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REPORT

Mary Middle

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Response Style Explained

No validity concerns were found for this report.

PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

Name: Mary Middle

Age: 38

Gender: Female

Completion Date:

Time to Completion: 8:57 mins Norm Type: General Population

INCONSISTENCY INDEX: 0

The Inconsistency Index is 0, indicating consistency in responses across pairs of items measuring similar content.

POSITIVE IMPRESSION: 1

NEGATIVE IMPRESSION: 0

Both the Positive and Negative Impression indices are less than 3. Responses are likely neither the result of an overly positive, nor an overly negative response style. You may want to ask:

"Tell me about your process for responding to the items."

"What did you think of the items? Were any particularly difficult to respond to?"

ITEM 133 (My responses to the preceding sentences were open and honest): 5

Mary's response was: Always/Almost Always.

OMITTED ITEMS:

No items were omitted.

RESPONSE DISTRIBUTION

Mary did not show a significant preference for using either the extreme ends or the middle points of the response scale.

Responses

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1. Never/Rarely = 5%

2. Occasionally = 20%

3. Sometimes = 31%

4. Often = 34%

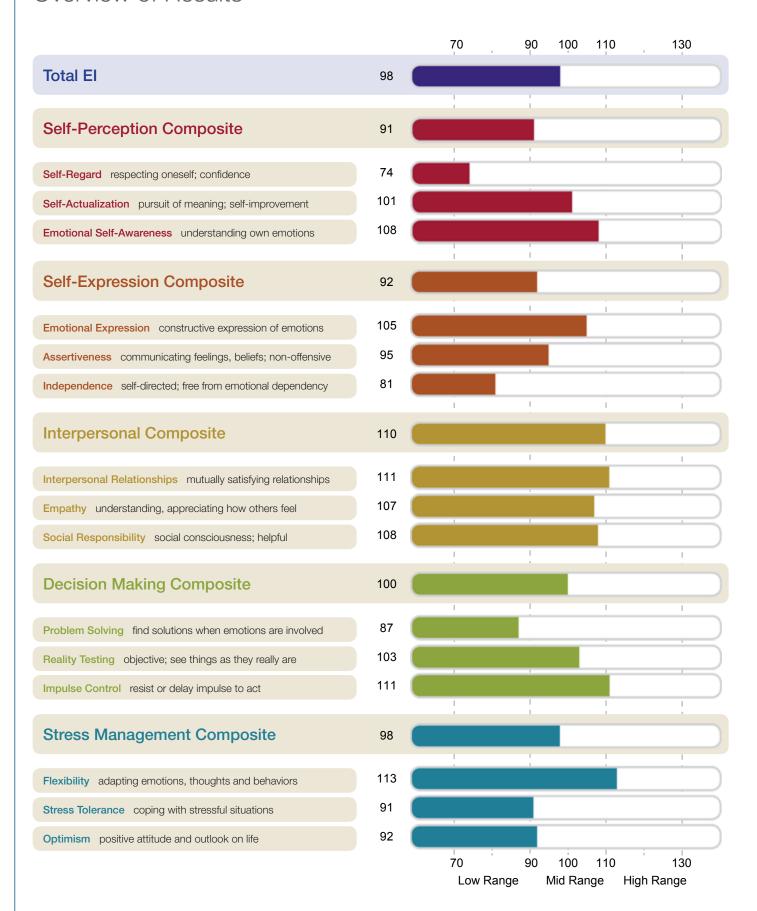
5. Always/Almost Always = 11%







Overview of Results



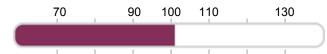


Well-Being Indicator

Happiness satisfied with life; content

In the EQ-i 2.0 model, Happiness is different than the other El abilities in that it both contributes to, and is a product of, El. As such, your client's result in Happiness can be used as a barometer of emotional health and well-being.

Although the causes and factors related to an individual's happiness extend beyond the scope of this assessment, it is important to examine your client's Happiness result in relation to the other El subscales. For example, would strengthening



Low Range Mid Range High Range

lower subscales lead to improved Happiness? Or will increased Happiness stem from working within the client's strengths and talents? In either case, the best way forward is as unique to each person as his or her own definition of Happiness.

The four subscales most often associated with Happiness are:

- Self-Regard
- Optimism
- Self-Actualization
- Interpersonal Relationships

Happiness

The result in Happiness suggests that your client feels satisfied with life, and generally enjoys the company of others and work responsibilities. Your client may:

- have fun at both work and play.
- be seen by coworkers as likeable and pleasant to be around.
- have to occasionally manage your discontentment with certain aspects of life.

Of the subscales most typically tied to Happiness, your client scored lower in Self-Regard. Directing development efforts here could strengthen Happiness even further.

