





# Expert Report Sarah Sample



**Professional** 

Styles



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## **About this Report**

This report is based upon the Wave® Styles assessment, which explores an individual's motives, preferences, needs and talents in critical work areas.

The results are based on a comparison with an international group of over 18,000 senior managers and executives.

Since the questionnaire is a self-report measure, the results reflect the individual's self-perception. Our extensive research has shown this to be a good indicator of how people are likely to operate in the workplace. Nevertheless, due consideration must be given to the subjective nature of using an individual's self-perception in the interpretation of these data.

It should be remembered that the information contained in this report is potentially sensitive and every effort should be made to ensure that it is stored in a secure place.

The information contained within this report is likely to remain a good reflection of the individual's self-perception for 12-24 months, depending upon circumstances.

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### Introduction

#### **Executive Summary Profile**

The Executive Summary Profile outlines the 12 main sections of the profile, grouped under the four major cluster headings of Thought, Influence, Adaptability and Delivery. Beneath each of the 12 section headings information is given on the three underlying dimensions - 36 dimensions in total.

#### **Full Psychometric Profile**

The Full Psychometric Profile - Response Overview provides a summary of Sarah Sample's responses on the questionnaire. The four indicators in the Response Summary highlight any extreme response patterns. The Full Psychometric Profile focuses on the 36 Professional Styles dimensions, which are arranged under four main cluster headings (Thought, Influence, Adaptability and Delivery), with one page devoted to each cluster. Each cluster breaks down into three sections (12 in total), each consisting of three dimensions. These 36 dimensions are each comprised of three underlying facets (108 in total), with verbal descriptions of the facet scores shown underneath the dimension name.

#### **Summary Psychometric Profile**

The Summary Psychometric Profile gives an overview of the 36 Styles dimensions of the profile on one page. It highlights where there is a facet range, and where motive or talent is higher (whichever is higher is indicated by M or T) and where normative or ipsative is higher (whichever is higher is indicated by an N or I).

#### Skills Potential Profile

The Skills Potential Profile has been developed based on databases which link the facets of the Styles questionnaire to detailed, independent assessments of work performance. This gives a unique prediction of Sarah Sample's likely strengths and limitations in 12 key performance areas. Underlying components of performance are reflected in the verbal descriptions and scores under each of the 12 skills potential headings. This prediction should be interpreted against key work requirements as established through job analysis or profiling methods. Highly positive profiles may reflect an unrealistically positive self-view whilst low scoring profiles may reflect an overly critical self-view. In such cases, it is particularly important to verify the results against other information.

#### **Predicted Culture/Environment Fit**

The Predicted Culture/Environment Fit gives an indication of the aspects of the culture, job and environment that are likely to enhance or inhibit a person's success. Saville Assessment's groundbreaking research suggests that people's motives and talents interact in important ways with culture, job and environment characteristics to help determine their work performance and skills potential.



## **Executive Summary Profile**

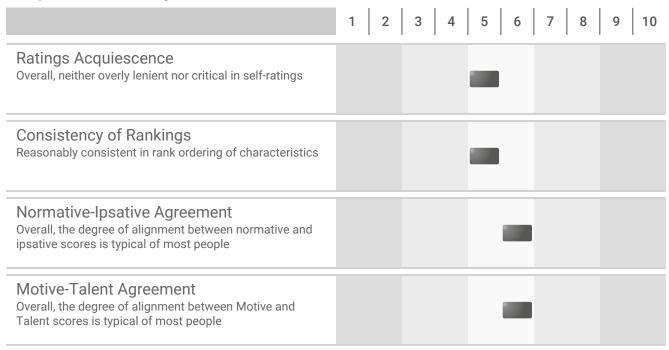
Thought	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Evaluative Sten 7 Analytical (6); Factual (6); Rational (8)										
Investigative Sten 6 Learning Oriented (5); Practically Minded (7); Insightful (6)										
Imaginative Sten 6 Inventive (7); Abstract (6); Strategic (5)										
Influence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sociable Sten 3 Interactive (2); Engaging (5); Self-promoting (4)										
Impactful Sten 5 Convincing (5); Articulate (5); Challenging (5)										
Assertive Sten 5 Purposeful (6); Directing (4); Empowering (5)										
Adaptability	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Resilient Sten 5 Self-assured (7); Composed (5); Resolving (4)										
Flexible Sten 7 Positive (6); Change Oriented (6); Receptive (8)								ı		
Supportive Sten 6 Attentive (6); Involving (4); Accepting (8)										
Delivery	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conscientious Sten 4 Reliable (3); Meticulous (5); Conforming (6)										
Structured Sten 5 Organised (5); Principled (5); Activity Oriented (5)										



