

Rogers' Interest Inventory

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1. Your school has decided it wants to raise money for new equipment for the playground. You and your two best friends have been asked to brainstorm a list of possible fund raisers. You have quite a long list now and must decide which three to recommend to the school principal. Mark your first choice activity with a **1**, second choice with a **2**, and third choice with a **3**. Pick ones that you think would be FUN to do.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sell candy door-to-door | <input type="checkbox"/> Put on a school play and charge for tickets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer a class on using computers to parents in the school | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange a basketball tournament class team vs. class team and charge for tickets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make children's toys and sell them | <input type="checkbox"/> Put on a fund-raising telethon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charge admission for viewing science fair exhibits at the school | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a literary magazine of students' creative writing and sell it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit local businesses and solicit donations | <input type="checkbox"/> Host a math or chess competition and charge admission |

2. It's summer vacation and you will now have lots of time to read. What kind(s) of books will you read?

Kind of books (like fiction, mysteries, fantasy, adventure, joke, science, history, biography, reference books, etc.)

Titles of books you have already read but want to read again.....

Titles of books you have never read, but really want to read...

3. Put a check next to those book titles below which sound interesting enough for you to read.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales | <input type="checkbox"/> The Illyrian Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Carry On, Mr. Bowditch |
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| _____ Cam Jansen and the
Mystery of the
Haunted House | _____ Anne Frank: Diary of a
Young Girl | _____ The Wizard of Earthsea |
| _____ Freckle Juice | _____ The Way Things Work | _____ The Man Who Lived
Alone |
| _____ The Dog That Stole
Football Plays | _____ The Hobbit | _____ Anne of Green Gables |
| _____ My Father's Dragon | _____ Prince Caspian | _____ A Time to Fly Free |
| _____ Honest Abe | _____ A Slowly Tilting Planet | _____ The Lemming Condition |
| _____ The Science Book of
Electricity | _____ Phoebe the Spy | _____ A Heart to the Hawks |
| _____ Grizzly Riddles | _____ The Girl Who Could Fly | _____ A Good Courage |
| _____ The Great American
Elephant Chase | _____ Number the Stars | _____ The Sword and the
Circle |
| _____ The View From
Saturday | _____ The Mystery of the
Missing Bagpipes | _____ Across Five Aprils |
| _____ Owls in the Family | _____ The Mozart Season | _____ Marco Polo |
| _____ My Teacher is an Alien | _____ The Midwife's
Apprentice | _____ The Stone Book |

4. Your parents have promised that you can invite any famous person you want to come stay at your house for two weeks. Who will you invite?

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

5. A time machine has been invented that allows you to travel back in time and visit anyone you wish. Who will you choose to visit?

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

6. How do you like to spend your spare time? Playing certain games? Building things? Collecting things? Learning about things? List the things you like to do, with your favorite activity listed FIRST.

Things I Like to Do	# of Years Doing It
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. What are some other things you would like to do if you had more time and money?

8. Your teacher has asked you to help plan a class field trip. You must select THREE things for the class to do. What three things do YOU think would be the most fun or most interesting? Mark your first, second, and third choices by placing a 1, 2, and 3 in the space below. Pretend your class is going to take a trip to a large city. After visiting the zoo, the historical sites, and going to a sports event, each student can choose one place where he or she can spend an entire afternoon. Mark your first, second, and third choices by placing a A, B, and C in the space below.

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| _____ Historical Fort | _____ Aquarium | _____ Radio station |
| _____ Backstage tour of Children's Theater and play | _____ State government building | _____ Archaeology dig site |
| _____ Sports event | _____ Orchestra concert | _____ Courthouse |
| _____ Local business | _____ Magazine publisher | _____ Zoo |
| _____ Nursing home | _____ Planetarium | _____ Sculpture garden |
| _____ Movie studio | _____ A plant nursery | _____ Federal Reserve Bank |

9. Your school is having a "Career Day" and you get to choose to spend three separate days with three different people in different careers to see what their jobs are like. Which careers will you choose to find out about?

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

10. You have been hired by LIFE Magazine to be in charge of a monthly special feature, such as ones listed below. Mark your first, second, and third choices with a 1, 2, and 3. (There are some additional choices on the next page, so don't choose too soon!)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Latest Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Advice | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Cultures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles and Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Famous Celebrities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and Health |

11. Which of these activities have you done at home or at school? Which would you like to do or do more of? Check the appropriate boxes.