Self-Regard

Happiness is a by-product of believing in oneself and living according to your own values. Low self-regard may lead your client to question personal values, performance and decisions, ultimately lowering happiness. You might ask:

- Reflect on past accomplishments by identifying skills that enabled you to be successful.
- What do you admire most about yourself? Why? What do you like the least?

Optimism

In the face of setback and disappointment, the ability to recover and claim a happy state is contingent on one's level of optimism. The results suggest that your client is optimistic and hopeful most of the time, but perhaps could use this outlook more frequently so that Happiness becomes even more personal, permanent and justifiable. You might ask:

- When are you the least optimistic? How could your outlook in these situations be improved?
- When faced with a new challenge, how do you typically feel? List your emotions and identify why you feel this way.

Interpersonal Relationships

The Interpersonal Relationships result indicates that your client has well-developed relationships that likely help reduce the negative effects of life's daily demands. If maintained, these relationships can enhance and sustain pervasive feelings of happiness. You might ask:

- Are there times when you struggle with your relationships? If so, what causes the struggles and how do you remedy conflict and miscommunication?
- Do you have a mentor? Do you act as a mentor to someone else?

Self-Actualization

Happiness comes from a willingness to learn and grow on a journey aligned with personal values. The result suggests your client has a good level of self-actualization. but further development in this area will help to promote feelings of achievement and overall happiness. You might

- Identify what you value most in life. Are you spending enough time on the activities most important to you?
- What legacy will you leave behind?





Balancing El

This section shows three related subscales for each of the fifteen subscales on the EQ-i 2.0. Below, you will find examples of feedback that you can provide to the respondent.

- Where a greater than (>) or less than (<) sign is shown, the subscale scores are significantly different and further investigation into these imbalances is recommended.
- When an equal sign (a) is shown, the subscale scores are not significantly different from one another and therefore are well balanced. In order to maintain this balance, you may want to guide the respondent to watch for significant growth

in one subscale over the other and consider ways that he/she can develop the subscales in tandem.

Please note that if you included this section in the respondent's report, the respondent will see only one subscale (the relationship with the greatest score discrepancy). All three relationships are shown here so that you may debrief the respondent on other areas that are out of balance. In addition to what is displayed in this report, you may want to explore other balances and imbalances in the respondent's profile that may lead to further El development.

		Self-Actualization (101)	Self-Regard is lower than Self-Actualization and therefore you may feel unworthy of your achievements. For example, you may have a tendency to attribute your successes to luck and circumstance as opposed to your gifts and abilities. You may undertake goals and activities that are below your skill level because of your relatively lower Self-Regard.
Self-Perception	Self-Regard (74)	Problem Solving (87)	Self-Regard is lower than Problem Solving, suggesting that your lower confidence may contribute to prolonged or untimely decisions. When coming up with solutions to problems, focus on truly understanding where your strengths and weaknesses lie; you may find that you need to put strategies in place to verify your decisions.
		Reality Testing (103)	Self-Regard is lower than Reality Testing and therefore you may base your self-evaluation on objective information more than on subjective information. Although input from external sources is important, self-regard should include a healthy balance between your subjective evaluation of self-worth and external sources (e.g., a performance review).
		Self-Regard (74)	Self-Actualization is higher than Self-Regard. You may not take enough time to recognize your successes. You can better balance these skills by setting realistic goals and aligning them with what you want to achieve in life. If you set goals that are unrelated to what's important to you, accomplishing them will not necessarily improve your self-worth.
	Self- Actualization (101)	Optimism (92)	Your Self-Actualization is in balance with your Optimism.
		Reality Testing (103)	Your Self-Actualization is in balance with your Reality Testing.
		Reality Testing (103)	Your Emotional Self-Awareness is in balance with your Reality Testing.
	Emotional Self- Awareness (108)	Emotional (105)	Your Emotional Self-Awareness is in balance with your Emotional Expression.
	, ,	Stress Tolerance (91)	Emotional Self-Awareness is higher than Stress Tolerance. With these subscales out of balance, you may understand your emotions better than you manage them. Lower Stress Tolerance suggests that under pressure you may be more affected by your emotions, possibly impairing your thoughts and behaviors.



