

1. Flexibility: The ability to go beyond tradition, habits, and the obvious. To turn ideas and materials to new, different, and unusual uses.
2. Fluency: The ability to think of many ideas; many possible solutions to a problem.
3. Elaboration: The ability to work out the details of an idea or solution.
4. Tolerance of ambiguity: The ability to hold conflicting ideas and values and to bring about a reconciliation without undue tension. The values of creative persons, for example, seem to be both aesthetic and theoretical, two value systems which might be considered antithetical. The creative person appears to be interested not only in solutions to

problems but also in "elegant" aesthetically satisfying solutions. His goal seems to be both truth and beauty.

5. Originality: Divergent rather than convergent thinking, going beyond commonly accepted ideas to unusual forms, ideas, approaches, solutions.
6. Breadth of interest: Wide range of interests with much more concern for the "big ideas," broad meanings, and implications rather than for small details and facts for the sake of facts.
7. Sensitivity: The ability to sense problems, to see deficiencies and needs in life, the challenge to find solutions and fill these needs. Sensitivity to our own inner life and feelings, thoughts and feelings of others.
8. Curiosity: Openness to new ideas and experiences; the capacity to be puzzled; actively experimenting with ideas and the pleasure in seeking and discovering ideas.
9. Independence: Thinking things through our own self-reliance and forcefulness.

10. **Reflection**: The ability to consider and reconsider, to evaluate our ideas as well as the ideas of others; to take time to achieve understanding and insight, to look ahead and plan, to visualize the complete picture.
11. **Action**: The ability to put ideas in action; to begin, help, shape, with high energy and enthusiasm these ideas.
12. **Concentration and persistence**: The ability to work hard, long, consistently, and persistently with extraordinary concentration.
13. **Commitment**: Deep involvement, intense commitment, deep caring, almost of a metaphysical nature.

14. Expression of total personality: Expression of both male and female sides of nature, which at times leads to tension in our society. As the creative male shows such supposedly female traits as sensitivity, self-awareness, and breadth of interests or as the female shows such "male" traits as independence, self-reliance and forcefulness.
15. Sense of humor: The ability to see and express the humor in the contradictions and ambiguities of life. To maintain balance without losing commitment.

Although each and every creative person is different from the next, many of them have similar personality traits. Here are some of the most distinct characteristics and qualities that some highly creative people have and embody.

Independent

Usually, creative people have a strong sense of independence. They enjoy being alone with their ideas and making art out of their thoughts. They are comfortable with being on their own when exploring new cities or even eating at a restaurant by themselves. In a way, they would prefer not to work on projects with other people since it is easier for them to dive in and take charge all by themselves.

Curious

Creative people are always curious about how certain things work and what makes people tick. They are the people who constantly ask questions and want to become knowledgeable about random things. Their curiosity comes across in their work and art since they are brave enough to question and then answer things others will not.

Deep thinkers

It should come as no surprise that creative people are deep thinkers. They dive deep into philosophical questions and want to get to the root of everything. They internalize their thoughts and their mind is always running. They are intelligent and become knowledgeable about religion, politics, niche subjects, and the meaning of life in general. They tend to use their deep thoughts and the inner-most workings of their mind for inspiration for their work.

Open-minded

Creative people tend to be very open to new ideas and new ways of thinking since they are constantly thinking about life and things from different perspectives. For example, if they are a writer, they are putting themselves in each of their characters and their mindsets when drafting their novel. So when they are living their life, putting themselves in other people's shoes and thinking in a different mindset comes easily to them.

Interesting

Creative people are truly interesting individuals. They have such a vibrant personality that can entertain and keep you occupied for hours. They have a wide range of interests which makes talking to them about nearly anything always a fun time. They know how to converse with a diverse group of people and always have something interesting to say.

Fun

Creative people are a good time. They are fun to be around since they have such a thirst for life. They are usually excited about new people, places, and things. They want to soak in everything that life has to offer and then put their experiences into their work.

Ambitious

Creative people understand that no task is too small for them to tackle. They are ready to take on a lot of work all at once and they know they can produce awesome results. Most of the time, they do so under an intense deadline and plenty of stress. Whether it is a first draft of a novel due within a month or a collection of sculptures they have to create for an art show quickly approaching, they know they can do it.

Sensitive

Creative people are sensitive since they are very in-tune with their emotions and feelings. They capture this sensitivity and use it as inspiration for their work. They have a certain sensitivity for people, feedback, beauty, and other aspects of their life. They have a heightened sense of sensitivity at all times.

Active

Creative people are active people. They have no tolerance for boredom since they always want to be creating and improving their craft. They are down for anything that comes their way and are ready for adventure at a moment's notice. They thrive on new and exciting experiences since it provides inspiration for their novel, poetry, music, dance, or artwork.

Spreads Happiness

Creative people share their gift and passion with the world and this, in turn, spreads happiness. [Spreading happiness through creativity](#) happens when this passionate, creative person shares their work and art with others. Their art evokes certain emotions and responses from people, it also may inspire other people to become creative themselves. Creative people may enjoy sharing their work with others because it also makes them happy to receive great reviews of their work or see the expressions other's have when they view their masterpieces. Creative people tend to be happy, positive, and upbeat.