

INTP

Introverted thinking (Ti) - Extroverted intuition (NE)

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MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

PERSONALITY

The main concern of INTPs is to seek to make coherent a constantly expanding mass of possibilities. Their introverted thinking seeks to bring order, to analyze, to clarify, to relate. Their extroverted intuition leads them on a never-ending quest for new ways of doing and thinking.

They are great thinkers, immersed in their reflections, to the point of risking losing contact with reality.

INTPs are always ready to ask themselves new questions, to question everything for the sake of perfection. The why of the why is their area of predilection. They will immediately spot the logical flaw in reasoning, and will not rest until it is corrected. They also exercise this criticism both towards themselves and those around them.

For INTPs, it is the process of knowing that is interesting in itself; the result is just a by-product, which they may forget to communicate because it loses its relevance to them once it becomes obvious. Likewise, they like to consider possibilities and design projects; but implementation interests them less once the plan has been well designed and does not present any logical faults.

INTPs want to master situations on an intellectual level. However, they do not seek to impose their ideas and are liberal, both in society and in the family. They only support rules if they make sense and if they have successfully passed the test of their criticism.

INTPs love learning for the sake of learning. They make unforeseen connections between different areas and are therefore very creative. They are also particularly adept at finding errors or logical errors in what they are taught and their teachers can expect to be challenged on their own turf.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

INTPs are professionally “architects” in the sense that they develop constructions, models that explain reality. They are designers of systems integrating as many variables as possible. The more complex the issues to be dealt with, the happier INTPs are. Implementation, however, is not what they like and they prefer to leave it to others.

INTPs like to work alone or with people who are as independent as they are. They do not like meetings, where they rarely intervene; when they do so, it is with the force of in-depth reflection which often sheds new light.

For INTPs, authority is a function of expertise. They only recognize authority to people who demonstrate real competence; and when they themselves find themselves in a position to

command others, they do so relying on their own competence. Their relationships are essentially intellectual.

INTPs preferably choose careers where they can exercise their intellectual abilities: systems analysts, programmers, computer scientists, researchers, mathematicians, philosophers, architects, university professors. But it is obviously possible for them to carry out any other type of activity that interests them.

REACTIONS TO STRESS

FIRST LEVEL

For INTPs the facts are only there to demonstrate the theory; they can sometimes even prefer theory and not take enough account of reality, at the risk of constructing admirable but ineffective models. Their constant questioning can paralyze them if they do not sufficiently distinguish major issues from minor ones; in the name of logical rigor, they can get stuck on a very secondary point of interest to the detriment of overall reflection.

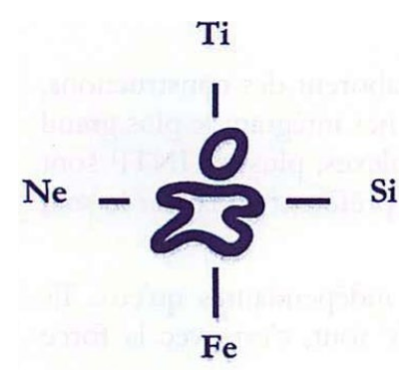
The liveliness of their minds can make them impatient with those who do not function intellectually in the same way. Their independence of mind can sometimes prevent them from working in a group when necessary. INTPs have difficulty considering the feelings of others; their criticisms, even if they target the logical rigor of the reasoning and not the quality of the people who hold it, can be poorly perceived because of their sharpness and dryness. They may also have difficulty simply translating the complexity of their thoughts and be difficult to understand.

SECOND LEVEL

From a tendency to disregard reality, INTPs can move towards an obsession with details to which they attribute disproportionate importance. They may experience phases of depression and discouragement, with the feeling of going in circles in their head.

When it comes to their personal values, INTPs often have difficulty expressing them other than through strong judgments. They can therefore make very good or very bad choices in their relationships. They are uncomfortable with their own feelings, which they rarely show. However, it can happen that these feelings arise violently, in the form of "love at first sight" for example or emotional outbursts.

DEVELOPMENT PATH



INTPs will benefit from developing their sensations by taking reality into account to confirm or refute the validity of their theories.

Above all, they will be able to pay more attention to what they feel, to their internal states. Physical activities or anything that can put them in contact with their body and help them disconnect from their intense brain activity will be completely welcome.

This awareness of their sensations will make them more accessible to the realm of feeling. More aware of what they feel, they will also give more importance to others and take them into account in their thoughts. However, they will have to avoid theorizing feelings and values,

because they would then return to their favorite process, thinking. It is therefore in their interest to stay in touch with the reactions of the people around them.

INTPS SEEN BY THEMSELVES

"I like to understand, design, find solutions. Understand: essential needs in all areas, when I don't understand I get very frustrated, find solutions, find THE solution "that's the right thing", implementing it interests me, to check, but in fact the having thought, often is enough for me

I am an archangel explorer on a study trip to my planet. Pure spirit, pure spirit and full of spirit I have fun and hurt myself in this reality too concrete to put fully visible. My best allies are the dream and the impossible; my worst enemies, the here and now, the first, in perpetual mutinous and dialectical competition, but explains the world in a logical, friendly but merciless joust. Using deductions and arguments for one, spells and curses for the other, they compete to obtain atoms of meaning that he would religiously place at my feet. These trophies are so many pieces of the great puzzle of Kabbalah, inaccessible instructions for the infinite possibilities, true source code of the Divine.

The here and now, two-headed monsters, both one and two, as concrete as they are elusive, oppose this quest: banana peels and black soap, bumps and hollows, details and rules, no weapon is too trivial or cruel. It shreds the dream into bitter rain and weighs down the impossible into a shameful beast. The sky is then covered with clouds of lead, silver and mercury of blinding weight, gold and azure give way to despair and expectation, everything is black and dull.

Then, and only then, in the noise of the light of hell, he arises, howling to tear the darkness apart. Disproportionate but sharp as the finest blade, it is there. Uncontrollable and shameless, phallic and incandescent sword of Shiva. The cataclysm is total: a desert of silence.

Caught in the game, my mind awakens, serene and full of the joy of discovery, I forget to cry for all the happiness that this reunion with my lifelong friends causes me. My hands explore and help me up, my nostrils are full of the sweet smell of the sun, my tongue tastes honey and linden... the rustling of the leaves in the breeze... my heart is full... my eyes open... a new morning. ".

INTPs IN BRIEF

Features	Depth of thought, questioning, search for explanation
Environment	Intellectual, posing challenges, encouraging debates of ideas
Communication	Complex, elliptical, based on questioning
Leadership	Based on expertise and intellectual competence
Learning	Constant desire to learn, through reading, research, comparison of ideas
Change	Adaptability, mobility
Decision	Based on explanatory models and logic, easily questioned
Stress 1	Ratiocination, forgetting reality
Stress 2	Sentimentalism, excessive attachment to people