

Hi Jan,

Because I did my peer-to-peer consultation before Lesson 5, I wanted to reflect and assess what I could do better and the blockers that I encountered.

Fransiska's report stumped me. She was mid-range in the 4/6 personality factor, and I didn't feel her skills or interests connected or strongly suggested one occupation over the other. The recommendations were not obvious. For example, she wants to be a career counselor, but I felt she might be too blunt and not as high on compassion. I also saw her interest in arts very high, but her skills or personality didn't reflect this. I think in a "real life" setting, this is where I would reach out to you. Because I was so puzzled and pressed for time, I let her lead the session. After Lesson 5, I realized that as a consultant, I should be more in charge of leading the session, and I think this is where my personality comes in. I am a midrange extrovert/introvert, and if the client is more dominant, I will "gladly let them lead the way!"

The other thing I learned is that, as I live in a predominantly Muslim country, I am not comfortable praying in front of those of a different faith. But I have two thoughts in mind: I can either ask for a moment of silence, where I can pray silently, or, which is what I did in this consultation, pray out loud before anyone comes in.

Lastly, I didn't bring in Fransiska's questionnaire or do a formal interview as the demos didn't show how. However, after Lesson 5, I now better understand how to structure the session and where the questionnaire lies. I also now know that I need much more time to prepare. I prepared about 2 hours for Fransiska's session, including reading her report, writing an introduction so I didn't forget to explain anything, and looking at her questionnaire. I know now that this is not enough, I need to be more active in reading the report and the questionnaire together (highlighting and circling). Lesson 6 says I will need at least 4 hours of preparation time, and I strongly agree and am eager to change my preparation.

Thank you for this opportunity to learn Jan,
Dina