relate to both high and low styles in each category.
- You might be excellent at helping people on a team better understand each other and bring together opposite points of view.
- An unintended impact of a bridge style might be that people have a hard time reading you or knowing how to communicate back.

If you are a High D - Direct Communication Style

- > You prefer a direct, unfiltered communication style where people are clear and get to the point quickly.
- Be aware that some people who may be intimidated by your direct communication style might try to speak in a slower and more collaborative manner.
- An unintended impact of your high level of directness is that people might misinterpret your behavior as overly competitive or opinionated.

If your scores are in the middle

> You may identify with characteristics and tips from both the high and low communication style boxes. Read both and identify what is true for you.

If you are a Low D - Reflective Communication Style

- You prefer a collaborative communication style that is calm and free from direct confrontation.
- When communicating in groups or with someone who is bold and aggressive, be willing to speak up for those things that are most important to you.
- An unintended impact of your reflective communication style is that people might be unsure of your true thoughts or try to push their own agenda.

If you are a High I - Outgoing Communication Style ...

- > You prefer a friendly, enthusiastic, and warm communication style.
- Be aware that communicating with someone who isn't as talkative as you isn't an indication that they aren't interested. Instead, appreciate their ability to listen and do your best to reciprocate and carefully consider their words when they do speak.
- Unintended impacts of your outgoing communication style are the tendency to talk too much and becoming insecure wondering if people like you.

Some people who are outgoing communicators appear to be Extroverted to others but identify as Introverts. Introverted high I's need time alone to recharge and reflect internally even though they still prefer a job with a high degree of people interaction.

If your scores are in the middle ...

> You may identify with characteristics and tips from both the high and low communication style boxes. Read both and identify what is true for you.

If you are a Low I - Reserved Communication Style ...

- You listen carefully to what other people are saying and prefer communicating in ways that include non-verbal communication via email or text.
- When communicating with someone who is talkative and loud, be willing to speak up on topics that are important to you because others will benefit greatly from your wisdom.
- Unintended impacts of your reserved communication style are that people might not realize how much you really have to say about a topic or may misinterpret your quietness for disinterest.

If you are a High S - Steady Communication Style ...

- You prefer consistently-paced communication with plenty of time to process information.
- When communicating with someone who is speaking too quickly or haphazardly, try to keep them focused on what you really want to discuss by asking questions.
- An unintended impact of your steady communication style is that people might not be able to read your emotions or they might think you are not moving fast enough.

If your scores are in the middle

> You may identify with characteristics and tips from both the high and low communication style boxes. Read both and identify what is true for you.

If you are a **Low S** - Dynamic Communication Style . . .

- You prefer fast-paced, demonstrative conversations with people quickly moving from topic to topic.
- When communicating with someone who is thoughtful and patient, try to slow down and pay close attention to what they are saying.
- An unintended impact of your dynamic communication style is that people might get the feeling you are not listening, unfocused, or chaotic.

If you are a High C - Precise Communication Style ...

- You prefer analytical, realistic conversations where people stick to the facts and share important details or instructions.
- When communicating with someone who focuses on intangibles or the big picture, try to ask them questions about the most important points and share why these details matter to you.
- An unintended impact of your precise communication style is that you may become perfectionistic and self-critical; you might spend too much time getting things "right" before making a decision.

If your scores are in the middle ...

> You may identify with characteristics and tips from both the high and low communication style boxes. Read both and identify what is true for you.

If you are a Low C - Pioneering Communication Style ...

- You prefer to discuss the big-picture in conversations, not waste time analyzing too many figures and facts.
- When communicating with someone who is analytical and structured, try to understand their desire to minimize risk and provide more details and answer their questions.
- An unintended impact of your pioneering communication style is that you might miss important details and seem impulsive or careless to people with other styles of communication (especially if you are both Low Steadiness and Low Compliance).

Additional Resources

These resources are great places to look for more information on careers.

IndigoPathway Store	Sign-up for free webinars with Indigo's CEO, coaching, online courses, certifications, books, and more. <i>https://store.indigopathway.com</i>
Education Database	Get started on your new career path with training programs, apprenticeships, internships and much more on our curated database designed to save you money and equip you for a fulfilling career. https://www.indigopathway.com/database
Industry Insider Info Pages	Find out what your future industry is really like with articles on growing career fields written by industry experts.
	https://www.indigopathway.com/database/industry-insider-pages
<u>Alternatives to</u> <u>College</u>	A comprehensive list of all non-college programs in the United States that can help expand your search for new educational opportunities away from pricey degrees. https://www.alternativestocollege.com
<u>Noodle</u>	Discover schools, connect with education experts, and find helpful information during your college search. <i>http://noodle.com</i>
<u>Udemy</u>	The world's largest selection of online courses! Learn a new skill or develop an old one with free and paid courses. Other online course sites like Coursera, EdX, and LinkedIn Learning are also worth exploring (we highly recommend creating a LinkedIn profile if you don't already have one). https://www.udemy.com



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