

CATTELL'S TRAIT APPROACH.

R.B. Cattell tried to further advance the trait approach of Allport by using 17953 dictionary words pointed out by Allport for arriving at some fundamental dimensions or factors for the measurement of one's personality through the following simple non-technical description —

Step 1: He started with approx four thousand of Allport's 17953 terms and narrowed the list down to 171 by eliminating the repeated ones and synonyms. In this way, he arrived at final list of 171 words related with personality and called them trait elements.

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Step 2: The next step was to find out how they are related. He found that each trait element correlated highly with some and low with others. In this way he managed to form some specific groups and called them surface traits. These identified surface traits were 35 in number.

Step 3: He once again went on to examine these surface traits in terms of their co-relation. There was overlapping. The