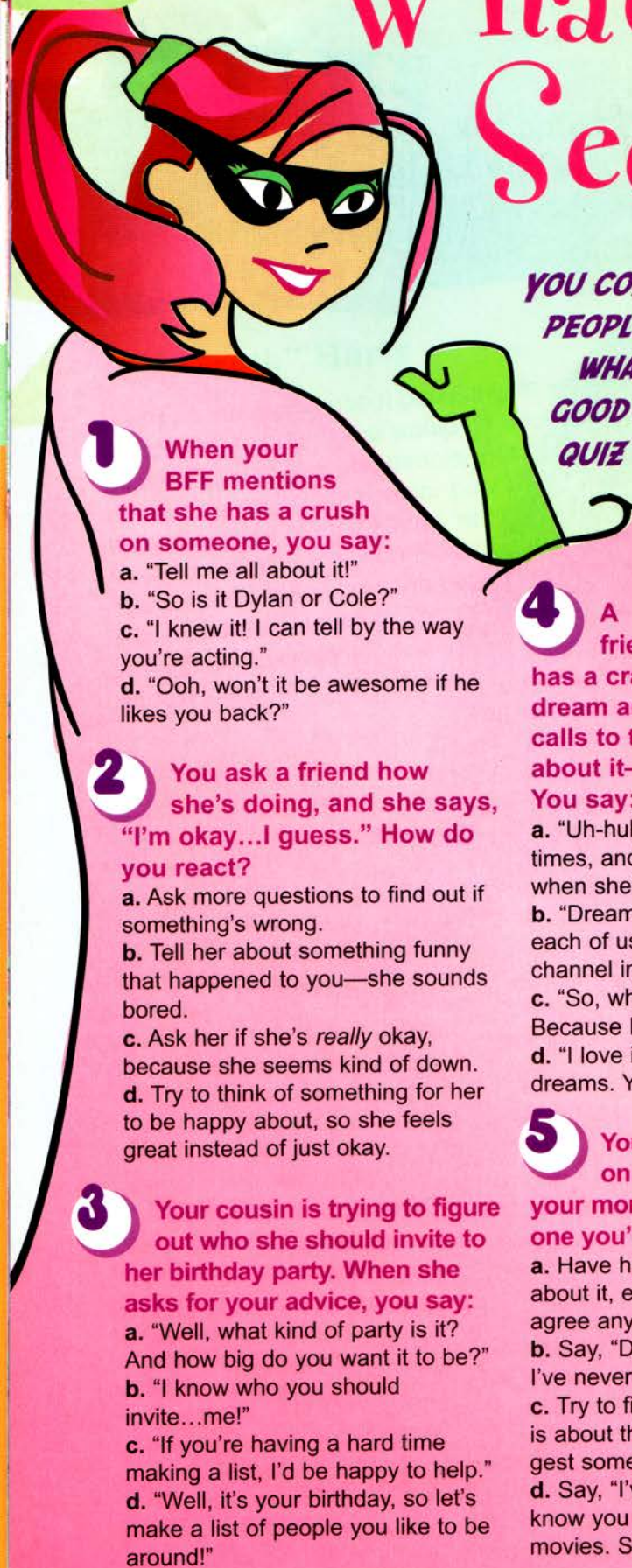


What's Your Secret Talent?

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YOU COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE EVERY DAY, BUT WHAT MAKES YOU SO GOOD AT IT? TAKE THIS QUIZ TO DISCOVER THE TALENT YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN KNOW YOU HAVE!

- 1** When your BFF mentions that she has a crush on someone, you say:

 - a. "Tell me all about it!"
 - b. "So is it Dylan or Cole?"
 - c. "I knew it! I can tell by the way you're acting."
 - d. "Ooh, won't it be awesome if he likes you back?"
- 2** You ask a friend how she's doing, and she says, "I'm okay...I guess." How do you react?

 - a. Ask more questions to find out if something's wrong.
 - b. Tell her about something funny that happened to you—she sounds bored.
 - c. Ask her if she's *really* okay, because she seems kind of down.
 - d. Try to think of something for her to be happy about, so she feels great instead of just okay.
- 3** Your cousin is trying to figure out who she should invite to her birthday party. When she asks for your advice, you say:

 - a. "Well, what kind of party is it? And how big do you want it to be?"
 - b. "I know who you should invite...me!"
 - c. "If you're having a hard time making a list, I'd be happy to help."
 - d. "Well, it's your birthday, so let's make a list of people you like to be around!"

- 4** A friend has a crazy dream and calls to tell you about it—in detail. You say:

 - a. "Uh-huh" and "okay" a few times, and ask a question about it when she's finished.
 - b. "Dreams are so strange. It's like each of us has a private TV channel in our brain."
 - c. "So, what do you think it means? Because I have a few ideas..."
 - d. "I love it when I remember my dreams. You're so lucky."
- 5** You're trying to decide on a movie to see with your mom. When she suggests one you've never heard of, you:

 - a. Have her tell you a little more about it, even if you'll probably agree anyway.
 - b. Say, "Did you make that one up? I've never heard of it."
 - c. Try to figure out how excited she is about that one before you suggest something else.
 - d. Say, "I've never heard of it, but I know you have good taste in movies. So let's go!"

YOUR SECRET TALENT IS...

Mostly A's Super Listening

You love hearing about other people's thoughts and experiences. When you have conversations, you ask a lot of questions to be sure you get the whole story. People like talking to you, because you pay attention to everything they say!

Mostly B's Constant Comedy Creation

When you're having a conversation, you see things from a unique perspective, so your unexpected comments tend to make people laugh. You always know how to lighten the mood when things are getting too serious, and that makes you fun to be around.

Mostly C's See-Through Vision

When you talk to people, you're very sensitive to their emotions. They don't have to explain how they're feeling, because you can just *tell*. The people in your life feel a close bond with you, because you always seem to understand what they're going through.

Mostly D's Ultra-Optimism

You can find a bright side to almost anything. When you see people getting discouraged, you consider it a personal challenge to perk them up—and it usually works. Your enthusiastic attitude brings energy and excitement to every conversation you have!