Are You a Global or Linear / Sequential Thinker?

Directions: The left hand column contains a number of statements that may or may not describe you. As you read each statement, decide if the statement Almost Never, Sometimes, or Almost Always describes you.
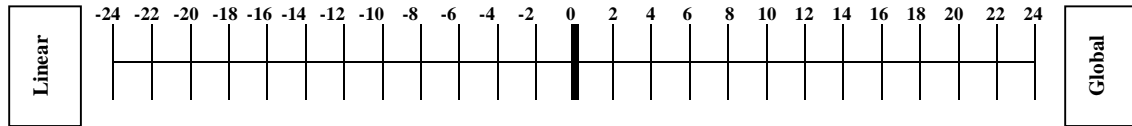
If it applies ALMOST NEVER, check nothing for that row.
If it applies SOMETIMES, check the left white box in that row.
If it applies ALMOST ALWAYS, check the right white box in that row.

I ….	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Am more comfortable with routine and structure	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Can work with distractions	█	█	█	█			█	█
Need a non-cluttered environment in which to work	█	█			█	█	█	█
Tend to skip steps when solving math problems			█	█	█	█	█	█
Can easily do several things at once	█	█	█	█			█	█
Easily get "lost" if someone interrupts me in the middle of doing a task	█	█	█		█	█	█	█
Give details when asked a question	█	█			█	█	█	█
Like informal work settings with flexible schedules			█	█	█	█	█	█
Learn best when info includes humor, emotion, short anecdote	█	█	█	█			█	█
Like to do one thing at a time	█	█		█	█	█	█	█
Like to highlight or underline important information	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Make logical decisions based on facts or common sense	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Need to finish a task before starting another	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Need written or tactile involvement			█	█	█	█	█	█
Read from top to bottom of an article or book	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Read the beginning, then the end, and then skim the middle			█	█	█	█	█	█
Respond well to pictures or movies	█	█	█	█			█	█
Respond well to words and numbers	█	█	█		█	█	█	█
Can see the smallest error	█	█			█	█	█	█
Check directions first, then start the task	█	█	█	█	█	█		█
Speak with gestures			█	█	█	█	█	█
Take something out of the box and just use it.			█	█	█	█	█	█
Tend to make decisions based on emotion or intuition	█	█	█			█	█	█
Like to take frequent breaks	█	█	█	█			█	█
TOTAL Checks for this column								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

Multiply column A by   1.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column B by   2.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column C by -1.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column D by -2.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column E by   1.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column F by   2.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column G by -1.   Your answer is _____
Multiply column H by -2.   Your answer is _____

Your Total is _____

Plot your **Total** on the **Linear to Global Thinker Continuum Line** below. This will show your tendency to global or linear thinking. The farther to the left of zero, the more of a linear / sequential thinker you are. The farther to the right of zero, the more of a global thinker you are.

| Linear | -24 -22 -20 -18 -16 -14 -12 -10 -8 -6 -4 -2 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 | Global |

Scoring and Interpretations:

Most people's total score falls somewhere between -5 and +5 on the continuum. We have found that this is especially true of people who work or live with others in close proximity. (Scores above or below these numbers indicate a stronger preference to the particular thinking style.) However, even when the score is near zero, the scale shows *tendencies* toward one kind of thinking or the other. In terms of organization, knowing these tendencies helps understand how the person sees the world and therefore what may or may not be important in organizing. In general, we can make the following statements about thinking styles and organization:

Global Thinkers tend to:
>   Miss details and small things.
>   Like to see (keep in sight) all the things they are currently thinking about/doing
>   (especially if they are visual learners).
>   Skip steps.
>   Like to set up the categories so everything can be included (but the actual sorting
>   is too boring/time consuming).

Linear Thinkers tend to:
>   Be concerned with details.
>   Have trouble working in the midst of visual clutter.
>   Like things put away in an organized system.
>   Do things precisely and in order.
>   Like to put things away but may have more trouble defining meaningful
>   categories that include everything.