Your Emotional Expression is in balance with your Interpersonal Relationships. Interpersonal (111) Relationships Because your Emotional Expression is higher than your Assertiveness, you may be more comfortable expressing thoughts and feelings than you are expressing directives. You may find that you do not see as much action from others as you would like when you **Emotional** Assertiveness (95) Expression express yourself. If this is true, try forming assertive statements using action verbs to (105)ensure you are expressing more than just your thoughts, so that people know what action you expect to see. Your Emotional Expression is in balance with your Empathy. Empathy (107) Assertiveness is lower than Interpersonal Relationships suggesting you place a greater emphasis on protecting relationships than on being assertive. However, this may render you passive at times when your position or thoughts are different than those of the group. Interpersonal Relationships (111) You may put team harmony ahead of standing up for what you believe in. Your Assertiveness is lower than your Emotional Self-Awareness, meaning you may not Self-Expression capitalize on communicating your emotions when it is really important for you to do so. Emotional (108) Self-Awareness Under pressure or in times of stress, your lower assertiveness may cause you to keep Assertiveness your feelings or emotional cues to yourself. (95)Because your Assertiveness is lower than your Empathy, you may place a greater emphasis on caring for others than you do on being assertive. This imbalance leaves you susceptible to being assertive only at times when it supports those you work with, and Empathy (107) passive at times when your position or thoughts might be somewhat different than those of the group. Your Independence is in balance with your Problem Solving. Problem Solving (87) Your Independence is not in balance with your higher Emotional Self-Awareness, meaning that your understanding of yourself and your emotions may be more often Emotional (108) influenced by others than by your own independent thoughts. Do you find that you are Self-Awareness Independence overly affected by other people's emotions? For instance, when a colleague is irritated at (81)the way your manager treated him, do you become equally irritated at your manager? Independence is not in balance with Interpersonal Relationships. While on the surface this imbalance makes you appear to be an ideal team player, it could mean that you are more Interpersonal (111) Relationships susceptible to relying on the direction or support of others. To balance out this relationship, try eliminating some of the everyday ways you depend on others in your job. For instance, do you always invite certain people to your meetings because you know

they will "have your back"?



Interpersonal Relationships is higher than Self-Actualization, suggesting that you may put the needs of others ahead of accomplishing your own personal objectives (e.g., sacrificing your own success to help others achieve theirs). Consider ways you can leverage your Self-Actualization (101) social networks in order to achieve personally meaningful goals for yourself. Interpersonal Relationships is higher than Problem Solving, indicating that you may put the social side of an issue ahead of the process of actually solving the problem. You may find it hard to make decisions that heavily impact those with whom you have close Interpersonal Problem Solving (87) Relationships relationships. If this is true of you, focus on remaining empathic and resolving the problem (1111)at hand. Your Interpersonal Relationships result is higher than your Independence. With this imbalance, you may have a tendency to spend more time and effort fostering relationships than you do working independently, and you may be more susceptible to the Independence (81) opinions of others. In order to bring this relationship into balance, try identifying instances where you can make a decision on your own instead of deferring to others. Your Empathy is in balance with your Emotional Self-Awareness. Emotional (108) Self-Awareness Your Empathy is in balance with your Reality Testing. **Empathy** Reality Testing (103) (107)Your Empathy is in balance with your Emotional Expression. Emotional (105) Expression Your Social Responsibility is in balance with your Self-Actualization. Self-Actualization (101) Your Social Responsibility is in balance with your Interpersonal Relationships. Interpersonal (111) Social Relationships Responsibility (108)Your Social Responsibility is in balance with your Empathy. Empathy (107)



Your Problem Solving is lower than your Flexibility. This imbalance suggests that you may have a tendency to continue to look for alternate solutions to a problem, even when you are well into implementing a solution. Although this tendency may prove beneficial from Flexibility (113) time to time, you run the risk of being inefficient over the long-term. Your Problem Solving is lower than your Reality Testing. People with this imbalance are susceptible to paralysis by analysis, sometimes looking for too much objective information to determine their course of action. Consider the role realistic and objective information **Problem** Reality Testing (103) Solving plays in your decision making process, and find a balance between collecting information (87)and making a firm decision in a timely manner. Your Problem Solving is lower than your Emotional Self-Awareness. This suggests that you likely spend more time processing your emotions than you do applying emotional Emotional (108) information to your decision making. To overcome the potential paralysis you may Self-Awareness experience in solving a problem, try working through your emotions verbally with others as you are arriving at a decision. Your Reality Testing is in balance with your Emotional Self-Awareness. Emotional Self-Awareness (108) Reality Testing is not in balance with Self-Regard, suggesting that you may not have sufficient evidence of your strengths and weaknesses, and as a result you may be too hard on yourself. Try bringing your Self-Regard in line with your Reality Testing by setting Reality Self-Regard (74) meaningful but challenging goals and basing your self-assessment on the **Testing** (103)accomplishment of these goals. Your Reality Testing is not in balance with your lower Problem Solving, suggesting that when your problem solving process is delayed or derailed it may be because you are spending more time collecting and analyzing objective information rather than trusting Problem Solving (87) your instincts and making a timely decision. Ask yourself if the way you solve problems needs a little more instinct and creativity to help you arrive at the best decision. Your Impulse Control is in balance with your Flexibility. Flexibility (113) Your Impulse Control is higher than your Stress Tolerance. This imbalance could mean that during times of stress you may become "hyper regulated", heavily controlling your Impulse behavior and ability to act, which could hamper decision making. Stress Tolerance (91) Control (1111)Your Impulse Control is higher than your Assertiveness, suggesting that you may be more concerned with being regulated in your approach to working with others than being assertive and forthright. You can benefit from leveraging your impulse control to practice Assertiveness (95) asserting your ideas in safe situations. Continuing to work on your assertiveness while leveraging your impulse control can result in enhanced communication that is both forthright and respectful.



