

Values Arrangement List for Teens

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What are Values? - values are your preferred life ideals and daily behaviors that you care most deeply about in your life. Your values can be best understood when thought of in terms of the priorities you place upon them and the role they play in your decisions, choices and actions. Thinking about your values as a system of life ideals and behavioral actions i.e., you're priority list, will help you make better choices, more accurate decisions and help you experience more satisfaction in your accomplishments and confidences in the choices you make.

The VAL for Teens report is designed to help you examine your values. Exploring the values in the two lists below is the first step, clarifying and confirming your values is the second step. Living a life that supports and affirms your values is the ultimate step.

Your Life Values: ideals to live up to in your life	Your Daily Values: behaviors to live by on a day to day basis
Primary Importance	Primary Importance
Family: a good home environment, parents	Honesty: being truthful and sincere
Self-Worth: being proud of oneself	Love: being affectionate, loving and tender
Love: a lasting romantic relationship	Creativity: being imaginative and innovative
Achievement: reaching your goals	Drive: being ambitious and hard working
Wisdom: knowledge, education	Cooperation: being helpful to others, a team player
Secondary Importance	Secondary Importance
Service: helping others	Self-Reliance: being independent and free
Health: a sound mind and healthy body	Tolerance: being patient, open-minded and accepting
Independence: freedom to be what you want	Intelligence: being smart, knowledgeable and intellectual
Inner Peace: lasting harmony and freedom from violence	Competence: being skillful, efficient and productive
Friendship: having friends you trust and relate to	Humor: being entertaining, witty and funny
Less Importance	Less Importance
Wealth: money to buy whatever you want	Beauty: being good looking and physically attractive
Adventure: pursuing excitement and taking risks	Courage: being brave and fearless
Power: influence, control of others	Forgiveness: being able to forgive, forget and let go
Easy Life: no need to work hard, time to have fun	Athletics: being good at sports
Faith: belief in a higher power	Popularity: being in with the right crowd, fashionable

Suggestions for clarifying and confirming your life and daily values:

- Define your Primary Importance values in your own terms.
- Share and discuss your list of values with your parents, teacher and friends.
- Clarify and confirm your most important values through self-awareness exercises.
- Think about what is most important to you before taking action or making decisions.
- Monitor your thoughts and feelings for clues about your real values.

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