HANDWRITING A NA LYSIS

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HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING IDEAS



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This month's article is written by Adriene Delhomme, our client service consultant. If you want help with gift-giving decisions, this article is for you.

he holiday season is here, and you know what that means...PRESENTS! But how do you know what to get for your sweetheart? Maybe last year she wasn't overjoyed to receive that micro-wave oven. And, what about the expensive hypo-allergenic shaving cream bought to pamper his sensitive skin? Did he even use it? Well, this year we can help you get the right present for your partner.

Differences between the handwriting of two people will vary to the degree that their personalities differ from each other. Pick two people that you know to be very different from each other (i.e. a gruff mechanic and a soft-hearted social worker) and compare their handwriting. They should have distinctively different styles. So, just imagine one trying to buy a present for the other. This article is designed to make it easy for you to buy a presents for people based on their handwriting.

First obtain a sample of their writing. Next, examine the handwriting of the following six types of personalities. Compare the sample to each of the six types. Observe to see which kind of handwriting style seems most like your sweetheart's. Each style is identified by a letter.

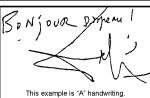
If the sample you have resembles the writing of more than one of the examples shown here, it just means that your partner is multi-facetted, and not easily labeled. Try to rank your loved one's handwriting in order of its degree of similarity to the examples shown here. Remember to

check out the extra categories for gift ideas as well.

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This example is "5" handwriting.

Having a hard time distinguishing between "S" handwriting and "E" handwriting? "S" samples usually contain more flourishes and are written more legibly. "E" samples are written at a higher speed with a lot of pressure. Their handwriting may be more difficult to read.

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This example is "E" handwriting.

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This example is "C" handwriting.

Next, find the letter of the handwriting that looks the most like your partner's sample. Read that description and use your judgement when picking a gift from the list. The realistic personality type enjoys working with their hands, tools, and machines. Normally, this personality type is straight-forward, natural, athletic, and not very social.

What to give them: Sports, hiking, or camping equipment; sporting event tickets; a really cool new tool for their work bench; arts and crafts; and gag gifts. Try sporting goods stores for ideas.

The investigative personality type is characterized as an intellectual type that enjoys analyzing, research, and abstract problem solving. This type usually likes to work in math and science. They are curious, reserved, and logical. (By the way, this handwriting example features Charles Darwin.)

What to give them: computer equipment; chess set; electronic games, telescope; walkman/stereo/cd player/watchman; subscriptions to the Sci-fi, Discovery, or Learning channel; subscriptions to a magazine such as Science, Scientific American, Nature, or a computer magazine; the latest best-selling mystery or sci-fi book. Try the Sharper Image catalogue.

The artistic group may engage in activities that involve original expression, change and improvement, design, or development. They are often unpredictable, idealistic, aesthetic, abstract, and imaginative. (This handwriting example belongs to Salvador Dali.)

What to give them: tickets to a musical/opera/art show; art supplies; avant-garde or unique clothing; a print, reproduction, or an original of a favorite art piece. Try art museum shops, or buy direct from a local artist.

Those who belong to the social personality type are interested in building relationships, helping others, and communicating or teaching. They are often friendly, compassionate, giving, caring, and team-spirited.

What to give them: vacation reservations; tickets to see far away friends and relatives; an interactive pet such as a dog, a cat, or a bird (it's even better if you rescue them from the pound); romantic music; a holiday party with all their favorite people; stationary; cellular phone, a nicely framed picture of yourself. Oh, and make their greeting card yourself for a nice touch.

This energetic group is named enterprising. They are often concerned with challenges, opportunities for advancement, and financial rewards. They

tend to be controlling, extroverted, pleasure-seeking, popular, and attention-getting.

What to give them: signs of prestige (i.e. cellular phone, a pen from Mont Blanc or Tiffany's, engraved business card holder, micro cassette recorder, desk set, brief case, or jewelry); expensive and fashionable clothes. Try exclusive stores such as Tiffany's or Neiman Marcus.

The conventional personality type is indeed traditional. This group follows the rules. They are suited to organizational or administrative work, as well as detailed and structured tasks. They are practical, cooperative, and conscientious.

What to give them: watch; gift certificates to their favorite restaurants; practical clothes; board games; additions to their collections; food basket; religious paraphernalia; factual books; or something they need.

Now, follow the instructions for your own writing to check to see if the gifts you are buying are really for yourself! Adriene Delhomme

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question: I am sick of the dating scene! I don't have any problems getting a date. I just have the worst luck in finding someone worthy of staying with. I know that a handwriting analysis can show me early on what they are really like. But how do I get them to give me a handwriting sample without making them suspicious?

- Nick E.

Answer: You would be surprised to see the handwriting samples we receive. We've analyzed handwritings on everything from cocktail napkins to toilet tissue (but that's another story). Get them to write their name and number or address when you first meet them. If you have to meet them someplace, get them to draw you a map. Write them a note and they might write back! Of course, the ideal sample is a full page of unlined handwriting with a signature.

If you would like to submit your handwriting (and maybe someone else's) for the possibility of appearing in an upcoming article, please write with your question to:

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