		Problem Solving (87)	Your Flexibility is higher than your Problem Solving. Your inclination to be flexible may at times lead you to reflect or hesitate when making decisions. While it is good to be open to change and to consider options, your effectiveness can be reduced if you end up getting stuck making a decision or postponing action. The best decisions usually involve proper consideration of alternatives, and the ability to act when needed.
	Flexibility (113)	Sindependence (81)	Your Flexibility is higher than your Independence. This profile may make you susceptible to being swayed by others and their decisions (a.k.a. groupthink). If you find yourself appearing too compliant and easygoing, you could benefit from taking a stand when you believe something is important, even if your viewpoint differs from consensus.
		Impulse Control (111)	Your Flexibility is in balance with your Impulse Control.
		Problem Solving (87)	Your Stress Tolerance is in balance with your Problem Solving.
Stress Management	Stress Tolerance (91)	Flexibility (113)	Your Stress Tolerance is lower than your Flexibility. When dealing with change, your tendency might be to alter the situation you are in rather than staying the course and dealing with emotions that result from the stress. While this can be effective at times, make sure that it isn't your only coping strategy. Consider various ways to cope with the stressor while maintaining your expected level of performance.
		Interpersonal (111)	Stress Tolerance is lower than Interpersonal Relationships, indicating that your primary coping strategy for stress may be to socialize and focus on others, rather than actually dealing with the stressors in your life. Seeking support from others is a useful coping mechanism for stress, but your relationships should not be used as an escape from attentively managing the stress in your life. Use your support system to deal with stress, not to avoid it.
		Self-Regard (74)	Your Optimism is higher than your Self-Regard. With these two subscales off balance, you may find that you put yourself into situations where you misjudge what skills or expertise are required of you. Because you are likely more optimistic than self-confident, your stronger optimism may override a realistic assessment of your capabilities, leaving you unprepared for certain situations.
	Optimism (92)	Interpersonal (111)	Because Optimism is lower than Interpersonal Relationships, you may find yourself relying on your relationships to compensate for your less positive outlook. Beyond your relationships, there may be other aspects of your life that lower your optimism. For greater balance, consider what these aspects might be. Also consider how optimistic your friends, family, and colleagues are, and whether they encourage feelings of optimism for you.
		Reality Testing (103)	Your Optimism is lower than your Reality Testing. With this relationship off balance, you may find that your view of the world is based more on objective information and facts than on dreams and visions for the future. You may consider yourself more of a "realist" than an "optimist". Although being realistic is important, consider whether you can benefit from being more optimistic about what may lie ahead.



Item Responses

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Responses are shown by item on the following two pages. Items are shown by subscale and are exactly as they appeared on the assessment. Please note, although some items use reversed language, the higher the response indicated, the more frequent is the behavior.

Responses to each item were provided using the following rating scale:

1= Never/Rarely; 2=Occasionally; 3=Sometimes; 4=Often; 5=Always/Almost Always.