## Full Psychometric Profile - Response Overview

This profile provides a detailed assessment of Sarah Sample's responses to the Styles questionnaire. It begins with a summary of response patterns followed by an explanation of the profile structure. The pattern of responses should be kept in mind when interpreting the Psychometric Profile. The next few pages report on the results of the four major clusters.

## **Response Summary**



#### Profile Breakdown

Saville Assessment's extensive research indicates the best predictor of performance at work is generally the score indicated by the Sten marker (combined normative-ipsative). Information is also provided on subtle differences highlighted by the profile, which are unique to Wave reporting:

Facet Range. Where the range of facet scores within any dimension is of three Stens or more, this is indicated both by hatching on the dimension scale and the provision of individual facet scores in brackets alongside each verbal facet description.

- Normative-Ipsative Split. Differences between normative (rating) and ipsative (ranking) scores of three Stens or more are indicated by the markers and normative where ipsative scores are higher than normative ones, the person may have been overly self critical in their normative self descriptions. If normative scores are higher than ipsative, it may mean that the person has been less self critical and has possibly exaggerated their normative description. This provides specific areas for further verification, rather than one unspecified measure of social desirability.
- M Motive-Talent Split. Differences between motive and talent scores of three Stens or more on a given dimension are indicated by the markers M and T, respectively. Such differences may suggest an incentive to develop in given areas, or indicate areas where environmental influences are having a strong impact.



# Full Psychometric Profile - Thought Cluster

Thought	
Evaluative	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Analytical Sten 6 moderately interested in analysing information (5); frequently asks probing questions (7); moderately inclined to seek solutions to problems (5)	
Factual Sten 6 likely to communicate well in writing (7); moderately interested in the logic behind an argument (5); explores the facts reasonably comprehensively (6)	
Rational Sten 8 enjoys working with numerical data (8); makes some use of information technology (6); makes decisions largely on the basis of the facts alone (8)	
Investigative	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Learning Oriented Sten 5 moderately focused on learning about new things (6); a quick learner (8); gets little enjoyment from learning by reading (4)	
Practically Minded Sten 7 moderately focused on practical work (5); prefers to learn by doing (7); shows common sense (8)	
Insightful sten6 has little focus on constantly improving things (4); reasonably quick at getting to the core of a problem (5); trusts intuition to guide judgement (8)	
Imaginative	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Inventive Sten 7 moderately likely to generate ideas (5); produces original ideas (7); likely to adopt radical solutions (7)	
Abstract Sten 6 reasonably good at developing concepts (6); as good as most people at applying theories (5); moderately interested in studying the underlying principles (6)	
Strategic Sten 5 inclined to develop strategies (7); rarely focuses on long-term issues (4); creates a reasonably clear vision for the future (6)	T M



