

Qualities of an Innovator

Challenges status quo:

Dissatisfied with current reality. Questions authority and routine. Confronts assumptions.

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Self-motivated: Responds to deep inner needs. Proactively initiates new projects. Intrinsically rewarded for efforts.

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Entertains the fantastic: Conjures outrageous scenarios. Sees possibilities within the seemingly impossible. Honors dreams and daydreams.

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Peripatetic: Changes work environments as needed. Wanders, walks or travels to inspire fresh thinking. Given to movement and interaction.

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Self-accepting: Withholds compulsive criticism of their own ideas. Understands "perfection is the enemy of the good." Unattached to looking good in the eyes of others.

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Curious: Actively explores their environment. Investigates new possibilities. Honors their sense of awe and wonder.

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Visionary: Highly imaginative. Maintains a future orientation. Thinks in mental pictures.

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Takes risks: Goes beyond their comfort zone. Experimental and non-conforming. Courageously willing to "fail" (but learns from feedback).

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Playful & humorous: Appreciates incongruities and surprise. Able to appear foolish and child-like. Laughs easily and often.

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Makes new connections: Sees relationships between seemingly disconnected elements. Synthesizes new combinations. Distills odd ideas down to their underlying principles.

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Reflective: Incubates on problems and challenges. Seeks out states of immersion. Ponders, muses and contemplates.

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Tolerates ambiguity: Comfortable with chaos. Able to entertain paradox. Doesn't settle for the first "right idea."

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Balances intuition and analysis: Alternates between divergent and convergent thinking. Entertains hunches before analyzing them. Trusts their gut, uses their head.

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Formally articulate: Communicates ideas effectively. Translates abstract concepts into meaningful language. Creates prototypes with ease.

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Persevering: Hardworking and persistent. Champions new ideas with tenacity. Committed to follow-through and bottom-line results.

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Recognizes Patterns: Perceptive and discriminating. Notices organizing principles & trends. Sees (and challenges) the Big Picture.

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Committed to learning: Continually seeks knowledge. Synthesizes new input quickly. Balances info gathering and action.

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Situationally collaborative: Balances rugged individualism with political savvy. Open to coaching and input. Rallies support as needed.

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Resilient: Bounces back from disappointment. Learns quickly from feedback. Willing to "try, try again."

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Flexible/adaptive: Open to serendipity and change. Able to adjust game plan as needed. Entertains multiple ideas & solutions.

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