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Self-Regard		Independence	
10 Looking at both my good and bad points, I feel good	b	4 It's hard for me to make decisions on my own.	4
about myself.	3	15 I cling to others.	3
19 I feel sure of myself.	2	46 I am easily influenced by others.	3
31 I don't feel good about myself.	3	54 I prefer a job in which I'm told what to do.	3
64 I lack self-confidence.	4	65 It's hard for me to do things on my own.	3
89 It's hard for me to accept myself just the way I am.	3	81 I need reassurance from others.	2
128 I think highly of myself.	1	97 I need other people more than they need me.	2
130 I respect myself.	3	114 I am more of a follower than a leader.	3
132 I'm happy with who I am.	3		
		Interpersonal Relationships	
Self-Actualization		9 It's easy for me to make friends.	4
8 I accomplish my goals.	5	22 I enjoy talking with people.	4
49 I feel I have something to contribute.	4	38 I am easy to approach.	5
58 I seek out enriching experiences.	4	41 People confide in me.	3
63 I am self-motivated.	4	66 I am fun to be with.	5
73 I make good use of my abilities.	2	74 I'm a team player.	5
76 I strive to be the best I can be.	4	102 People think I am sociable.	4
104 I am driven to achieve.	4	129 I have good relationships with others.	5
109 I try to make my life as meaningful as I can.	4		
118 I look for ways to improve myself.	4	Empathy	
		13 I'm aware of how others feel.	4
Emotional Self-Awareness		24 I am empathic.	4
16 I pay attention to how I'm feeling.	4	30 I am good at understanding the way other people feel.	4
27 I'm aware of the impact of my mood on others.	4	52 I avoid hurting the feelings of others.	5
40 I know what triggers my emotions.	4	70 I'm in touch with other people's emotions.	4
62 I'm aware of how I feel.	4	78 I relate to the emotions of others.	4
105 I recognize when I'm upset.	5	91 I respect the way others feel.	3
121 I understand how the emotions of others affect me.	3	110 I am sensitive to the feelings of others.	4
125 I know which emotions affect my performance.	4	124 I care about other people's feelings.	5
Emotional Expression		Social Responsibility	
39 It's hard for me to share my feelings with others.	3	11 I act in an environmentally friendly way.	5
47 It's easy for me to express my feelings.	4	18 I try to make a difference in society.	4
69 It's hard to express my intimate feelings.	4	20 I like helping people.	5
93 When I'm sad, I talk to people about it.	4	60 I am a contributing member of the groups to which	
100 I find it difficult to show people how I feel about them.	1	I belong.	3
103 I find it difficult to show affection.	2	61 I contribute to my community.	3
108 It's hard for me to describe my feelings.	2	115 I care about social issues.	4
117 It's hard for me to smile.	2		
		Problem Solving	
Assertiveness		17 When I'm really upset, I can't decide what to do.	2
3 I back down even when I know I am right.	3	37 I tend to worry about a problem rather than trying to	
7 I say "no" when I need to.	5	solve it.	2
21 I am assertive without being offensive.	3	45 I avoid dealing with problems.	2
23 When I disagree with someone, I say so.	3	68 It's hard for me to decide on the best solution when	
53 I am firm and direct when necessary.	3	solving a problem.	3
86 I stand up for what I believe in.	3		

I tell people what I think.



Item Responses

 72 I get stuck when thinking about different ways of solving problems. 75 I feel overwhelmed when I need to make a decision. 84 If I have trouble solving a problem, I get frustrated and 	3 3	96 It's hard for me to make changes in my daily life.120 I need things to be predictable.122 Change makes me uneasy.	3 2 2
give up. 112 I let my emotions get in the way when making decisions.	3	 Stress Tolerance 1 I keep calm in difficult situations. 26 I can't think clearly when I'm under stress. 55 I thrive in challenging situations. 	3 3 4
Reality Testing 14 I see situations as they really are. 36 I make realistic plans to achieve my goals. 43 I recognize my own biases. 57 I have a good sense of my strengths and weaknesses. 77 I know when I need to be more objective.	4 4 4 3 4	 I handle stress without getting too nervous. I perform well under pressure. I cope well with stressful situations. I handle upsetting problems well. I do not react well to stressful situations. 	3 3 3 3 2
 85 I know when my emotions affect my objectivity. 107 Even when upset, I'm aware of what's happening to me. 111 I have a good sense of what is going on around me. 	4 4	Optimism 29 I stay positive even when things get difficult. 32 I am optimistic. 35 I expect the worst. 80 I am hopeful about the future.	3 4 2 4
Impulse Control I make rash decisions when I'm emotional. I interrupt when others are speaking. My impulsiveness creates problems for me. I am impulsive.	2 3 1 1	 83 I see the best in people. 90 I have good thoughts about the future. 98 I expect things to turn out all right, despite setbacks from time to time. 116 I have a positive outlook. 	5 3 2 3
 48 When I start talking, it's hard to stop. 50 I tend to react hastily. 56 It's difficult for me to control my impulses. 67 It's hard for me to resist temptation. Flexibility	2 1 2 2	Happiness 12 It's hard for me to enjoy life. 28 I am not happy with my life. 51 I am enthusiastic. 71 I am happy.	2 2 5 4
6 It's difficult for me to change my opinion. 33 I do not like being in unfamiliar situations. 42 It's hard for me to change my ways. 82 It's hard for me to compromise. 87 I feel uneasy with last-minute changes.	2 2 2 1 2	92 I am satisfied with my life. 101 I'm excited about my life. 106 When I wake up in the morning, I look forward to the day. 126 I am content.	3 4 4 4
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Positive Impression/Negative Impression			
25 I make mistakes.	2	119 Things bother me.	4
59 I like everyone I meet.	5	127 I only care about what is best for others.	4
94 I have bad days.	3	131 I know the right answer.	3





Follow-up Questions

The following questions are suggested to probe further into your client's results. Questions are listed by subscale.

