

Distinguishing Between Active and Passive Students

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Promotions are earned with hard work and persistence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotions come from having people like you
2. <input type="checkbox"/> I would get better grades if my teachers were better	<input type="checkbox"/> How hard I study determines the grades that I get.
3. <input type="checkbox"/> The increasing divorce rate indicates that fewer people trying to make their marriages last.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fate determines how long a marriage will last. All you can do is hope that your partner will stay with you for life
4. <input type="checkbox"/> It is useless to try to change the attitudes or behaviors of others	<input type="checkbox"/> I can usually change others to see and do things my way
5. <input type="checkbox"/> In our society, a person's income is determined primarily by his or her level of ability and motivation	<input type="checkbox"/> Finding a well-paying job is simply a matter of being luckier than other people
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Many people are hard to get along with and there is no use trying to be friendly to them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting along with people is a skill that can be learned over time with a little patience
7. <input type="checkbox"/> My grades are a result of my own effort, not luck	<input type="checkbox"/> Whether I study or not has little effect on my grades
8. <input type="checkbox"/> It is wishful thinking to believe that one person can change what happens in society today	<input type="checkbox"/> People like me can change the course of events by standing up and making themselves heard
9. <input type="checkbox"/> The good and bad things that happen to me are determined primarily by what I do	<input type="checkbox"/> Good things happen when I'm lucky, bad things happen when I'm unlucky
10. <input type="checkbox"/> I would be much happier if life wasn't so stressful	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace of mind comes from learning to adapt to the stresses of life
11. <input type="checkbox"/> I earned an "F"	<input type="checkbox"/> The teacher gave me an "F"

Self-Assessment

Place a check mark on the line to the left of the statement in each pair of statements that you believe is true. Try to be as honest as possible in all of your choices.

To score your test, add the check marks in the left column for the odd-numbered items (1, 3, 5, etc.) and in the right column for the even-numbered items. The higher your score, the more likely you are to be an active learner. If your score is particularly low, you may want to reconsider your beliefs about who is responsible for your ability to learn and perform well in your classes and change your attitudes and behaviors accordingly.

Remember, it's your education and **only you** can make it be what you want it to be.

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