

Interest Inventories

In this exercise, you will get to take a shortened version of the Aamodt Vocational Interest Survey (AVIS). The AVIS is used for adult employees who are thinking about changing careers.

Directions

For each of the activities on the next two pages, rate the extent to which you might enjoy performing the activity often or for long periods of time. On the AVIS answer sheet, rate each statement using the following scale:

- 1 I would absolutely hate doing this activity
- 2 I would dislike doing this activity
- 3 I would neither dislike nor like doing this activity (I'm neutral)
- 4 I would enjoy doing this activity
- 5 I would very much enjoy doing this activity

Questions

1. Filing patients' charts in alphabetical order
2. Calming an angry customer
3. Testing blood samples for the presence of disease
4. Appraising the value of real estate
5. Calling people to determine their interest in a product
6. Raising livestock
7. Driving a bus
8. Overhauling an engine
9. Arresting a drug dealer
10. Caring for patients in a hospital
11. Evaluating the performance of an employee
12. Baking bread at a deli
13. Creating an advertising campaign
14. Entering information into a computer
15. Helping customers make travel arrangements
16. Taking x-rays of an injured foot
17. Predicting the success of stocks and bonds
18. Selling automobiles at a car lot
19. Planting vegetables
20. Picking up passengers in a cab
21. Repairing a broken VCR
22. Giving first aid and CPR in an emergency situation
23. Teaching young people a topic in your favorite area
24. Making tough decisions
25. Sewing clothing
26. Writing a computer program

27. Typing letters and reports
28. Answering questions about products or services
29. Cleaning teeth
30. Appraising the value of a damaged car
31. Asking people to donate money to charity
32. Baling hay
33. Delivering packages to stores
34. Fixing leaks in household plumbing
35. Driving an ambulance through the streets at a high speed
36. Helping people with marital problems
37. Setting production goals
38. Cleaning hotel rooms
39. Designing a floral arrangement

40. Sorting mail
41. Ringing up merchandise on a cash register
42. Testing urine samples for the presence of drugs
43. Determining ways to reduce a client's taxes
44. Calling people to determine their interest in selling their home
45. Plowing a field
46. Driving through heavy traffic
47. Building a house
48. Explaining crime prevention techniques to citizens
49. Working with a physically disabled person
50. Organizing daily work activities
51. Cooking meals at a nice restaurant
52. Playing a musical instrument

53. Scheduling appointments for a business executive
54. Solving customers' problems
55. Filling prescriptions at a pharmacy
56. Forecasting the economy
57. Selling products at a department store
58. Spreading fertilizer over a field
59. Parking cars in a parking garage
60. Assembling electronic components
61. Writing a ticket for a speeding motorist
62. Taking care of young children
63. Setting up employee work schedules
64. Shortening the length of a skirt
65. Coming up with ideas for a new product

AVIS Answer Sheet

(1) absolutely hate (2) dislike (3) neutral (4) enjoy (5) very much enjoy

					Row Total
1. _____	14. _____	27. _____	40. _____	53. _____	_____
2. _____	15. _____	28. _____	41. _____	54. _____	C
3. _____	16. _____	29. _____	42. _____	55. _____	CS
4. _____	17. _____	30. _____	43. _____	56. _____	Sc
5. _____	18. _____	31. _____	44. _____	57. _____	A
6. _____	19. _____	32. _____	45. _____	58. _____	Sa
7. _____	20. _____	33. _____	46. _____	59. _____	Ag
8. _____	21. _____	34. _____	47. _____	60. _____	Tran
9. _____	22. _____	35. _____	48. _____	61. _____	Trd
10. _____	23. _____	36. _____	49. _____	62. _____	P
11. _____	24. _____	37. _____	50. _____	63. _____	HC
12. _____	25. _____	38. _____	51. _____	64. _____	LM
13. _____	26. _____	39. _____	52. _____	65. _____	CE
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AVIS Profile Sheet