Self-Regard

- 1. What do you believe are your strengths? Provide an example where you used your strengths to your advantage.
- 2. Which of your abilities require development? Provide an example where you have had to work around/compensate for an area of weakness.
- 3. Describe a situation where you had to overcome feelings of insecurity or low confidence in your abilities.
- 4. Tell me about a time when it was clear you had made a mistake or error. How did you feel and what action did you take to rectify the situation? Why do you think you felt this way?
- 5. How can you use your strengths to achieve more of your goals (personal or job performance)? How can you overcome weaknesses on the way to achieving your goals?
- 6. What are you willing to do to improve your skills, abilities, habits, and attitudes?

Self-Actualization

- 1. What are some of your interests outside of work?
- 2. Can you describe 1 or 2 of your short-term goals? Long-term goals? How are your short-term goals connected to your long term-goals?
- 3. Tell me about your process for setting goals? How would you describe the goals you set for yourself?
- 4. What new activities or interests would you like to explore?
- 5. How do you make time to do things you truly enjoy? What are some of the benefits both you and vour career receive from these activities?

Emotional Self-Awareness

- 1. How do your emotions affect other people? Can you provide an example where your teamwork (or a relationship) was affected by the way you were feeling?
- 2. What things do you feel really happy about? Sad? Angry? Describe how you experience these emotions physically, behaviorally, cognitively.
- 3. Describe a time when you were making a decision and your emotions got the best of you? What emotion were you experiencing and what was your reaction?
- 4. What emotions help your job performance? Which emotions hinder your performance?
- 5. Are there emotions that you are more comfortable with than others? Why do you think that is?

Emotional Expression

- 1. Are there some emotions you feel more comfortable expressing than others? Why do you think that is? How do you express what you are feeling? Give examples?
- 2. Describe a time when you regretted not having expressed your true thoughts or feelings about something. What were the consequences (positive and negative) of not expressing your feelings? How would the situation have been different had you been more expressive?
- 3. In general, do you find yourself bottling up emotions? How does this affect your ability to get your work done?
- 4. What does being happy look like to you? Being angry? Being frustrated?
- 5. Have others ever misread your feelings or thoughts? Why do you think that happened?

Assertiveness

- 1. Describe a scenario in which you behaved assertively. What specifically did you do or say that was assertive?
- 2. What do you find challenging about being assertive? What is it about the context or situation that makes you uncomfortable standing up for yourself?
- 3. How would you react if someone on your team consistently failed to pull their weight on a team project?
- 4. What is the difference between assertive and aggressive behavior? Have you ever been perceived as being aggressive? How do you know?
- 5. Tell me about a time when you disagreed with someone. What did you do/say and what was the outcome?





Follow-up Questions

Independence

- 1. Describe your typical style for making decisions.
- 2. Can you give an example of when you relied on others to make a decision for you? What was the outcome?
- 3. What feelings do you experience when you need to work independently from others? Do these feelings change (i.e., become more or less intense) over time?
- 4. To what extent do you involve others in the decisions you make?
- 5. Can you describe a situation where you went against the grain and made a decision that was not the popular choice? What was the outcome?

Interpersonal Relationships

- 1. Describe a time when you had to mediate a conflict between team members. Describe a time when you had to deal with an interpersonal conflict with a team member. How did your emotions differ between experiences?
- 2. What efforts do you put in to maintaining healthy and effective relationships at work? How do you know when a working relationship is effective?
- 3. Describe what types of social situations make you feel uncomfortable. What is your typical response in these situations?
- 4. Tell me about a time when you had to put extra effort into maintaining a close relationship. What value did this relationship have in your life?
- 5. Has there ever been a time when your relationships have made it difficult to make a decision or get your work done?

Empathy

- 1. Tell me about a time when it was really important that you were able to understand the way someone else felt. How did you convey this understanding? How did you ensure you understood them?
- 2. Describe a situation where you were not as sensitive to someone's feelings as you should have been. Why do you think this was the case? What could you have done differently?
- 3. In your opinion, what is the difference between sympathy and empathy? How do you ensure you display these differently?
- 4. How do you ensure you have really understood how another person is feeling?
- 5. Describe a situation where you found it difficult to make a decision because of the way the outcome might impact others. What was the result of your decision?

Social Responsibility

- 1. What have you done recently to help those in need?
- 2. Describe a situation where you have placed others' needs/interests over your own.
 - How often does this type of scenario occur in your life?
- 3. How do you define "being a team player" in your job? What are some examples of where your success can be attributed to your team and not to you alone?
- 4. What social issues are of particular concern to you? How do you contribute to these causes?
- 5. Provide an example of when you had to take responsibility for your actions. How did this make you feel?

