

## The Validator

### Architect (INTP), Field marshal (ENTJ), Inventor (ENTP), and Mastermind (INTJ)

Validators are abstract in speech and utilitarian in pursuing their goals. Their greatest strength is strategy. Their most developed intelligence role is that of either the *Engineer* (Architects and Inventors) or the *Coordinator* (Masterminds and Field marshals). As the *knowledge-seeking* temperament, Validators trust reason implicitly. They rely on objective observations and factual analysis in any given situation. They seek a logical argument as a basis for action. As strategists, Validators strive to gain as much information as possible, applying what they learn to develop long-term plans and the steps for achieving them. They are characterized by a tough-minded personal style, tending to pursue either power or understanding. They are often strong-willed, ambitious, intelligent, and self-determined. Subjective thoughts and emotion have no place in the decision-making process of a Rational. Driven to excel, they work hard to achieve their goals, and they do well where they can take control or work independently on a task.

**Interests:** Validators are drawn to *science* and *technology*. They usually seek careers involving *systems*—whether mechanical or electrical (as in engineering), organic (as in biology), social (as in psychology or sociology), or organizational (as in business or economics)

**Orientation:** Validators are pragmatic about the world around them, having little use for social convention or sentiment except as a means to an end. They weigh logical outcomes before acting, looking for errors in reasoning—in themselves and others. Many often believe that ethical concepts like good and evil are relative, depending on one's particular point of view. They regard time as the duration of events rather than as a continuum. They view place as the intersection of two crossing lines (as in Cartesian coordinates, for example).

**Self-image:** The Validators self-esteem is rooted in their ingenuity; their self-respect in their autonomy; and their self-confidence in their resoluteness.

**Values:** Validators appear calm even in times of turmoil. They achieve this state through an intense concentration of effort rather than through cold-heartedness. They trust reason and strive for achievement. They are knowledge-seekers who aspire to technical wizardry, and so are pleased when others defer to their expertise.

**Social roles:** In romantic relationships, Validators want a *mind mate* with whom they can discuss the topics that interest them, which are often abstract or theoretical, such as philosophy. As parents, they encourage their children to become self-reliant individuals capable of thinking for themselves. In their professional and social lives, Validators are Validator leaders, developing and consolidating coherent long-term plans.

**Stress:** When under stress, Validators may intellectualize or repress their feelings. The informative Validators (Architects and Inventors) prefer theorizing, designing, and prototyping their ideas, which may cause them to feel overburdened when called upon to finalize their ideas into practical operation by themselves. This can result in feelings of inadequacy, which can lead to poor or no execution.

The directive Validators (Masterminds and Field marshals) experience stress when their long-range vision is resisted or derailed. They may respond by collecting more and more minute data or by becoming increasingly authoritarian, unaware of how their demands are perceived by others. When confronted with negative consequences in their endeavours, Validators may experience feelings of incompetence, especially if they are not emotionally intelligent. They are frustrated by inefficiency or the perceived illogic of others.

#### Traits in common with other temperaments

- Abstract in communicating (like Adapters)  
Validators use concepts, possibilities, theories, and identified patterns as a means for communication. Although Validators are realistic, the abstract world serves as a tool for thinking independently and developing new ideas that can be used in more practical matters.
- Pragmatic in pursuing their goals (like Energizers)  
Validators are unconventional thinkers when deciding on a task or solving a problem. Individualistic by nature, Validators observe their own interests as a response to action, free from societal conformity or traditional thinking. Validators are not necessarily uncooperative, but they will refuse to perform a certain action if it goes against their understanding or experience and is not based on sound logic or the facts (as they understand them) in a given context.