# Full Psychometric Profile - Influence Cluster

Influence	
Sociable	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Interactive Sten 2 unlikely to be seen as lively (3); tends to say relatively little (3); little interest in networking (3)	
Engaging Sten 5 quickly establishes rapport (7); is reasonably focused on making a good first impression (5); unlikely to seek new friends actively (4)	
Self-promoting Sten 4 uncomfortable being the centre of attention (4); moderately modest about own achievements (5); has relatively little need for praise (4)	
Impactful	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Convincing Sten 5 moderately persuasive (5); makes own point reasonably strongly (5); moderately interested in negotiating the best deal (5)	
Articulate sten 5 enjoys giving presentations as much as most people (5); explains things reasonably well (6); reasonably confident with new people (5)	M
Challenging Sten 5 reasonably open in voicing disagreement (5); inclined to challenge others' ideas (8); dislikes getting involved in arguments (4)	
Assertive	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Purposeful Sten 6 makes reasonably quick decisions (6); somewhat prepared to take responsibility for big decisions (6); has definite views on some issues (5)	
Directing Sten 4 clearly oriented towards a leadership role (8); has little desire to co-ordinate people (3); rarely seeks to take control of things (4)	
Empowering Sten 5 reasonably able to find ways to motivate people (6); unlikely to attempt to inspire others (4); reasonably encouraging to others (5)	



# Full Psychometric Profile - Adaptability Cluster

Adaptability										
Resilient	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Self-assured Sten 7 less self-confident than many people (4); feels very much in control of own future (9); has a strong sense of own worth (7)										
Composed Sten 5 often feels nervous during important events (4); calm before important events (7); dislikes having to work under pressure (4)										
Resolving Sten 4 copes reasonably well with people who are upset (5); dislikes having to deal with angry people (4); reasonably good at resolving disagreements (5)										
Flexible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Positive Sten 6 moderately likely to take an optimistic view (6); recovers reasonably quickly from setbacks (6); moderately cheerful (6)										
Change Oriented Sten 6 as ready to accept change as most people (6); copes moderately well with uncertainty (5); accepts new challenges as readily as most people (6)										
Receptive Sten 8 receptive to feedback from others (7); encourages others to criticise approach (7); asks for feedback on performance (8)										
Supportive	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attentive Sten 6 as empathetic as most people (5); a good listener (7); moderately interested in understanding why people do things (6)					N			0		
Involving Sten 4 moderately team oriented (6); takes limited account of other people's views (4); unlikely to involve others in the final decision (3)										
Accepting Sten 8 moderately considerate towards others (5); tolerant (7); extremely trusting of people (10)										



# Full Psychometric Profile - Delivery Cluster

Delivery													
Conscientious	1	2	3		4	5		6	-	7	8	9	10
Reliable Sten 3 places less emphasis on meeting deadlines than many people (3); less punctual than many people (4); is sometimes prepared to leave tasks unfinished (3)				)									
Meticulous Sten 5 reasonably attentive to detail (6); reasonably thorough (6); less of a perfectionist than many people (3)													
Conforming Sten 6 follows the rules reasonably closely (5); moderately likely to follow procedures (6); occasionally takes risks in decision making (6)													
Structured	1	2	3	.	4	5		6	-	7	8	9	10
Organised Sten 5 less well organised than many people (4); moderately inclined to make plans (5); prioritises as well as most people (6)													
Principled Sten 5 behaves ethically (10); places less emphasis on maintaining confidentiality than many people (4); reasonably focused on honouring commitments (5)													
Activity Oriented Sten 5 works at a fast pace (7); dislikes being really busy (4); prefers to do one thing at a time (4)													
Driven	1	2	3		4	5		6	:	7	8	9	10
Dynamic Sten 2 feels little need to make things happen (3); as impatient as most people to get things started (5); less energetic than most people (1)													
Enterprising Sten 6 likely to identify business opportunities (7); moderately sales oriented (5); as competitive as most people (6)							1						
Striving Sten 4 is reasonably driven to achieve outstanding results (5); moderately ambitious (6); less persevering than most people (2)								 M					



## **Summary Psychometric Profile**

Acquiescence (5) Consistency (5) N-I Agreement (6) M-T Agreement (6)

	Higher split shown	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 5	Splits
	Analytical		
	Factual		
	Rational		M
ᆂ	Learning Oriented		
Thought	Practically Minded		
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	Inventive		
	Abstract		M
	Strategic		M
	Interactive		
	Engaging		
	Self-promoting		)
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ptability	Positive		
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Ada	Receptive		
	Attentive		
	Involving		
	Accepting		
	Reliable		
	Meticulous		
	Conforming		
ery	Organised		
Delivery	Principled		
	Activity Oriented		
	Dynamic		
	Enterprising		
	Striving		M



## **Skills Potential Profile**

This profile provides Sarah Sample's areas of greater and lesser potential. The measures of skills potential have been developed based on Saville Assessment's extensive international databases linking Wave to work performance.

