

UNLEASH THE REAL YOU

► **Take the Strut Life Quiz
and all will be revealed**

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Whether you stand for good things or just like to buy good things, Strut's comprehensive quiz provides all the answers to the big questions in your life. Literally. All of them. Morality, sex, love, friendship, loyalty... you're about to find out who you are, whether you like it or not! Complete one section at a time. When you're done, add up your score and check the personality analysis at the end of the quiz. A note of caution: make certain you answer the questions truthfully. No one will know the true you – except us, of course, and we won't tell. Unless someone pays us. Good luck!

► Who Are You?

1 The best advice you ever gave a friend was:

- A Go for it – it's better to say yes than no.
- B If you hold it this way, it shouldn't be flammable.
- C Don't worry, your ex will keep your pics private.
- D He'll change if you wait long enough.

2 Which superhero alter ego best describes you?

- A Peter Parker. Geeky, earnest, a little insecure.
- B Bruce Banner. Seemingly nice, but don't make me angry – you wouldn't like it.
- C Johnny Storm. Cocky and impetuous.
- D Clark Kent. Hot, but I pretend to be something I'm not.
- E Bruce Wayne. A misanthrope, I spend all my time alone and am incapable of having a relationship.

3 The celebrity you most identify with is:

- A Amy Winehouse. You're someone who knows how to paaarty.
- B Lindsay Lohan. Young, sexy, troubled and oh so misunderstood.
- C Perez Hilton. People turn to you for the news.
- D Spencer Pratt. Utterly useless.

4 If you were to become famous, it would be for:

- A An accomplishment in your profession, like inventing cold fusion or winning a Pulitzer.

B Winning a Darwin Award. Who would have thought autoerotic asphyxiation could be so dangerous?

C Committing a crime. You'll become famous even if you have to kill someone to do it.

D Appearing as a contestant on a reality show. Hopefully a record deal will follow.

5 You're unhappy with the direction your life is going. You:

A Make a plan, jotting down a list of 20 things you can do to improve yourself.

B Complain to anyone who will listen, but do nothing.

C Cut and run. Things will be different once you move to (insert exciting city here).

D Grin and bear it. Maybe your feelings are just temporary.

E Make a plan and then delete it.

6 After you've showcased your best talent, Simon Cowell is most likely to say:

A "That was the worst thing I have ever heard in my life. And when I die, it will be the worst thing I have ever heard in my death."

B "You look like a Hobbit in the studio light, but a god in the spotlight. Hallelujah!"

C "You Canadians got talent. No, wait, I've got talent. Thank you."

D "With a body like that, who cares about your pipes? Meeow!"

7 Your ass is most likely found:

- A On a bike, to maintain your environmentally friendly bod.
- B In the lap of a wealthy benefactor.
- C On a chair, in front of a big screen of some sort.
- D On the sidewalk. Things could be better.

8 You believe that compared to Stephen Harper, Barack Obama is:

- A Sexy.
- B Smart.
- C Slim.
- D Funny.
- E Sexy, smart, slim, funny, handsome, intelligent, dynamic, progressive, young, pro-women, pro-equality, educated, captivating, easygoing, likeable, able to find Iraq on a map.

9 The TV you watch most is:

- A Online.
- B On late.
- C On satellite.
- D Unbearable, but it beats working.

10 The personalities you would most like to see square off in a fight are:

- A Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert
- B Santa's Little Helper and Brian
- C George Stroumboulopoulos and Larry King
- D Pam Anderson and Jayde Nicole
- E Lauren Conrad and Lauren Collins

11 If grabbed by the love handles, you would be:

- A Mildly tickled – there's not much to hold onto.
- B Dragged across the room like a big stretchy piece of Silly Putty.
- C Unaware. You haven't seen or felt anything near your belly button in years.
- D Flexing your six-pack. You are handle-free.

► Do You Matter?

12 If you did not get out of bed tomorrow morning, which of the following would happen?

- A People would die.
- B People would cry.
- C Concerned callers would have your phone ringing off the hook.

- D Absolutely nothing, except your sheets would get smellier.

13 The following epitaph would best represent your life:

- A Happy-Go-Lucky but Clearly Dead.
- B Currently Unable to Pay My Tab.
- C Speak to My Avatar for Daily Updates.
- D Taken Too Soon. Your Loss.