Problem Solving

- 1. What was one of the most challenging problems you have ever had to solve? Describe the problem-solving process you used to arrive at the solution.
- 2. How do you think your problem-solving process looks to those you work with? What would they say are strengths of this process? What would they say you could do better?
- 3. Describe a time when your emotions hampered your ability to make a decision. Why did you get sidetracked?
- 4. What role do your emotions play in your problem-solving process? How do they help or hinder your ability to arrive at a solution?
- 5. Tell me about a time when you made a rash decision. What caused this to happen and how did it affect others?

Reality Testing

- 1. Would you describe yourself as a realist or an idealist? How does this description manifest itself in your job?
- 2. Describe a time where you incorrectly sized up a situation. What information did you misjudge and what was the impact?
- 3. How would others describe the goals you set? What information do you take into account when you set these goals?
- 4. Tell me about a time when you should have been more objective rather than relying on a "gut feeling". How do you confirm that your "gut feeling" is accurate?
- 5. Tell me about a time when you should have listened to your instincts rather than being so objective. How do you confirm that your instincts are reliable?





Follow-up Questions

Impulse Control

- 1. How do you typically deal with an impulse to act?
- 2. Tell me about a time when you had to exercise patience and control over your behavior.
- 3. Describe a situation where you were impatient and reacted hastily. How did this impact the end result?
- 4. Describe a situation where it was beneficial for you to act quickly. How did this make you feel?
- 5. Has your impulsiveness ever created problems for you? How do you think others view your behavior in these instances?

Flexibility

- 1. Would others say that you are flexible and open to change, or rigid and set in your ways? What benefits and drawbacks does your typical style bring to your workplace?
- 2. How do you successfully manage change in an environment where people are hesitant to depart with their old ways of doing things?
- 3. Give an example of where you found it difficult to adjust to a change in your job. What emotions were you feeling?
- 4. Do you prefer your work to be predictable and stable, or do you enjoy conditions that require you to change what you do?
- 5. Describe a time where you have to adjust quickly to changes in your environment. What was your process for changing your behavior/tasks?

Stress Tolerance

- 1. How do you tackle stressful circumstances at work? What is an example of where you had to manage stress in order to get your job done?
- 2. What circumstances are stressful for you? How do you proactively manage these circumstances in order to reduce the stress you experience?
- 3. How does stress manifest itself in the way you feel (i.e., emotionally, physically) or act? Can you detect the very onset of stress in your body?
- 4. What strategies do you use to cope with stress? How much do these strategies rely on support from others?
- 5. Describe a time when it was important for you to remain calm under pressure. What skills or techniques did you use? How were others impacted in this situation?

- 1. Would you describe yourself as having positive or negative expectations about how things will turn out? How does this impact the way you set goals and objectives?
- 2. Describe a project/task where you experienced several setbacks. What was your approach to overcoming these difficulties?
- 3. When planning and setting goals, how do you manage risk? What does your contingency plan look like?
- 4. Describe a situation where you were overly positive or overly negative in your expectations about how things would turn out. What impact did your outlook have on your performance and that of others?
- 5. What are some resources or strategies you draw upon in order to stay positive about the future?





Action Plan

The steps your client takes towards achieving his/her El goals will determine whether or not success is realized. Use this step-by-step activity plan to help guide your client towards accomplishing personal objectives. Remember to use the SMART goal setting criteria for each goal.

Write down up to three El skills or behaviors that require further development (e.g., "reflective listening" to build empathy, or "recognizing how my body reacts to stress" to raise emotional self-awareness). The SMART goals should then help to strengthen these El skills and behaviors.

SPECIFIC MEASURABLE **ACTION-ORIENTED** REALISTIC TIMELY

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Write down up to three overall qualities that your client would like to have (e.g., integrity, providing clear leadership, team player, clear communicator). In some way the SMART goals he/she outlines in this action plan should help to achieve these qualities.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Transfer your client's SMART goals into the action plan template below.

SMART Goal	Time Frame	Benefits	Measure of Success	Support and Resources Needed	Potential Barriers
Listen to others	In team meetings Starting from today	Other people will listen to me I will get to hear everyone's views	Feedback from the team to say that I am listening to them more Take actions that other people have suggested	From the team to give me honest feedback	Time — often do not have time to listen to views but just need to give instructions. If this is the case need to tell people at the beginning of the meeting

I commit to this action plan.	
	(signature)

Action Planner (example



El Development Commitment

A Development Commitment is a tool to help hold your client accountable for accomplishing the goals outlined in his/her action plan. As we all too often know, our plans for personal growth and development often fall by the wayside when we get back to work and our

organization's demands win the competition for time and attention. By outlining your client's objectives here, and ensuring that your client does the same in his or her report, you help your client to be more accountable to reaching their professional objectives.

