



## Idealist Portrait of the *Teacher* (ENFJ)

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Even more than the other Idealists, Teachers have a natural talent for leading students or trainees toward learning, or as Idealists like to think of it, they are capable of calling forth each learner's potentials. Teachers (around two percent of the population) are able-effortlessly, it seems, and almost endlessly-to dream up fascinating learning activities for their students to engage in. In some Teachers, this ability to fire the imagination can amount to a kind of genius which other types find hard to emulate. But perhaps their greatest strength lies in their belief in their students. Teachers look for the best in their students, and communicate clearly that each one has untold potential, and this confidence can inspire their students to grow and develop more than they ever thought possible.

In whatever field they choose, Teachers consider people their highest priority, and they instinctively communicate personal concern and a willingness to become involved. Warmly outgoing, and perhaps the most expressive of all the types, Teachers are remarkably good with language, especially when communicating in speech, face to face. And they do not hesitate to speak out and let their feelings be known. Bubbling with enthusiasm, Teachers will voice their passions with dramatic flourish, and can, with practice, become charismatic public speakers. This verbal ability gives Teachers a good deal of influence in groups, and they are often asked to take a leadership role.

Teachers like things settled and organized, and will schedule their work hours and social engagements well ahead of time-and they are absolutely trustworthy in honoring these commitments. Valuing as they do interpersonal cooperation and harmonious relations, Teachers are extraordinarily tolerant of others, are easy to get along with, and are usually popular wherever they are.

Teachers are highly sensitive to others, which is to say their intuition tends to be well developed. Certainly their insight into themselves and others is unparalleled. Without a doubt, they know what is going on inside themselves, and they can read other people with uncanny accuracy. Teachers also identify with others quite easily, and will actually find themselves picking up the characteristics, emotions, and beliefs of those around them. Because they slip almost unconsciously into other people's skin in this way, Teachers feel closely connected with those around them, and thus show a sincere interest in the joys and problems of their employees, colleagues, students, clients, and loved ones.

A full description of the Teacher and the Idealists is in **Please Understand Me II** and various other Publications.

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- [Artisan - \(SP\)s](#)
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### Artisans (SP)

Tend to be:

- Playful
- Optimistic
- Sensual
- Unconventional
- Daring
- Impulsive
- Excitable
- Adaptable

### Guardians (SJ)

Tend to be:

- Responsible
- Helpful
- Hard-working
- Sociable
- Loyal
- Stable
- Traditional
- Law-abiding

### Rationals (NT)

Tend to be:

- Pragmatic
- Skeptical
- Analytical
- Independent
- Strong willed
- Logical
- Even-tempered
- Curious

### Idealists (NF)

Tend to be:

- Enthusiastic
- Romantic
- Intuitive
- Kind-hearted
- Intense
- Authentic
- Symbolic
- Inspiring