	Description	Pote	ential
ms	Evaluating Problems Examining Information (6); Documenting Facts (6); Interpreting Data (8)	7	Fairly High higher potential than about 75% of the comparison group
Solving Problems	Investigating Issues Developing Expertise (7); Adopting Practical Approaches (7); Providing Insights (6)	8	High higher potential than about 90% of the comparison group
Sol	Creating Innovation Generating Ideas (7); Exploring Possibilities (6); Developing Strategies (6)	7	Fairly High higher potential than about 75% of the comparison group
ple	Building Relationships Interacting with People (3); Establishing Rapport (5); Impressing People (4)	3	Low higher potential than about 10% of the comparison group
Influencing People	Communicating Information Convincing People (5); Articulating Information (5); Challenging Ideas (7)	6	Average higher potential than about 60% of the comparison group
Infli	Providing Leadership Making Decisions (6); Directing People (4); Empowering Individuals (6)	5	Average higher potential than about 40% of the comparison group
ches	Showing Resilience Conveying Self-Confidence (8); Showing Composure (5); Resolving Conflict (4)	5	Average higher potential than about 40% of the comparison group
ting Approaches	Adjusting to Change Thinking Positively (7); Embracing Change (6); Inviting Feedback (8)	8	High higher potential than about 90% of the comparison group
Adap	Giving Support Understanding People (6); Team Working (5); Valuing Individuals (7)	6	Average higher potential than about 60% of the comparison group
ılts	Processing Details Meeting Timescales (2); Checking Things (4); Following Procedures (5)	4	Fairly Low higher potential than about 25% of the comparison group
Delivering Results	Structuring Tasks Managing Tasks (4); Upholding Standards (6); Producing Output (4)	4	Fairly Low higher potential than about 25% of the comparison group
Del	Driving Success Taking Action (3); Seizing Opportunities (6); Pursuing Goals (5)	5	Average higher potential than about 40% of the comparison group



## **Predicted Culture/Environment Fit**

Based on extensive Saville Assessment research linking the styles of individuals to culture at work, this highlights the aspects of the culture, job and environment that are likely to enhance or inhibit Sarah Sample's success:

#### Performance Enhancers



- where there is an emphasis on quantification and the use of information technology and decisions are based on hard objective data
- where self confidence is regarded as an asset and people are encouraged to know their own worth and take responsibility for their own workload
- where people are down to earth and there is an emphasis on practical, hands-on activity and the application of common sense
- where creativity and innovation are encouraged and radical ideas and solutions welcomed
- where there are numerous opportunities for learning and extending one's range of knowledge and skills
- where a positive, can-do attitude is valued and rewarded
- where heated debate is valued and people are encouraged to challenge ideas, argue and voice disagreements openly

#### Performance Inhibitors

- where feedback is discouraged and seldom given
- where decisions are largely subjective, and people make little reference to hard facts and figures
- where self confidence is equated with arrogance and denigrated, and people are discouraged from taking control of their own workload
- where the emphasis is on theory rather than practice and there is little opportunity for involvement in practical tasks
- where conventional attitudes prevail, traditional approaches are preferred and people are discouraged from generating new ideas
- where opportunities for acquiring new skills and extending one's range of knowledge are severely restricted
- where the attitude is generally negative and people are slow to recover from setbacks
- where dissent is frowned upon and people are discouraged from challenging ideas and voicing disagreements