

# ENTP: Extroverted, Intuitive, Thinking, Perceiving

## An Overview of the Debater (Originator) Personality Type

People with the ENTP personality type are often described as innovative, clever, and expressive. ENTPs are also known for being idea-oriented, which is why this personality type has been described as "the innovator," "the visionary," and "the debater."

ENTPs are less interested in the here-and-now details than they are in generating ideas and theories. Because of this, they sometimes tend to come up with one idea after another without actually going forward with plans and actions to bring their creative notions to fruition.

### ENTP-T and ENTP-A Subtypes

ENTPs can be further categorized into two groups: ENTP-T and ENTP-A.

- ENTP-Ts are "turbulent debaters." They seek approval, agreement, and attention, and often feel anger, jealousy, or envy. Their behavior is more emotionally driven than ENTP-As.
- ENTP-As are "assertive debaters." More confident than ENTP-Ts, ENTP-As assume that people accept them and aren't as interested as ENTP-Ts in discussing their feelings. They tend to be less emotionally reactive.

### Key ENTP Characteristics

- ENTPs enjoy interacting with a wide variety of people. They are great conversationalists and love to engage other people in debates.
- They are more focused on the future rather than on immediate details. They may start projects and never finish them because they are so focused on the big picture rather than the present needs.
- ENTPs enjoy being around other people, particularly if they are able to engage in a conversation or debate about something in which they are interested. They are usually fairly laid-back and easy to get along with. However, they can sometimes get so wrapped up in their ideas or plans that they lose sight of their close relationships.
- They tend to reserve judgment. Instead of making a decision or committing to a course of action, they would prefer to wait and see what happens.
- ENTPs are immensely curious and focused on understanding the world around them. They are constantly absorbing new information and ideas and quickly arriving at conclusions. They are able to understand new things quite quickly.

One common myth about ENTPs is that they love to argue simply for the sake of arguing. While people with this personality type are often willing to play the devil's advocate at times, they enjoy debates as a way of exploring a topic, learning what other people believe, and helping others see the other side of the story.

### Strengths

- Innovative
- Creative
- Great conversationalist
- Enjoys debating
- Values knowledge

### Weaknesses

- Can be argumentative
- Dislikes routines and schedules
- Does not like to be controlled
- Unfocused
- Insensitive

### **ENTPs You Might Know**

- Benjamin Franklin
- Celine Dion
- Julia Child
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Robert Downey Jr.
- Salma Hayek
- Steve Wozniak
- Tom Hanks
- Thomas Edison

### **Popular ENTP Careers**

- Actor
- Artist
- Comedian
- Designer
- Entrepreneur
- Inventor
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Marketer
- Musician
- Photographer
- Politician
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Sales Representative
- Scientist