

## Confident

*To be confident is to have faith in what you are doing, thinking, or saying. You can also be confident about the way things are going to turn out. Are you the confident type? Do you consider confidence a desirable state of mind? Have you ever suffered from underconfidence?*

### Examples

1

I am confident of my ability to write. When I went to Harvard, where I stayed for only a year and a half, I was faced on my first day with a theme to write. (The purpose was to help place me in the right section of English.) I have forgotten the topic. It involved some question of how I would handle a particular problem in life. I wrote my head off. I fantasized, I science fictionalized, I gave metaphors their head as they wished. I did not please the examiners, who placed me in elementary writing skills. I was not humbled, because I had written from confidence, in the only way I know how. I have since given greater effort to writing to spec, meeting the precise challenge presented to me. But still I write from strength. I let it go. I am confident, though it be the confidence of a chicken about to cross the road.

2

I am confident of my ability to relate to most people, of most types. By nature I am simple and curious, though I am subtle and sometimes over refined in my mind. People tend to like me, and though I have only a few very close friends, I am able to establish good working relations with almost anybody. Will Rogers said that he had never met a man that he did not like. I feel the same. And armed with that attitude, which is admittedly innocent, one attracts people who are eager to tell their life stories. Are you one of those people?