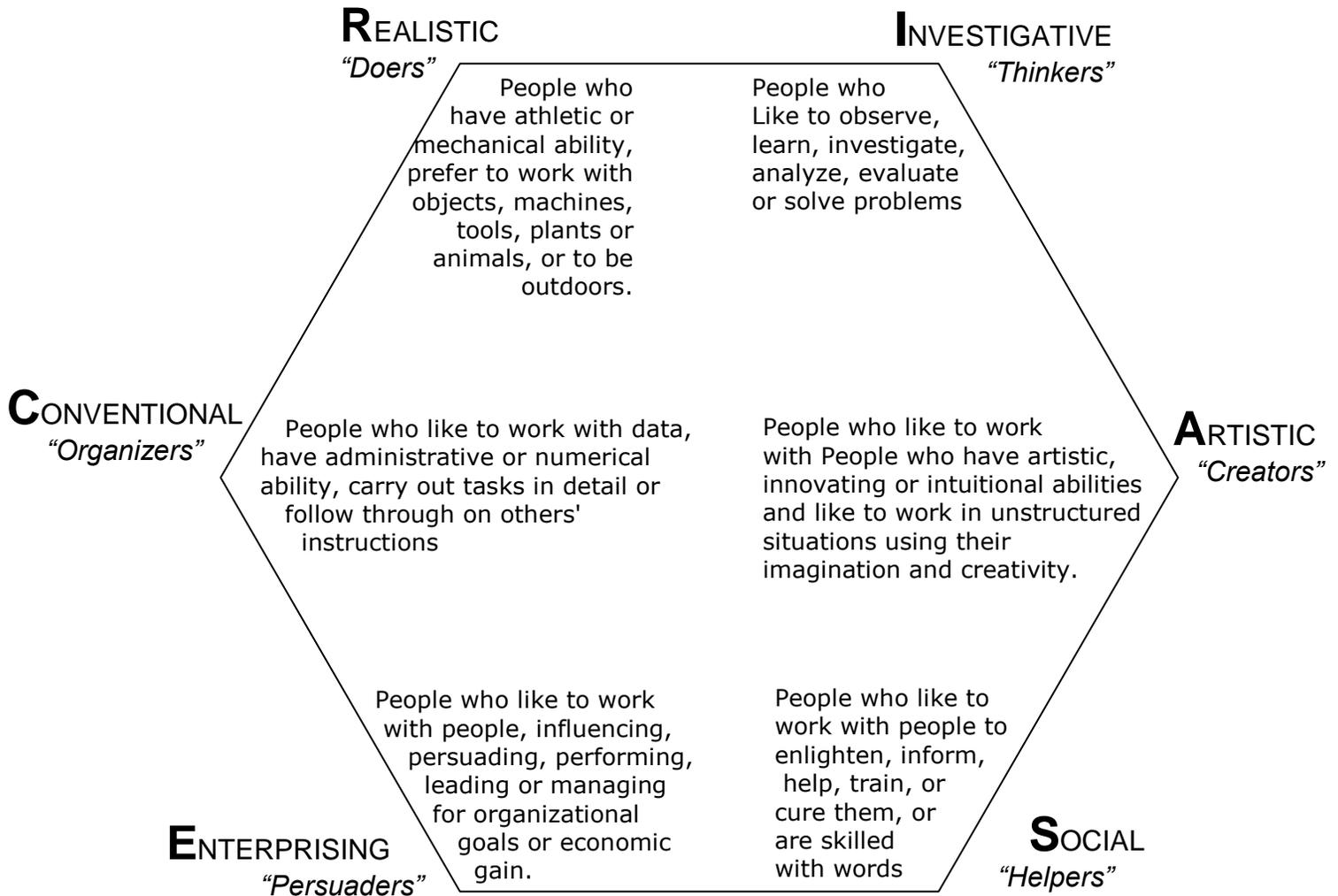




Planning Your Future: “The Party Game”

This exercise created by Richard Bolles is based on Dr. John Holland's theory that people and work environments can be loosely classified into six different groups. Different peoples' personalities may find different environments more to their liking. While you may have some interests in and similarities to several of the six groups, you may be attracted primarily to two or three of the areas. These two or three letters are your Holland Code.

Imagine walking into a room in which the six groups of people below are already interacting. Read the descriptions of each group and list the group you would be drawn to first, then your second choice, and finally your third choice. These represent your 3 letter Holland Code.



Circle the words or group of words from each group that appeals to you.

Write about when in the **past** you have used this word or group of words. Provide as much detail as you can recall. Include the situation, specific actions, and results you got from your past experience.

Project forward and write about how you would like to use these words or group of words in the **future**. Again, provide as much detail as you can. Include the situation, specific actions, and results you imagine for the future.



Explore occupations associated to the Holland Codes using <http://online.onetcenter.org>

Summary reports can provide more overall information while a detail report will give greater depth.

Summary Report for:
21-1012.00 - Educational, Vocational, and School Counselors

Counsel individuals and provide group educational and vocational guidance services.

Sample of reported job titles: Counselor, Guidance Counselor, School Counselor, Academic Advisor, Career Counselor, Career Services Director, College Counselor, Academic Counselor, Career Center Director

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Tasks

- Counsel students regarding educational issues such as course selection, college preparation, and financial aid.
- Counsel individuals to help them understand and overcome personal and social barriers to education and career.
- Maintain accurate and complete student records as required by state and federal regulations.
- Confer with parents or guardians, teachers, other counselors, and community resources to provide comprehensive guidance.
- Provide crisis intervention to students when difficult situations arise.
- Identify cases involving domestic abuse or other family problems.
- Meet with parents and guardians to discuss their children's progress and needs.
- Prepare students for later educational experiences by encouraging them to pursue postsecondary education.

Review the summary descriptions for the *tasks, knowledge, skills, etc.* as a means to explore possible areas of career interest for yourself in greater detail.

Use the *related occupations* link to find other possible job titles for exploration.

TIP: It can be helpful to copy and paste specific *tasks, knowledge, skills, etc.* that appeal to you to create an outline of your ideal job. This can provide a solid foundation as you move forward into *exploring careers*.