

How Would You Rate Your Work Ethic?

Having a good work ethic means being dependable, responsible, honest and hard working. A strong work ethic means taking pride in your work, regardless of what job you hold. Employers rank a strong work ethic as one of the top qualities they seek in the employees they hire or move up in their organizations. On the exercise below, explain how you demonstrate each of the qualities that go into rating your work ethic.

1. **Dependable:** Are you reliable? What have you done that shows you are dependable? _____

80 percent of success is just showing up. Woody Allen

2. **Responsible:** Do you honor your word? What behaviors does a responsible person demonstrate? _____

*Washington is all in a tizzy and everybody is pointing fingers at each other and saying it's their fault, the Democrats' fault, the Republicans' fault. Listen, **I'll take responsibility.** I'm the President.* Barack Obama March 18 2009

3. **Honest:** Are you true to the promises you make? Why do you believe honesty is the best policy? _____

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Mark Twain

4. **Hard Working:** Do you give 100% at work? Describe the behavior of someone you know who is a hard worker. _____

I do not know anyone who has gotten to the top without hard work. That is the recipe. It will not always get you to the top, but it will get you pretty near.

Margaret Thatcher, Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

If a potential employer asked you to describe your work ethic, how would you respond? _____