14 When you walk into a crowded room:

- A Your sparkling conversation attracts the best-looking people.
- B You blend into the crowd like a shape-shifter.
- C Heads turn in unison.
- D Heads turn away from you in unison.

15 When you offer your opinion at a family gathering, your relatives:

- A Lean in really close to hear your enlightened point of view.
- B Bang their plates and glasses and chatter among themselves, like monkeys.
- C Lower their heads in shame at the state of Canada's education system.
- D Aren't exactly sure who you are and don't bother to find out.

16 The effort you make for others can be best described as:

- A Boundless. You are nothing if you do not give of yourself every day.
- B Minimalist. You prefer the understated approach. One good deed lasts a long time.
- C Late-blooming. The last time you helped someone it was Halloween and you put candy into a kid's plastic pumpkin.
- D Others?

17 You are often the centre of attention because:

- A You are fashion-forward. People see the future in you.
- B You look like Napoleon Dynamite and talk like *Superbad*.
- C You are smart, quick, genuine and usually drunk.
- D You have something to say that people want to hear.

18 Your most impressive accomplishment thus far is:

- A Doing well in school.
- B Lowering your carbon footprint and other enviro-friendly actions.

- C Scoring with the opposite sex and/or on a sports team.
- D An excellent unleashing of your inner rock star.

19 What kind of worker are you?

- A The Go-To Guy. Anything that needs doing, you get it done.
- B The Great Delegator. Anything that needs doing, you get Greg to do.
- C The Jester. You're fun to have around, until something needs to get done.
- D The Ostrich. You ignore what's happening around you in the hopes that things will sort themselves out.

► Your Moral Compass Exposed

20 You find a sexy new phone on a table at Starbucks. A quick glance shows the same network as your aging flip-top. You:

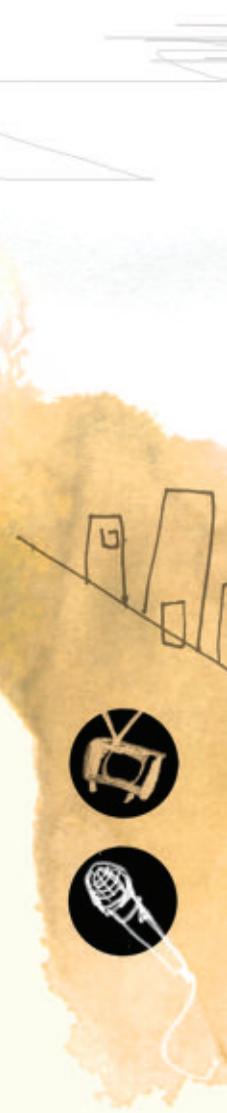
- A Slip it into your bag immediately. If they can afford one iPhone, they can afford another.
- B Consider returning it to the counter but change your mind. You know they are going to pocket it, so you may as well do the same.
- C Call someone from their contacts and tell them you have found the phone.
- D Leave it on the table. You shun all Mac gadgets no matter how cool their ads are.

21 You learn the person your best friend is flirting with online is an absolute geek. You:

- A Cannot IM her fast enough to reveal his real identity.
- B Say nothing to her but everything to the rest of the gang – the entertainment factor is just too high.
- C Reluctantly tell her – but deep down you think they make a good match.
- D Block her. Her online geek potential reflects poorly on you.

22 The cops ask your friend to pull in behind 10 other cars for a roadside breathalyzer test. As you wait, your anxious friend realizes the two of you can switch seats without being seen. You:

- A Make the switch. You have a licence and you're not drunk. No harm done.



- B Refuse to switch and start shouting at him. Had you known he might be over the limit, you wouldn't have accepted the ride.
- C Make the switch but demand a whole lot of cash and favours in return.
- D Refuse the switch. You know the law and it is not on your side.

23 You have waited in line overnight to buy coveted Madonna tickets. Steps away, a nine-year-old, jumping and squealing with excitement, drops one of her newly acquired tickets and keeps walking. You:

- A Immediately hop, jump, stomp and hide the ticket under your foot until it is safe to pick up. Wouldn't Madge do the same?
- B Look around to see if anyone else has noticed. You are prepared to fight for it and need to size up the competition.
- C Pick up the ticket and return it to the girl. You were her age once.
- D Pick it up and sell it on eBay for \$1,000. You can use the dosh.