	Done at School	Done at Home	Would Like to Do
Wrote a newspaper article or editorial			
Fixed something that was broken, like a toy or tool			
Did an experiment on an animal or plant			
Photographed an unusual object, person, or place			
Kept records of bird or animal behaviors			
Built a weather equipment for studying the weather			
Printed your own magazine or book			
Collected stamps or coins from foreign countries			
Studied art books to learn about a particular artist			

	Done at School	Done at Home	Would Like to Do
Set up a neighborhood business, such as a lemonade stand			
Was a member of a neighborhood club			
Performed with a music or theater group			
Took lessons to learn how to draw, paint, or sculpt			
Put on a show (comedy, theater, music, puppet)			
Drew/wrote your own cartoon feature			
Helped raise money by selling something door-to-door			
Wrote a letter to an adult expressing your opinions about something			
Built or used a big telescope to study the stars or planets			
Learned to play an instrument by yourself			
Learned to weave or carve or build models			
Entered a contest or competition (essay, chess, math, music, etc.)			
Designed something you wanted to make or build			
Wrote a song, story, or play on your own			
Memorized a famous speech or poem			
Designed your own board or computer game			
Kept a journal or diary for at least 3 months			
Planted and tended your own garden			
Helped on a neighborhood or community project or event			
Started a butterfly or flower collection			
Raised a pet to enter in a contest			
Made a video, complete with narration and music			
Created your own secret language			
Tried to learn a foreign language on your own			

	Done at School	Done at Home	Would Like to Do
Read a magazine you regularly subscribe to			
Created a scavenger hunt for others to follow			
Designed an exercise plan for yourself			
Made complicated objects out of Legos or building blocks/shapes			
Was in a club for playing chess or other games of strategy			
Made up mazes or puzzlers for others to do			
Set up a school to teach younger kids how to do something			
Planned a trip for your family to take			
Drew or copied maps of the world			
Tracked how well a stock was doing in the newspapers for several weeks			
Sat in on the rehearsal of a play or concert			
Visited a local museum			
"Cleared" a library shelf at the local library (read every book on one shelf)			

I read on my own about _____ hours a week.

I watch television about _____ hours a week.

12. What would you like to learn more about in school? Check each topic for each school subject below that sounds interesting to you.

TOPIC	SOUNDS INTERESTING!
MATHEMATICS - harder materials at an older grade level	
MATHEMATICS - puzzlers, game theory	
MATHEMATICS - word problems	
MATHEMATICS - famous mathematicians and their ideas	
READING - independent reading from a given list of books	

TOPIC	SOUNDS INTERESTING
READING – book discussion club	
READING – author study (read everything an author has written)	
READING – biographies of famous people	
READING – the classics (the best books every written)	
SCIENCE – experiments to do on your own	
SCIENCE – genetics	
SCIENCE – aerodynamics	
SCIENCE – paleontology	
SCIENCE – geology	
SCIENCE – anatomy (human or animal)	
SCIENCE – insects	
SCIENCE – famous scientists and their ideas	
SCIENCE – botany	
SOCIAL STUDIES – history	
SOCIAL STUDIES – psychology	
SOCIAL STUDIES – economics	
SOCIAL STUDIES – geography	
SOCIAL STUDIES – futuristics	
SOCIAL STUDIES – historical fiction	
LANGUAGE ARTS – foreign language	
LANGUAGE ARTS – writing stories or plays	
LANGUAGE ARTS – writing poetry	
LANGUAGE ARTS – vocabulary	
LANGUAGE ARTS – speech and debate	
LANGUAGE ARTS – theater performance	

TOPIC	SOUNDS INTERESTING
TECHNOLOGY - computer programming	
TECHNOLOGY - web site creation	
TECHNOLOGY - creating or playing computer games, simulations	
TECHNOLOGY - designing computer graphics, illustrations	
TECHNOLOGY - Internet research	
What else would you like to do?	
What else?	
What else?	

My favorite activity AT SCHOOL is..... _____

My favorite activity AT HOME is..... _____

My favorite television shows are ... _____
