

*Self  
Assessment  
Quiz*

NARRATOR

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If you're thinking about a career in audiobook narration, answers to these questions will help you determine if you're a good fit for this type of work.

## Pre-requisites

Do you like to read?

If the answer is NO, stop taking the quiz, and start thinking of some other career option. Seriously.

Do you regularly listen to audiobooks?

If the answer is NO, listen to many more audiobooks in different genres to get a feel for the art form before you continue with the quiz. I'd suggest you'd get a **subscription to AudioFile Magazine**, which is the industry's standard for professional reviews, and listen to audiobooks that earned Earphone Awards.

## Baseline Skills

Have you ever heard the sound of your recorded voice?

Have you ever read aloud?

Do you enjoy telling stories?

Do you have training or experience in acting or oral interpretation?

## Language Skills

Do you love language?

What is your native language?

Do you know more than 1 language? If so, how would you rate your proficiency in it?

## Personality/Work Habits

Do you like to work independently or with other people?

Are you a self-starter?

Do you consider yourself organized?

Are you detail-oriented?

Are you adept at time and project management?

Are you thick-skinned when it comes to criticism?

Are you curious? Do you like to learn new things?

How do you deal with constant rejection or perhaps even feeling ignored?

How would you rate your comfort and skill levels with working with technology more complicated than your phone?

How does the thought of learning new software make you feel?

How would you rate your communications and customer service skills?

How do you feel when you need to research something?

Are you able to concentrate on one task for long periods?

Are you patient?

Are you a perfectionist?

## Financial Considerations

What are your financial expectations?

Have you ever worked as a freelancer?

Do you have a day job or other monetary cushion to see you through slow times?

Do you have money set aside for start-up and on-going business costs?

How do you feel about constantly networking and marketing yourself to attract and retain clients?

Do you have or can you make a dedicated recording space in your home?

Once you've assessed your skills, you can read more about the rationale behind these questions on [Karen Commins's blog](#). Karen is also available for private consultations to discuss your career goals. Consultations may be purchased on [Karen's Shop page](#).