24 You find out your best friend has torpedoed your chances with the person you fancy. You respond by:

- A Having a serious and mature conversation with your friend about how this has made you feel.
- B Making your friend take back whatever he did to torpedo you.
- C Spreading a rumour about your friend that ruins his chances with someone he likes.
- D Hitting your friend and running away like a little girl.

25 A friend of yours is yelled at in class for something you both did. You:

- A Pretend you didn't notice and hope she doesn't implicate you.
- B Speak up right away to deflect some of the blame away from your friend.
- C Take all the blame yourself and exit the room in a blaze of glory.
- D Pull the fire alarm and hope all is forgotten in the confusion.

26 Your best friend tells an offensive joke. How do you react?

- A You laugh politely and quickly change the subject.
- B You don't do anything – you just pretend you didn't hear.
- C You give him a 10-minute speech about the plight of the group of people he's maligning, and proceed to explain why his joke isn't funny.
- D You look at him very seriously and say, "Your momma!"

27 You do the following on a daily basis:

- A Download stuff for free.
- B Use your neighbour's wireless connection as if it were your own.
- C Track down exes on the net and take pride in how much better you look.
- D Download stuff on your exes using your neighbour's wireless connection.

► Love, Sex and You

28 The Disney song that best describes your bedroom moves is:

- A The Bare Necessities.
- B Oo-de-lally.
- C Appreciate the Lady.
- D Goodbye So Soon.
- E Poor Unfortunate Souls.
- F Savages.
- G God Help the Outcasts.
- H Humiliation.
- I Zero to Hero.
- J Let's Go Fly a Kite.

29 You learn most of your techniques from:

- A Jared Leto. He makes those 30 seconds count.
- B Seth Rogen. If he can get some, so can you.
- C Andy Dick. All directions welcome.
- D Video games. Those characters sure can bend!

30 When asked if toys are part of your routine, you respond:

- A I'll try anything once.
- B Yes, and I use high-yield batteries.
- C Do you prefer my natural or synthetic collection?
- D No way – I don't share my Wii with anyone.

31 How do you decide when you're ready to have sex with a new partner?

- A You're in love.
- B Your partner tells you you're ready.
- C You're bored and *House* doesn't start for another half hour.
- D There's a ring on your finger.
- E You're never sure you're ready until right after the fact.

32 How do you talk about sex with your friends?

- A You're boastful and quick to share dirty details.
- B You lie like a rug just to keep up with the conversation.
- C You're sparing with what info you share out of respect for your partner.
- D Tee-hee. Sex.

33 How do you treat your partner?

- A I respect my partner and devote myself entirely to his/her happiness.
- B Like a best friend, fights and all.
- C Like arm candy – significant others should be seen and not heard.
- D I do unto my partner as he/she does unto me.

34 What kind of ex are you?

- A I'm the master of the breakup. I'm besties with all of my exes.
- B I'm vindictive. Did you know my ex got heartworm disease from having sex with the family pet?
- C I'm needy. Why don't you love me? Could you love me again?
- D I'm a ghost. Once a relationship is over, I never see that person again.
- E I'm unwittingly cruel. Bring on the rotting shrimp!

35 For you, members of the opposite sex are:

- A An obsession. I want to collect them all.
- B A mystery worth exploring.
- C The enemy. Love is a battlefield.
- D Crazy. I'd avoid them, but I need the attention.
- E Who cares about the opposite sex?

To add up your points on the scorecard and find out who you are deep down, see the following page. ►

Instructions

Add up all your As, Bs, Cs and so on. With your total score, see what kind of person you are on the answer grid (at right).

