## INTEREST & OCCUPATIONAL THEMES

YOUR INTERESTS Review the Interest & Occupational Themes below and identify 3 categories that describe your interests.

Practical Doers	Problem Solvers
• Generally interested in - mechanical, construction, and repair activities	• Generally interested in – activities related to science and math
<ul> <li>Described as - reliable, practical, persistent, adventurous, sensible, self-reliant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Described as – thoughtful, analytical, intellectual, curious, problem focused, self-motivated</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Skills – making/building/repairing things, physical coordination, problems solving with tools/machines, mechanical ingenuity and dexterity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Skills – researching, uncovering new facts or theories, analyzing and interpreting data, writing technical documents, performing mathematics</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Work Environments – mechanics &amp; construction, computer hardware &amp; electronics, military, protective services, nature &amp; agriculture, athletics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work Environments – science, research, medical science, mathematics</li> </ul>
Creative Communicators	Empathetic Helpers
<ul> <li>Generally interested in – visual art, performing arts, culinary arts, and writing</li> </ul>	• Generally interested in – being with others, helping people through discussion of feelings and interactions
• <b>Described as</b> – creative, independent, unconventional, expressive, imaginative, original	<ul> <li>Described as – caring, helpful, cooperative, kind, understanding, friendly, insightful, warm</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Skills – creativity, imagination, verbal-linguistic, musical, dramatics</li> </ul>	• <b>Skills</b> – developing relationships, teaching, listening, verbal communication, understanding others
Work Environments – visual arts & design, performing arts, writing & mass communication, culinary arts	<ul> <li>Work Environments – counseling &amp; helping, teaching &amp; education, human resources &amp; training, social sciences, religion &amp; spirituality, healthcare services</li> </ul>
Active Persuaders	Careful Organizers
Generally interested in – persuading, leading others toward organizational goals and economic success	• Generally interested in – activities requiring attention to organization, data systems, detail and accuracy
• <b>Described as</b> – ambitious, competitive, persuasive, energetic, sociable, talkative, self-confident, optimistic	<ul> <li>Described as – practical, organized, conscientious, orderly, accurate, precise, efficient, respectful</li> </ul>
• <b>Skills</b> – public speaking, persuading/selling, social and interpersonal interaction, leading, focusing on goals	• <b>Skills</b> – organization, efficiency, patience, persistence, managing systems/data, math, computers/info systems
<ul> <li>Work Environments – marketing &amp; advertising, sales, management, entrepreneurship, politics &amp; public speaking, law</li> </ul>	Work Environments – office management, taxes & accounting, programming & information systems, finance & investing