ISTP Overview

| Order of Preferences | Type Dynamics |
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| 1st Thinking: Dominant 2nd Sensing: Auxiliary 3rd Intuition: Tertiary 4th Feeling: Inferior | Introverted Thinking: Inwardly logically analyzing data based on their experience Extraverted Sensing: Outwardly acting on the immediate facts and details Intuition: As you mature, consider possibilities as well as realities Extraverted Feeling: Development challenge is making personal connections |

ISTP Brief Description:

- Leads by quietly setting an example
- Influences, when asked, by having all the needed information ready
- Focus is on finding the logical ways to get things done

ISTP Characteristics Frequently Associated:

- Tolerant, flexible, quiet observer
- Organize facts using logical principles and value efficiency
- Acts quickly to find workable solutions when a problem occurs; able to get through large amounts of data

Communication Styles:

<u>Adapting/Flexing</u>: Things to keep in mind when communicating to others. <u>Sharing Your Preferences</u>: As you build relationships, share your preferences so others can meet your needs.

| When presenting to, influencing, explaining to, or trying to understand: | | |
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| SENSING TYPES | INTUITIVE TYPES | |
| Be factual | Give the global scheme | |
| Document successful applications | Don't let opportunities pass | |
| Reduce risk factors | Be confident and enthusiastic | |
| Work out details in advance | Indicate challenges | |
| Show why solutions make sense | Point out future benefits | |
| THINKING TYPES | FEELING TYPES | |
| Be logical | Mention other supporters | |
| State principles involved | Be personable and friendly | |
| Stress competent handling of the issues | Indicate how solutions are helpful | |
| Be well organized | Tell why it's valuable | |
| List costs and benefits | Show how it supports personal goals | |

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Communication Tips for ISTPs:

Remember that many people enjoy having a personal connection when working with others.
 TIP: Develop patience for the sharing of personal information by others; and show empathy instead of becoming detached.

- In addition to using your logic, strive to understand personal aspects of a situation.
 TIP: Balance your practical, task-focused approach with a consideration of the personal needs and situations of the people involved.
- Take time to work out conflicts and deal with personal issues at work.
 TIP: Be willing to listen to others; and express your feelings and viewpoints.
- Incorporate a longer-term focus into your practical, immediate troubleshooting
 TIP: Recognize that by doing this you can solve problems more effectively in the long run.
- Balance corrective feedback with positive feedback when working with people that have a preference for Feeling.

 \rightarrow TIP: Show that you are supportive and offer encouragement. Check show others are feeling when giving feedback and hold back the tendency to critique while providing corrective feedback.

Not everyone is aware or thinks about asking others their preferences.

 \rightarrow TIP: Help people understand what's important to you and set the example by asking others what their preferences are in relation to working together. Share yours as appropriate.

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