QUESTION 1

A=4, B=1, C=2,
D=3

QUESTION 2

A=2, B=3, C=4,
D=1, E=1

QUESTION 3

A=3, B=2, C=4,
D=1

QUESTION 4

A=4, B=3, C=1,
D=2

QUESTION 5

A=4, B=1, C=2,
D=3, E=1

QUESTION 6

A=1, B=2, C=3,
D=4

QUESTION 7

A=4, B=2, C=3,
D=1

QUESTION 8

A=4, B=4, C=4,
D=4, E=4

QUESTION 9

A=4, B=2, C=3,
D=1

QUESTION 10

A=4, B=2, C=3,
D=2, E=1

QUESTION 11

A=3, B=2, C=1,
D=4

QUESTION 12

A=4, B=3, C=2,
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QUESTION 13

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D=3

QUESTION 14

A=4, B=2, C=3,
D=1

QUESTION 15

A=4, B=1, C=3,
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QUESTION 16

A=4, B=3, C=2,
D=1

QUESTION 17

A=4, B=1, C=2,
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QUESTION 18

A=4, B=3, C=2,
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QUESTION 19

A=4, B=3, C=2,
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QUESTION 20

A=1, B=3, C=4,
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QUESTION 21

A=4, B=2, C=3,
D=1

QUESTION 22

A=1, B=3, C=2,
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QUESTION 23

A=1, B=2, C=4,
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QUESTION 24

A=4, B=3, C=2,
D=1

QUESTION 25

A=2, B=4, C=3,
D=1

QUESTION 26

A=4, B=3, C=1,
D=2

QUESTION 27

A=3, B=2, C=4,
D=1

QUESTION 28

A=1, B=1, C=4,
D=1, E=1, F=1

QUESTION 29

A=4, B=3, C=1,
D=2

QUESTION 30

A=2, B=1, C=3,
D=4

QUESTION 31

A=4, B=3, C=1,
D=2, E=1

QUESTION 32

A=1, B=2, C=4,
D=3

QUESTION 33

A=4, B=3, C=1,
D=2

QUESTION 34

A=4, B=1, C=2,
D=3, E=1

QUESTION 35

A=3, B=4, C=2,
D=2, E=1

The Answers to the Quiz

IF YOU SCORED...

106 to 140 points

BORINGLY SOLID

If you hit the 140 mark on the nose, you deserve a prize. We're not sure what kind of prize, because a 140 personality is far too serious and not particularly fun to be around. However, if you're in the middle of this point range, you definitely know who you are: you're someone people count on and confide in, even if you don't like them much. You take your time when making decisions, and more often than not you make the right ones. You are on the right path – solid, dependable, focused. However, you need a bit of grey in your black-and-white life. You're making choices based on old-fashioned notions of what's right and wrong. There's plenty of good stuff in between. You should spend more time eating chips and chatting with your avatar. It's okay – you'll be a success anyhow. Fatter, but a success.

76 to 105 points

HEALTHILY HUMAN

You're in the second-highest category, which is excellent news if you plan to make something of yourself. You are a mix of angel and devil, able to resist temptation when required but also able to dive right in and get messy when it suits you. You are smart enough to walk right up to the dignity line without crossing it – so much so, even your close friends can love you one day and despise you the next (as evidenced by your inbox). You take pleasure in both situations, since being invisible is not an option for you – it's been like that since you were a little kid. You are very well-balanced. You make time for the silliness of YouTube and the seriousness of your family. You are well aware of who you could be but are not exactly sure how to get there. In the meantime, you're trying different things, exploring different options. It's all good, even if you are not.

51 to 75 points

WORK IN PROGRESS

You've come in with the second-lowest score. But that doesn't mean you don't know who you are. Well, okay, it does. You are really just feeling your way in the world, and sometimes your decisions aren't all that clear-headed. You are not the most responsible person on the planet, even if you mean well. At a certain point, your good intentions will not be enough. You will have to take a stance on something – personally, professionally, morally – and stick by it. Your lack of focus is not all bad. You have plenty of time to sort out who you are and what you stand for. Right now, you want Guitar Hero and a good time. Eventually, real life will get in the way of both. Sorry for the bad news.

35 to 50 points

ELEGANTLY WASTED

Oh boy. This is bad! You've scored the least amount of points possible. If you landed in the 30s, you are really in trouble. You need focus and perhaps a slice of maturity as well. The good news is that people love you. There's no party without you at its centre. There is no doubt that you are charismatic, entertaining and a leader. The problem is that people will not follow you for long. You are self-involved, unaware that not everyone has led a terrific, happy life – and sometimes these strange beings are your friends. Or your mom and dad. And they need to count on you. With all your positive qualities, you lack the motivation to get somewhere better. And while you are out there laughing and having a great time, life on the fun track eventually has to merge with reality. You have yet to find yours. But hey, you can tell a mean joke! ☺