

Do you have what it takes to work abroad? Personal Inventory Questionnaire

1. My level of education is:
 - a. Post Graduate Degree and/or TEFL Certificate
 - b. College Graduate
 - c. Some College
 - d. High School graduate

2. I have:
 - a. More than \$5000 in savings
 - b. \$3500-5000 in savings
 - c. \$1000-3500 in savings
 - d. Less than \$1000 in savings

3. My physical condition is:
 - a. Excellent in both stamina and overall physical health
 - b. A little out of shape but basically good
 - c. Fairly good but with a few troublesome health conditions
 - d. Lacking stamina and in need of regular medical attention

4. I am someone who
 - a. Can face any challenge without fear
 - b. Can get by on my own in most challenging situations
 - c. Functions best with a companion
 - d. Is easily frightened by unfamiliar settings or unexpected events

5. I am a person who
 - a. Adapts easily to new situations
 - b. Enjoys the unfamiliar, but prefers my routine
 - c. Avoids unfamiliar situations whenever possible
 - d. Must adhere to a strict and familiar routine

6. When faced with a challenge
 - a. I never give up until I succeed
 - b. I work very hard and usually succeed
 - c. I work at things that come easily and produce immediate rewards
 - d. I give up at the first obstacle

7. When it comes to solving problems
 - a. I use my own resources, logic, intuition and imagination until I find a solution
 - b. I research the problem and usually arrive at a solution
 - c. I seek the help of others for solutions
 - d. I'm not very good at solving problems

8. I'm someone who
 - a. Finds lots in common with strangers and makes friends easily
 - b. Gets along well with most everyone but is slow to form friendships
 - c. Works well with other people but keep to myself
 - d. Is shy or prefers to remain a loner

9. In my relationship with my family, I am
 - a. Very independent
 - b. Closely connected but not on a daily basis
 - c. Very closely connected and rely upon them for support
 - d. Still living with my parents and rely on my family for everything

10. Where food is concerned
- I love to try new foods and will eat most anything
 - I enjoy a wide variety of foods and am not too picky
 - I am very conservative and stick to the basics
 - I am on a strict diet
11. When I take a trip
- I travel well and enjoy all kinds of transportation
 - I prefer comfort and luxury but can tolerate most any type of vehicle
 - I am a little claustrophobic and prone to motion sickness
 - I hate to travel
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12. Where honesty and integrity are concerned:
- I uphold both at all costs
 - I use my judgment and try to be the best person I can whenever possible
 - I frequently bend the rules and compromise my integrity
 - I don't really have a code of behavior for myself
13. When I find myself in a less than ideal situation
- I am always willing to compromise to make the best of a situation
 - I hold on to my ideals until I see that a compromise is the only way
 - I find it hard to compromise and do so reluctantly
 - I do not compromise under any circumstances
14. When life becomes difficult
- I try to see the humor in it and keep a balanced perspective
 - I try to solve my problem but not always with the best attitude
 - I sink into a bad mood for a while but usually manage to overcome the problem
 - I get depressed and discouraged and usually give up
15. When I look back on my life experiences
- I feel that I have lived a rich and rewarding life so far
Whether good or bad, I learned something from all of them
 - I've had ups and downs but am still basically optimistic
 - Nothing ever seems to work out for me

To score yourself to see if you have what it takes to live and work abroad, give yourself:

- 3 points for every a
- 2 points for every b
- 1 point for every c
- zero for every d

Bonus Points:

- I already have a job awaiting me in my destination: 10 points
- I speak the local language: 10 points
- I have relatives or friends living there: 5 points
- I have traveled extensively in other foreign countries: 3 points

If you scored:

More than 35 – GO FOR IT! You have what it takes!

25-34 – You may encounter some difficulty, but you will probably succeed

15-24 – Take a look at your weak areas and get yourself prepared for the challenge

Less than 15 – Don't even think about it