

BIRTH ORDER SURVEY

Instructions: Below are 10 statements that describe certain observable traits about people. Each section contains a statement that corresponds to a particular Birth Order position. Give five (5) points to the statement that is "*most like you*;" four (4) points to the statement that is "*next most like you*;" three (3) points to the statement that is "*sometimes like you*;" two (2) points to the statement that is the "*least like you*;" and one (1) point to the statement that is "*rarely/never like you*." After taking the survey, follow the scoring instructions at end.

1. I ...
- a. may feel squeezed out of a position of privilege and significance
 - b. may have huge plans that never work out
 - c. am often given large amounts of responsibility
 - d. prefer adult company and often use adult language
 - e. have a "*pace setter*;" someone is always ahead of me

2. I ...
- a. may have a "*take it or leave it*" attitude.
 - b. want to be better/bigger/stronger than others
 - c. like being right
 - d. have difficulty sharing with others
 - e. never have had my parents' undivided attention

3. I ...
- a. have learned to deal with both older and younger people
 - b. may not be taken seriously.
 - c. sometimes feel I need to protect and help others
 - d. am often over-protected
 - e. have abilities others don't

4. I ...
- a. am often a fighter against injustice
 - b. will always have this position in the "*pecking order*"; I can never be dethroned
 - c. have to work hard to keep or regain my parents' attention
 - d. rely on others' service instead of my own efforts
 - e. am extremely competitive

5. I ...
- a. may have trouble finding a place in my family structure
 - b. often behave like an only child
 - c. am closer to my father since the next child came along
 - d. was a "*miracle*" baby
 - e. am the "*rebel*" because the other one is the "*good one*"

6. I ...
- a. am adaptable
 - b. often feel others do things for me, make decisions for me, and take responsibility for me
 - c. being in control of others is my right and is important
 - d. often feel unimportant or inferior to others in my family
 - e. am in a race trying to catch up and overtake the first child

7. I ...
- a. am "*sandwiched*" in
 - b. feel everyone is more capable
 - c. have earned some privileges because of my position in the family structure
 - d. am sometimes a rival to one of my parents
 - e. am sometimes so competitive, it border on rivalry

8. I ...
- a. often feel left out
 - b. could be considered the "*boss*" of the family
 - c. am expected to set an example for others in my family
 - d. feel unfairly treated when I don't get my way
 - e. always try to outdo everyone to get attention

9. I ...
- a. could be described as "*even-tempered*"
 - b. sometimes feel I have multiple mothers and fathers
 - c. can be helpful if I am encouraged
 - d. had inexperienced parents
 - e. often feel uncertain about my abilities

10. I ...
- a. often feel that life is unfair
 - b. am often spoiled, or people see me that way
 - c. often feel discouraged or like I am letting my parents and younger siblings down
 - d. am often considered extremely spoiled by others; and am maybe envied a bit by others for my position
 - e. often feel insecure or uncertain

Scoring directions: Add up the numbers for each letter and place the sum into the corresponding boxes --

A B C D E

Your highest score should indicate your birth order position. The other totals indicate traits that you may have learned or adopted from other birth order positions

I am a ...

I also exhibit traits from