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I often have tender, concerned feelings for people less fortunate than me.	I like daydreaming and traveling to different worlds inside my head.	I always find that I tend to do the right thing at the right time.
I sometimes find it difficult to see things from the "other guy's" point of view.	When something bad happens to a family member, I am always there to support them.	I think it's important to be there for people, but not at the expense of myself.
Sometimes I don't feel very sorry for other people when they are having problems.	I think the true test of friendship is if you can stay friends through thick and thin.	I think being selfish is sometimes okay.
I try to look at everybody's side of a disagreement before I make a decision.	It's important for me to maintain a balanced lifestyle: mind, body, and spirit.	As long as I am happy, being particularly successful is not very important to me.
When I see someone being taken advantage of, I feel kind of protective towards them.	I think everyone should follow their dreams.	When people tell me to follow my dreams, I think they're naive.
I sometimes try to understand my friends better by imagining how things look from their perspective.	When I feel down, I usually listen to music to lift my spirits.	Music is a huge part of my life.
Other people's misfortunes do not usually disturb me a great deal.	In my old age, it's important for me to feel like I've done something meaningful with my life.	I love volunteering and helping those less fortunate than I am.
If I'm sure I'm right about something, I don't waste much time listening to other people's arguments.	I like to work on projects that improve the world.	I find being around other people all the time exhausting.
When I see someone being	I enjoy my own time.	I am a dependable person.

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treated unfairly, I sometimes don't feel very much pity for them.		
I am often quite touched by things that I see happen.	I consider myself a good shoulder to cry on.	I hate asking others for help.
I believe that there are two sides to every question and try to look at them both.	When I need a favor, I find it difficult to ask others for help.	I think everybody should do their best to not waste their life on meaningless things.
I would describe myself as a pretty soft-hearted person.	I don't see any value in wasting time.	I would rather have a high-paying job that makes me unhappy rather than a low-paying job that makes me happy.
When I'm upset at someone, I usually try to "put myself in his shoes" for a while.	I think it's more important to be happy than wealthy.	I think every single person out there is in control of their destiny.
Before criticizing somebody, I try to imagine how I would feel if I were in their place.	I believe a lot can be achieved simply by positive thinking.	If somebody is unhappy, I believe that this is mostly their fault.