My client's action plan includes the following goals:	Due Date



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Preparing for the Debrief

Review the Report

Review the Response Style Explained page and look into any flagged areas.
Review the Total El score and composite scores. Where does the client fall in relation to the general population?
Review the individual subscales and patterns. Which particular combinations of subscales are striking to you? Which do you want to investigate at the item level?
Review item scores for any particularly high or low scores.
Examine the Balancing EI page. What stands out in this client's results? Which subscales do you need to look at more closely? What might be some challenges associated with the results?
Make notes on areas you are curious about.

☐ What is your overall impression? What will you want to keep in mind as you go through the debrief?

Conducting the Debrief

Phase Points to Keep in Mind		Questions to Ask	
1. Build Rapport The first step is to create a sense of ease and establish common goals between you and your client.	 Explain how the feedback will be structured and how long it will take. Ask what the client wants to get out of the session. Remind the client of the confidentiality agreement and who "owns the data". If appropriate, show the client a sample report so that they are prepared for what they will be seeing in their own report. This may help them understand what the results will indicate before they actually see them. Remind the client that this is a self-report and that it is a "snapshot in time". It is a starting point for discussion, not the end of the investigation. 	 □ How are you feeling about this meeting? □ What was your experience in taking the assessment? <i>Probing questions</i>: were you alone, did you do it at the beginning of the day, end of the day; do you recall any items that you had difficulty with or that were not clear to you? □ Is there anything significant going on in your life that may have affected how you responded to the items? □ How did you find the items themselves? Anything you found odd or curious? □ Do you have any questions or comments before we go over your profile? 	
2. Validate Facts Next, establish the "truth" of EQ-i results in the eyes of your client.	 □ Give definition of El and recap details of the EQ-i 2.0. □ As you can see, the bars represent how you responded to the items on each scale of the EQ-i 2.0. □ The bars that are in the middle range show that compared to the general population, you answered the items in a similar way. □ Bars to the left indicate decreased use of behaviors related to the scale. □ Bars to the right indicate increased use of behaviors related to the scale. 	 □ What is your first impression of this profile? □ Does this profile look accurate to you? □ What surprises you? □ Where would you like to focus first? □ What questions do you have about your results? □ Can you give me an example of how you use that skill? □ Would you say this is a real strength of yours? □ This suggests to me that Is that true of you? 	





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Phase	Points to Keep in Mind	Questions to Ask
3. Discovery In the third step, the goal is to acquire a full understanding of any challenges that may be present. As a coach, you want to probe for details to clarify your client's thoughts, feelings, opinions, and expectations.	Use the Follow-Up Questions pages to get a better understanding of how your client demonstrates the skills related to specific subscales.	 □ What areas stand out for you as things you'd like to focus on? □ How satisfied are you with that? □ What concerns do you have with that situation? □ Why do you think that is so? □ What is the message here? □ What gets in your way in this area? □ Why is that so frustrating? □ How do you see that contributing to your success? □ How do you see that holding you back? □ Do these areas interfere with achieving your goals in any way? □ How might a decreased use of these types of behaviors help you in your role?
4. Establish Relevance Next, activate interest in finding a solution and gauge the possibility and desire for change.	Connect the importance of your conversation to your client's work.	 □ It sounds like it is important for you to on the job. Is that correct? □ How long have you been doing that? □ To what extent is that effective for you? □ How is that behavior working for you?
5. Explore Benefits The goal here is to help your client become aware of the benefits of change by considering the benefits of a particular solution.	Pose hypothetical, jobrelated situations to help your client imagine a new state of behavior and its outcomes. "If then" questions help the client project an ideal state of operating effectively.	 □ What is the ideal situation here? □ If you had a choice, what would you do? □ If you didn't have to deal with, how would things be different? □ What kind of support would be helpful? □ If you were going to work on one or two areas, which one(s) would you choose? □ What benefits would you like to achieve by improving in those areas?
6. Transition The last part of the session involves discussing next steps and establishing the client's commitment to continue working with you.	Ask transition questions to remind your client of time limitations to ensure the majority of areas you both want to discuss are addressed. "How" questions help work out the logistics of your future relationship. If appropriate, complete the Development Action Plan together with your client.	 □ It sounds like this is an area you'd like to work on. What are some ways that you might be able to further develop in this area? □ What is one thing you can do to further develop this skill? □ Questions to help close the conversation: □ How would you like to move forward? □ How committed are you to your development plan? □ If you're not completely committed, what do you need to do to get there? <i>OR</i> What do you need to change in your development plan in order to be fully committed? □ How will you remain accountable for developing in this area? □ I propose that we Does that sound good to you? □ What outstanding questions do you have?