Interest Area	Low Interest										High Interest										
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Clerical																					
Customer Service																					
Science																					
Analysis																					
Sales																					
Agriculture																					
Transportation																					
Trades																					
Protective																					
Helping/Caring																					
Leadership/Management																					
Consumer Economics																					
Creative																					

Career Areas

Clerical

Health Care

Banking

Hospitality

Legal

Office

Manufacturing

Transportation

medical insurance clerk, medical records clerk, medical secretary, medical transcriptionist, admissions clerk
credit clerk, mortgage clerk, loan interviewer, teller
hotel clerk, ticket agent, reservation clerk
court reporter, legal secretary, paralegal
administrative assistant, clerk, mail clerk, payroll clerk, secretary
stock clerk, shipping and receiving clerk
toll collector, dispatcher

Customer Service

Health Care

Banking

Hospitality

Office

Cosmetology

Retail

Travel

dental assistant, collections, hospital insurance representative
teller, loan officer, collections, customer service representative
server, caterer, bartender, dietician, dietician's assistant
operator, switchboard, receptionist, personnel assistant
hair stylist, manicurist, barber
cashier, sales representative, customer service representative
travel agent, flight attendant

Science

Dental

Medical

Optical

Pharmacy

Science

Veterinary

dental technician, dental hygienist
medical technologist, radiographer, sonographer
optician, optical lab technician, lens grinder
pharmacist, pharmacy assistant
lab technician
veterinarian, veterinary assistant

Analysis

Accounting

Insurance

Investments

Law

Real estate

accountant, bookkeeper, financial analyst, economist
insurance appraiser, claims adjuster, underwriter
financial planner, stock broker
lawyer, paralegal
real estate appraiser

Sales

Aggressive

Real Estate

Retail

Telemarketing

insurance, fundraiser, manufacturer's representative
real estate agent, real estate broker
sales representative, demonstrator
telemarketer

Agriculture

Farming

Ranching

Transportation

Public

Delivery

Long Haul

bus driver, cab driver, chauffeur, car lot attendant
delivery truck driver
truck driver, escort driver

Trades

Construction	painter, mason, asphalt paver, heavy equipment operator, carpet layer
Electrical	electrician, electronic repairer, appliance repairer, cable installer, office machine repairer, vending machine repairer
Mechanical	automotive mechanic, truck mechanic, maintenance mechanic, aircraft mechanic, boat mechanic
Metal	welder, sheet metal worker
Physical Labor	logger, miner, jackhammer operator
Plumbing	plumber
Production	assembler, solderer, machinist, foundry worker
Wood	cabinetmaker, carpenter, woodworker, furniture assembler
Other	locksmith

Protective

Dispatch	police dispatcher, 911 operator
Emergency	EMT, paramedic
Fire Science	firefighter
Outdoor	lifeguard, park ranger, fish and game warden
Police Science	police officer, security guard

Helping/Caring

Day Care	babysitter, child care, home companion
Health Care	nurse, nurse's aide, physician's assistant
Banking/Finance	loan counselor, financial counselor
Education	teacher, teacher's aide, special education teacher
Law	parole officer
Outdoor	camp counselor
Social Services	social worker, psychologist, counselor

Management

Education	principal
Hospitality	hotel manager, restaurant manager
Office	office manager, personnel director
Production	supervisor
Retail	store manager, assistant manager

Consumer Economics

Cooking	baker, caterer, cook, chef, dietitian, nutritionist
Housekeeping	janitor, maid
Textiles	tailor, sewing machine operator, weaver, dry cleaner

Creative

Art	painter, sculptor
Business	advertising, marketing
Computers	computer programmer, graphic artist
Fashion	fashion design, fashion buyer
Floral	floral design
Oral	actor/actress, trainer, teacher, disc jockey, broadcaster
Outdoor	landscaper
Photography	photographer
Retail	jeweler
Writing	writer, poet, technical writer, reporter