

Quiz: How Organized Are You?

****Take this test to find out your organizing style!**

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1. The big test is tomorrow. Your friends and you have planned a study party at your house. When they come, you:
 - A. Quickly push aside all the junk on the table and chairs, order pizza, turn the radio on full blast, and start to jam with your buddies.
 - B. Move some mail onto the ground and have some TV dinners with your friends, and take some time to study before watching the horror flick you rented.
 - C. You sit down to a couple hours of organized studying.
2. The big report of what meteors are made out of is due. When your teacher asks for your report, you:
 - A. Fumble through your binder, desk, notebook, books, etc., trying to stall.
 - B. Take it out as quickly as possible...trying to remember where you put it.
 - C. Give it to your teacher, you already had it out.
3. Your mom and you are going to the mall to buy you those new sneakers you've been wanting for ages! She tells you that you will go after you clean your room. You:
 - A. Run up to your room and start to push all the junk under you bed, in drawers, and into your closet.
 - B. Put your dirty laundry in the hamper, make your bed, and just straighten up your room a little.
 - C. Both of you go straight to the mall, your room is already spotless from last months cleaning.
4. Tonight is the big game. Your coach told you to be there an hour early. It is about 10 minutes before you have to be at the field. You:
 - A. Look everywhere for your uniform. You could have sworn you had put on your desk chair the night before! Or, was it the dresser you put it on?
 - B. Slip your shoes on, make your water bottle, grab all of your extra equipment, and when your ready to walk out of the door, you realize you have to go to the bathroom!
 - C. Grab your extra equipment and walk out the door.
5. Your dad asked you to go to the grocery store to pick up a few things after school. In your rush to school, you quickly agree, take the grocery list, and
 - A. You keep it in your hand as you are running out of the door and accidentally drop it in your rush to school.
 - B. Stuff it in your backpack along with the rest of your life.
 - C. Fold it nice and neatly and stick it into your zipper up pocket so you won't loose it.
6. There is one minute to get to your next class in school. You:
 - A. Are still at your messy locker trying to find the book you need and trying to think up a reasonable excuse to tell the most strict teacher in the school why you're late.
 - B. Are running through the hallways trying to dodge everybody who is in your way.
 - C. Are already seated in your seat, waiting for the bell to ring.
7. When you come home from school, you:
 - A. Go straight to the TV after you make yourself a quick snack.
 - B. Make a snack, watch TV for an hour, and then do your homework.
 - C. Do your homework right away.
8. You have a big project due tomorrow. It was assigned 2 weeks ago. You work on it:
 - A. The night before it is due.
 - B. A few days before it is due.
 - C. It is done 3 days after it is assigned.

SCORING:

Mostly A's: You need some help! You have to start changing your ways of organizing! Start using a planner and timing your days! If you stay unorganized, you'll never go anywhere in the future. So start now!

Mostly B's: You are a little unorganized, but you can get things done. It is good to not obsess about being totally organized, but you should try to change your organization a tad bit.

Mostly C's: Congratulations! You are very organized! You get things done immediately and don't procrastinate much. This is good so you can do other things instead of stressing about getting something done at the last minute. You are very good at timing yourself. This will really help you in the future!

Some Ways to Get Organized:

- Start in your room! Clean your room and make it a workable and organized environment.
- Next, organize your belongings into things you need and things you can give away. The less clutter, the better!
- Make your desk, or a special place that you work, a homework heaven!
- Organize your desk and take things that you use normally for homework or projects and make it available in this working space.
- Get a planner. This will help you time your life and never forget anything! Write everything down in your planner. Even the smallest things can have a big impact.
- Don't procrastinate! Do everything right away. For instance, do your homework as soon as you get home.
- Ask an adult to quiz you an hour after you study. This will help you see if you can remember the information and it will help you build your studying strength. Don't memorize! Understand!
- Finally, don't over work yourself! If you are feeling a little to stressed, take some time away from your work and do something else for a while to get your mind off of your work. Don't take this for granted and don't make your breaks too long.