

# ARE YOU A GRAPE, ORANGE, BANANA, OR MELON?



We all have different styles, traits, and characteristics. The following exercise is a fun look at some of your general characteristics and personality traits!

Read across each row and place a 4, 3, 2, or 1 in the shaded box to rank how you would best describe yourself. A 4 means that this word **best** describes you. A 1 means that this word **least** describes you. Do this for each row.

Example:

	Imaginative	2	Investigative	4	Realistic	1	Analytical	3

Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4	
Imaginative		Investigative		Realistic		Analytical	
Adaptable		Inquisitive		Organized		Critical	
Relating		Creating		Getting to Point		Debating	
Personal		Adventurous		Practical		Academic	
Flexible		Inventive		Precise		Systematic	
Sharing		Independent		Orderly		Sensible	
Cooperative		Competitive		Perfectionist		Logical	
Sensitive		Risk-Taking		Hard-Working		Intellectual	
People-Person		Problem Solver		Planner		Reader	
Associate		Originate		Memorize		Think Through	
Spontaneous		Changer		Wants Direction		Judger	
Communicating		Discovering		Cautious		Reasoning	
Caring		Challenging		Practicing		Examining	
Feeling		Experimenting		Doing		Thinking	
Totals							

Now, add up your totals (don't include the examples of course!) for each column and place the total in the shaded boxes above.

If your highest score was in column 1, consider yourself a **grape**! If your highest score was in column 2, consider yourself an **orange**! If your highest score was in column 3, consider yourself a **banana**! If your highest score was in column 4, consider yourself a **melon**!

Now find your fruit below and review what this may mean to you.

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# GRAPES

### Natural abilities include:

Being reflective

Being sensitive Being flexible

Being creative

Preference for working in groups

# Grapes learn best when they:

Can work and share with others Balance work with play

Can communicate

Are noncompetitive



#### Natural abilities include:

Experimenting

Being Independent

Being curious

Creating different approaches

Creating change

#### **Oranges learn best when they:**

Can use trial and error

Produce real products

Can compete

Are self-directed

# Grapes may have trouble:

Giving exact answers Focusing on one thing at a time

Organizing



# To expand their style, Grapes need to:

Pay more attention to details

Not rush into things

Be less emotional when making some

decisions

# Oranges may have trouble:

Meeting time limits

Following a lecture

Having few options or choices

#### To expand their style, Oranges need to:

Delegate responsibility

Be more accepting of others' ideas

Learn to prioritize

#### **BANANAS**

### Natural abilities include:

**Planning** 

Fact-finding

Organizing

Following directions

# Bananas may have trouble:

Understanding feelings

Answering "what if" questions



#### Bananas learn best when they:

Have an orderly environment

Have specific outcomes

Can trust others to do their part

Have predictable situations

**MELONS** 

#### Natural abilities include:

Debating points of view

Finding solutions

Analyzing ideas

Determining value or importance

#### Melons learn best when they:

Have access to resources

Can work independently

Are respected for intellectual ability

Follow traditional methods

Dealing with opposition

#### To expand their style, Bananas need to:

Express their own feelings more

Get explanations of others' views

Be less rigid

#### Melons may have trouble:

Working in groups

Being criticized

Convincing others diplomatically

#### To expand their style, Melons need to:

Accept imperfection

Consider all alternatives

Consider others' feelings