

ISTP

ISTPs will find the shortcut TO ANYTHING!

INTROVERTED SENSING THINKING PERCEIVING

ISTPs are realists who apply expediency and reasoning as they manage and adapt to situations. They are

Work Related Strengths:

- Work well with real and tangible tasks and products
- Able to bring order to confused data and unrecognizable facts
- Usually enjoy using hands and mastering the use of tools
- Usually enjoy working alone or alongside others they respect
- Identify and use available resources well

Work Related Weaknesses:

- May lack interest or ability in verbal communication
- Often have little patience for abstract and complex theories
- May get bored and restless easily
- May appear to be insensitive to needs and feelings of others
- May be unpredictable and unreliable

CAREER SATISFACTION means doing work that:

1. Lets me identify and use resources that are available to me in the most efficient manner possible
2. Lets me practice, master, and then use skills I have acquired, especially mechanical skills or those requiring the use of tools
3. Lets me apply my understanding and technical knowledge of the world around me and see the logical principles underlying my work; lets me engage in troubleshooting and problem solving
4. Has clear directions; where I can work expediently and deal with real and practical products
5. Is fun and active and lets me work independently with frequent opportunities to get out of my work space and be outdoors
6. Is done in an environment without excessive rules or operating standards imposed by others; where I can enjoy spontaneous adventures and step in to manage any crisis
7. Lets me work independently, with a minimum of supervision, and where I am not required to closely supervise others

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Popular Occupations for ISTPs

In listing occupations that are popular among ISTPs, it is important to note that there are successful people of all types in all occupations. However, the following are careers ISTPs may find particularly satisfying and some of the reasons why. This is by no means a comprehensive listing but is included to suggest possibilities you may not have previously considered. Although all of these occupations offer the potential for career satisfaction, the future demand for some careers is anticipated to be greater than for others.

Sales/Service/ “Action”

Police/corrections officer	Race car driver
Pilot	Weapons operator
Intelligence agent	Marshal
Fire fighter	Surveyor
Sports equipment/merchandise sales	Pharmaceutical sales
Private investigator/detective	Child support, missing persons investigator
High school and college athletic coach	Photographer
Criminalist and ballistics expert	

The appeal of action careers for ISTPs derives from their desire not to feel confined by a lot of structure and regimentation. They work well on impulse and enjoy situations that are spontaneous and call on their ability to quickly assess their resources and then take appropriate action. They work well alone but will pull together as part of a team when necessary. ISTPs often enjoy mastery of tools or machinery of a specialized style and enjoy being outdoors and physically active.

Technology

Electrical/mechanical/civil engineer	Electronics specialist
Technical trainer – one-to-one setting	Information services developer
Software developer	Logistics and supply manager—manufacturer
Computer engineer	Network integration specialist (telecommunications)
Computer programmer	Marine biologist
Data processing equipment repairer	Quality assurance technician
Reliability engineer	Systems support operator/installer
Systems analyst	Home network installer/troubleshooter
Testers	Information processing specialists
Software engineer	Geologist
Product safety engineer	Telecommunications specialist

ISTPs often find satisfaction in technical careers because they are interested in how and why things work. They tend to be good in mechanical areas because they possess great observational powers and a capacity to remember and use important facts and details. They usually enjoy working with their hands and like work that provides them with a constant source of sensory information. Their logical analysis is best used when based upon solid facts that they themselves gather through their five senses.

Health Care

EEG technologist/technician

Emergency medical technician (EMT)

Dental assistant/hygienist

Emergency room physician

Radiological technician

Exercise physiologist

Surgical technician

Transport coordinator

The independence and hands-on practicality of the trades often appeal to ISTPs. ISTPs prefer tasks that are real and concrete and provide the opportunity to use their hands. They work the most diligently on projects that fully absorb their interest, so if theirs is a love of sports, they will enjoy coaching and training much more than another seemingly similar trade career. Making a career out of a hobby is an excellent strategy for ISTPs.

Remember, these are only some areas that provide satisfying expression for the unique natural talents of the ISTP.