



Self-Assurance®

THEME DESCRIPTION

Self-Assurance is similar to self-confidence. In the deepest part of you, you have faith in your strengths. You know that you are able — able to take risks, able to meet new challenges, able to stake claims and, most important, able to deliver. But Self-Assurance is more than just self-confidence. Blessed with the theme of Self-Assurance, you have confidence not only in your abilities but in your judgment. When you look at the world, you know that your perspective is unique and distinct. And because no one sees exactly what you see, you know that no one can make your decisions for you. No one can tell you what to think. They can guide. They can suggest. But you alone have the authority to form conclusions, make decisions and act. This authority, this final accountability for the living of your life, does not intimidate you. On the contrary, it feels natural to you. No matter what the situation, you seem to know what the right decision is. This theme lends you an aura of certainty. Unlike many, you are not easily swayed by someone else's arguments, no matter how persuasive they may be. This Self-Assurance may be quiet or loud, depending on your other themes, but it is solid. It is strong. Like the keel of a ship, it withstands many different pressures and keeps you on your course.

POWER AND EDGE

People with strong Self-Assurance talents can lead the way. Because they deeply trust their own instincts, they can forge ahead confidently, even on risky paths. They instill confidence in others and show initiative in the midst of turbulence and uncertainty.

SELF-ASSURANCE IN ACTION

Words that might describe a person with dominant Self-Assurance talents:

independent
certain
confident
self-aware
self-sufficient
instinctive
intense
controlling
stable
persistent

ACTION ITEMS

- Trust your talents, but always gather enough input from others to ensure you make well-informed decisions.
- Seek startup situations for which no rule book exists. You will be at your best when you are asked to make many decisions.
- Appeal to your own internal guidance system to determine appropriate actions. Trust your instincts.
- When taking on an unfamiliar challenge, consult with others before making a final decision on your strategy. By complementing your natural confidence with the talents and knowledge of others, you will ensure that you select the most productive and efficient path.
- Take time each month to study your recent decisions and assess the outcomes. This reflection will give you experiential knowledge and reveal valuable insights that will refine and strengthen your intuition.
- Help others find the positives in your certainty. For example, when you have decided what you are going to do, they can trust that you will do it.
- Partner with someone with a strong Strategic, Deliberative or Futuristic theme. This person can help you assess the goals to which you commit. You may need this help because once you set your sights on a goal, you are very likely to stay with it until it is achieved.
- Partner with people whose Input and Intellection talents complement yours as you gather information to address situations. Your inner compass will become even more fine-tuned.