

## Psycho-Geometrics

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## Empowerment

- Understanding of yourself
- Understanding of others
- Respect differences

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## Primary Shape

- Defines your primary characteristics
- Why you behave as you do in this world

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## Basis of attraction to shapes and forms

- Personalities
- Attitudes
- Education
- Experiences
- Individual brain function

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## Brain Function

- Linear shapes = left brain thinkers
  - box, triangle, rectangle
  - logical, organized approach to life
- Non-linear shapes = right brain thinkers
  - circle, squiggle
  - creative, intuitive approach to life

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## Box Characteristics

- organized
- detail-oriented
- knowledgeable
- analytical
- persevering
- perfectionist
- patient




- meticulous
- nit-picking
- procrastinating
- cool, aloof
- resistant to change
- loner
- complaining

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## Typical Box Jobs

- accountant
- administrator
- secretary
- administrative assistant
- doctor (specialist)
- teacher
- computer programmer




- government worker
- manual laborer
- truck driver
- paper processor
- bank teller
- author/editor

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## Triangle Characteristics

- leader
- focused
- decisive
- ambitious
- competitive
- bottom-line oriented
- athletic




- self-centered
- overloaded
- dogmatic
- status oriented
- political
- impatient
- driven

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## Typical Triangle Jobs


- executive
- manager/supervisor
- hospital administrator
- school administrator
- law firm partner
- union organizer/officer



- entrepreneur
- politician
- business owner
- military officer
- orchestra conductor
- pilot

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### Rectangle Characteristics



- state of transition
- exciting
- searching
- inquisitive
- growing
- courageous
- confused
- low self-esteem
- inconsistent
- gullible
- ingenuous
- unpredictable

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
### Typical Rectangle Jobs



- new bosses
- entry-level employees/job applicants
- fresh college/high school graduates
- newly promoted/demoted employees
- people in mid-life crisis
- adolescents
- performers (stage/film/musicians)
- new retirees

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### Circle Characteristics



- friendly
- nurturing
- persuasive
- empathic
- generous
- stabilizing
- reflective
- overpersonal
- melancholy
- manipulative
- gossipy
- self-blaming
- apolitical
- indecisive
- lazy

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### Typical Circle Jobs



- secretary
- nurse/doctor
- teacher/trainer
- professor/consultant
- salesperson
- housewife
- nun
- historian
- counselor/mental health professional
- human resources specialist
- personnel analyst
- astrologer
- waitress/clerk
- boy/girl scout leader
- camp counselor

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### Squiggle Characteristics



- creative
- conceptual
- futuristic
- intuitive
- expressive
- motivating
- witty
- sensuous
- disorganized
- impractical
- unrealistic
- illogical
- uninhibited
- evangelistic
- eccentric
- naive

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### Typical Squiggle Jobs



- strategic planner
- artist/performer/poet
- musician
- university professor/theorist
- scientist/researcher
- artificial intelligence expert
- astrologist
- entrepreneur
- inventor/chef
- evangelical minister/preacher
- new product specialist
- international sales/marketer
- promoter/PR director
- interior decorator
- real estate agent

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### There is no wrong shape!

- Might not be dominant for you today but are in the process of becoming
- All 5 shapes are within each of us
- You might be prone to *shape flexing*

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### Application of these theories to the classroom

- Activity/Action oriented instruction
- Create a multi-learning styles environment
- Present material using as many learning styles as possible

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### Application of these theories to the classroom

- Validate the unique talents of each learner...recognize their authenticity

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