Determining Your Social Style

Ask Characteristics	Tell Characteristics
Less assertive, more introverted	More assertive, more extroverted
☐ Outward response under stress: flight	 Outward response under stress: fight
 Driving emotion and motiva- tion under stress: fear 	 Driving emotion and moti- vation under stress: anger
☐ Communicates hesitantly	Readily communicative
☐ Lower quantity of talk	Higher quantity of talk
☐ Pace of speech: slower	Pace of speech: faster
☐ Speech volume: soft	Speech volume: louder
☐ Body movements: slow and deliberate	 Body movements: fast and rapid
☐ More tentative and less forceful	 Less tentative and more forceful
Reserves opinions	Shares opinions easily
☐ Less confrontive	More confrontational
□ Nonaggressive	More aggressive
☐ Thoughtful decisions	☐ More decisive
☐ Will not pressure people for decisions	 Will pressure people for decisions
☐ Patient	☐ Impatient
☐ Not a huge risk-taker	☐ More of a risk-taker
 Avoids the use of power if at all possible 	 Will use personal and positional power
☐ Attentive listener	Has difficulty listening

 \square I see myself as more telling.

Task Characteristics	Relationship Characteristics
☐ Dress: more formal	☐ Dress: more informal
☐ Topics of speech: current issues and tasks at hand	 Topics of speech: people, stories, and anecdotes
☐ Body posture: more rigid	☐ Body posture: more relaxed
☐ Facial expressions: more controlled	 Facial expressions: more animated
☐ General attitude: more toward the serious side	 General attitude: more toward the playful side
☐ More reserved	☐ More outgoing
☐ Controlled and guarded	☐ Free to share emotions
emotions	Filled with opinions and
→ Filled with facts and data	stories
☐ Less interested in small talk	More interested in small talk
☐ Decisions are fact-based	 Decisions are feeling or gut- based
☐ Disciplined about time	 Less disciplined about time
 Strict and disciplined about rules 	 More permissive and lenient about rules
☐ Restrained and guarded when sharing opinions	 More impulsive and forceful when sharing opinions
☐ Hard to get to know, keeps distance from people	 Easy to get to know, does not keep distance from people
☐ Preoccupied	☐ More carefree
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Ask/Task ANALYTICAL	Tell/Task DRIVER

Ask/Task	Tell/Task
ANALYTICAL	DRIVER
Ask/Relationship	Tell/Relationship
AMIABLE	EXPRESSIVE