HOW DO AMERICANS DEFINE MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY?
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MASCULINE CHARACTERISTICS  FEMININE CHARACTERISTICS

Act as a leader  Affectionate
Aggressive  Cheerful
Ambitious  Childlike
Analytical  Compassionate
Assertive  Does not use harsh language
Athletic  Eager to soothe feelings
Competitive  Feminine
Defends own beliefs  Flatterable
Dominant  Gentle
Forceful  Gullible
Independent  Loves children
Individualistic  Loyal
Leadership ability  Sensitive to others needs
Makes decisions easily  Shy
Masculine  Soft-spoken
Self-reliant  Sympathetic
Self-sufficient  Tender
Strong personality  Understanding
Willing to take a stand  Warm
Willing to take risks  Yielding

ALL THE REST ARE NEUTRAL ! !

Although you may find some overlap and have differences of opinion, researchers selected the masculine and feminine items as most indicative of masculine and feminine behavior in our society. If you identified the 20 masculine and 20 feminine characteristics in the above test the same way the researchers did, you show an awareness of conventional cultural norms indicating masculine and feminine. If you labeled more of these characteristics as either masculine or feminine, you may place too much emphasis on what is considered neutral behavior. If you chose more masculine or more feminine characteristics “correctly”, it could mean you understand the cultural conventions of one sex better than the other.

Your selection has nothing to do with your own personal gender characteristics but simply reflects your understanding of and ability to identify society’s gender stereotypes.