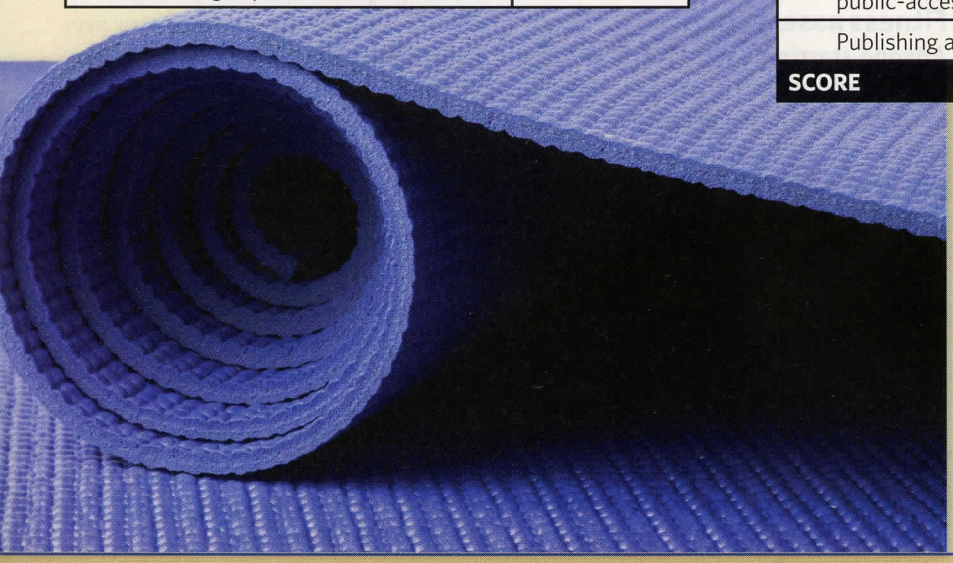
QUIZ Genealogical Fitness

How comfortable are you with the following exercises? Give yourself the following points for each answer:

No sweat: **1** • Takes some effort: **2** • A challenging workout: **3**

SKILL	POINTS
Organization/Preservation	
Gathering home sources	
Keeping a research log	
Maintaining neat files	
Preserving heirlooms and papers (archival-safe)	
Identifying next steps	
Entering data into an electronic family tree file	
Basic Research	
Locating and using microfilms	
Getting the most out of a census	
Conducting oral history interviews	
Searching digital and print catalogs and indexes	
Researching remotely, via e-mail or mail correspondence	
Interpreting an *Ahnentafel* chart	
Using a genealogy data site	
Posting queries	
Obtaining copies of vital records	

SKILL	POINTS
Advanced Research	
Using immigration and naturalization records	
Researching court records	
Tracing a line back to the old country	
Researching in another language or country	
Learning historical context of an ancestor's life	
Maximizing military records	
Finding and identifying old family photos	
Analysis and Presentation	
Evaluating others' research	
Resolving conflicting information	
Citing sources	
Transcribing interviews or handwritten documents	
Scanning photos	
Sharing family stories	
Uploading digital family trees to public-access sites	
Publishing a family history	
SCORE	



What does your score mean?

76-90 » Beginner level. Sign up for a good overview course.
61-75 » You're on track! Try some targeted courses and attending a conference.
46-60 » Fit 'n' fine. Stay in shape with advanced training or conferences.
30-45 » Genealogical marathoner! Ever thought of going pro?

Go the extra mile

Did you mark more 2s and 3s in one section (organization, basic research, advanced research, or analysis and presentation)? Consider targeted training in that area.