

# Personal Strengths Inventory

Constant criticism, controlling behavior, or unrealistic expectations from parents can lead you to internalize their negativity, resulting in a harsh inner dialogue. Over time, this self-criticism can significantly impact your mental health, making you feel inadequate and increasing feelings of stress and anxiety. When you're constantly telling yourself you're not good enough, you can fall into a cycle of self-doubt, focusing solely on your perceived flaws and failures, which prevents you from seeing your strengths and moving forward in life.

Creating a personal strengths inventory is a powerful tool to [combat the effects of self-criticism, especially when rooted in unhealthy family dynamics](#). By identifying and acknowledging your unique strengths, you can begin to shift your focus away from the negativity instilled by your parents and toward your positive qualities. This practice allows you to reframe your self-perception, building a more balanced and realistic view of yourself.

## PART 1: Discovering Your Strengths

Take some time to read through the list of attributes carefully and circle at least 6 strengths that you believe apply to you.

### Self-Control

I manage my emotions and impulses, which allows me to make thoughtful choices.

### Confidence

I believe in my abilities and have positive expectations of success.

### Flexibility

I adapt to change, adjust my approach, and think creatively in new situations.

### Ambition

I have a strong desire and determination to achieve success and accomplish my goals.

### Wisdom

I use knowledge and experience to make sound judgments and decisions.

### Creativity

I think outside the box and generate original ideas.

### Curiosity

I desire to ask questions, discover new things, and expand my knowledge.

### Bravery

I face fear, uncertainty, or danger with determination and resolve.

### Fairness

I believe in just treatment, and that everyone has equal opportunities.

### Forgiveness

I let go of resentment and anger, choosing to understand and move on from a hurtful experience.

### Gratitude

I appreciate and am thankful for the positive aspects of life.

### Honesty

I am truthful and sincere in my words and actions.



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## Optimism

I expect the best possible outcome and believe in a brighter future.

## Humility

I have a modest view of my importance, which allows me to learn from others.

## Humor

I have the ability to find and share amusement, and create a lighter perspective on challenges.

## Kindness

I am caring, considerate, and desire to help others.

## Patience

I stay composed while waiting or facing challenges, without getting frustrated or giving up.

## Love of Learning

I have an enthusiasm for acquiring knowledge and skills, driven by a desire for understanding.

## Perseverance

I am committed to see things through, despite obstacles and setbacks.

## Open Mindedness

I am willing to consider new ideas and perspectives with receptiveness.

## Teamwork

I collaborate effectively with others to achieve a shared goal.

## Social Awareness

I understand the emotions, needs, and perspectives of others.

## Spirituality

I believe in a purpose or connection to something larger than myself.

## Enthusiasm

I have a zest and passion that fuels my excitement and motivation.

## Generosity

I give my time, resources, or skills to help others without expecting anything in return.

## Problem-Solving

I am able to analyze situations, identify solutions, and overcome challenges effectively.

## Dependability

I am reliable and others can count on me to fulfill my commitments and responsibilities.

## Authenticity

I live and express myself genuinely, being true to my values and beliefs.

## Adventurousness

I am eager to experience new and exciting things, with a sense of curiosity and daring.

## Assertiveness

I communicate my needs, wants, and opinions clearly and confidently.

## Independence

I am self-sufficient and resourceful, taking responsibility for my own well-being.

## Logic

I am able to think clearly and reach sound conclusions based on reason and evidence.



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## PART 2: Applying Your Strengths to Relationships

Use the prompts to explore how you currently use your strengths in your romantic relationship(s), friendships, and family. Then, discover how you can apply your strengths in new ways to achieve relational growth.

**Lists the strengths you possess that help you in your relationships:**

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**Describe a specific time your strengths were able to help your relationships:**

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**Describe two new ways you could use your strengths to help you in your relationships:**

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## PART 3: Applying Your Strengths to Your Profession

Use the prompts to explore how you currently use your strengths in your professional endeavors (at work or school). Then, discover how you can apply your strengths in new ways to achieve professional growth.

**Lists the strengths you possess that help you in your profession:**

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**Describe a specific time your strengths were able to help your profession:   ent**

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**Describe two new ways you could use your strengths to help you in your profession:**

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## PART 4: Applying Your Strengths to Achieve Personal Fulfillment

Use the prompts to explore how you currently use your strengths to increase your sense of purpose and enjoyment. Then, discover how you can apply your strengths in new ways to achieve personal growth.

**Lists the strengths you possess that help you achieve personal fulfillment:**

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**Describe a specific time your strengths were able to help you with personal fulfillment:**

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**Describe two new ways you could use your strengths to help you with personal fulfillment:**

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