ESFP: Extraverted, Sensing, Feeling, Perceiving

An Overview of the Performer (Entertainer) Personality Type

People with ESFP personality types are often described as spontaneous, resourceful, and outgoing. The ESFP personality type is often referred to as "the performer" or "the entertainer."

They love being the center of attention and are often described as "class clowns." ESFP is the opposite of the INTJ personality type.

Key ESFP Characteristics

- They are practical and resourceful. ESFPs prefer to learn through hands-on experience and tend to dislike book learning and theoretical discussions. Because of this, students with ESFP personality types sometimes struggle in traditional classroom settings. However, they excel in situations where they are allowed to interact with others or learn through direct experience.
- They figure things out as they go along. ESFPs live very much in the here-and-now and sometimes fail to think about how current actions will lead to long-term consequences. They will often rush into a new situation and figure things out as they happen. They also tend to dislike routine, enjoy new experiences, and are always looking for a new adventure.
- They are very understanding. ESFPs are perceptive when it comes to other people. They are able to sense what others are feeling and know how to respond. People tend to find them warm, sympathetic, and easygoing.
- They are fun-loving. While ESFPs do not shun the spotlight, they are more interested in simply living in the present and doing what feels right at that moment.

Strengths

- Optimistic and gregarious
- Enjoys people and socializing
- Focused on the present,
- Spontaneous
- Practical

Weaknesses

- Dislikes abstract theories
- Becomes bored easily
- Does not plan ahead
- Impulsive

ESFPs You Might Know

- Adele
- Bill Clinton
- Cameron Diaz
- Jamie Oliver
- Katy Perry
- Leonardo DiCaprio
- Marilyn Monroe
- Megan Fox
- Miley Cyrus
- Pablo Picasso
- Richard Branson
- Will Smith

Career Paths

With their strong dislike for routine, ESFPs do best in careers that involve a lot of variety. Jobs that involve a great deal of socializing are also a great fit, allowing individuals with this personality type to put their considerable people skills to good use. Careers that involve a great deal of structure and solitary work can be difficult for ESFPs, and they often become bored in such situations.

Popular ESFP Careers

- Actor
- Artist
- Athletic coach
- Child care provider
- Comedian
- Counselor
- Entrepreneur
- Fashion designer
- Human Resources specialist
- Musician
- Interior Decorator
- Lawyer/Attorney
- Marketer
- Painter
- Photographer
- Psychologist
- Recreation Worker
- Social worker
- Supervisor
- Systems Analyst
- Technical Specialist
- Trainer