

Power Spread Statements for Character Cards

As you read the following statements, read each statement slowly and clearly. Give some time after each statement for students to process the statement for their “character” and make a decision about whether or not that person would move.

1. If you are female, please step back.
2. If you finished high school, got your GED, or will finish high school, please step forward.
3. If you are under 24 or over 65, please step back.
4. If you live in a house that you own, or you are under 24 and live in a house that your guardians own, please step forward.
5. If your name is hard to pronounce, please step back.
6. If you own a pet, please step forward.
7. If you moved to the United States from another country, please step back.
8. If you can speak two or more languages, with one being English, please step forward.
9. If you grew up in a family (or are currently in a family) that travels together on yearly summer vacations that are not to visit relatives, please step forward.
10. If you or one of your parents had a manual labor-intensive job or had to work two full-time jobs, please step back.
11. If you have ever gone to a private school or have been home schooled, please step forward.
12. If you or your family have ever used food stamps, received welfare, or had another form of public aid, please step back.
13. If you have now, or had during your youth, at least one adult you could count on who is not a family member, please step forward.
14. If one of your parents did not have to work for income and was able to stay home with you as a child, or if you are or are married to a stay-at-home mom, please step forward.
15. If you or a family member has ever done time in jail or juvenile hall, please step back.
16. If you are surrounded by a good group of friends who encourage you to make healthy decisions for your life, please step forward.
17. If you have a visible tattoo or multiple body piercings (other than your ears), please step back.
18. If you have an account at a bank, please step forward.
19. If you have been a part of a sports league that you had to pay for, or have taken private music lessons, please step forward.
20. If you have a visible or hidden impairment or disability, please step back.
21. If you are familiar with working on computers and you use the computer often in your job or for your schooling, please step forward.
22. If you or your parents have credit card or payday loan debt that is over \$2,000, please step back.
23. If you have ever been to the opera, the ballet, or the orchestra, please step forward.
24. If you are likely to have your boss or a manager look like you, or you look like the corporate executives you see on TV, please step forward.
25. If your paycheck (or your parents’ paychecks if you’re under 24) is only enough income for basic necessities, and you can’t afford to save money, please step back.
26. If you invest and save your money through stocks, homeownership, retirement accounts, or high-interest bank accounts, please step forward.
27. If you are married, and both you and your spouse have an income, please step forward.
28. If you have experienced some kind of emotionally difficult circumstance that impacts your ability to work well or think clearly, please step back.
29. If you communicate with others well or if you are perceived as someone to whom people look up, please step forward.
30. If you attended or expect to attend college, please step forward. If you would not be the first person in your family to graduate from college, please take another step forward.