

Multiple Intelligences

Verbal/Linguistic Intelligence

Responsible for the production of language and all the complex possibilities that follow, including: poetry, humor, storytelling, abstract reasoning, and the written word. People highly developed in this intelligence are probably good at things like reading, writing, talking, and debating. They may have a passion for things like poetry, humor, storytelling, debating, and creative writing.

Logical/Mathematical Intelligence

Associated with what we call "scientific thinking." Deductive/inductive thinking/reasoning, numbers and recognition of abstract patterns. Such people are good at figuring things out, analyzing things, and solving problems in subjects like math and science. They probably like things like figuring out patterns, matching things that are alike, math, science, crossword puzzles, and solving problems.

Intrapersonal Intelligence

Knowledge of the internal aspects of self such as: feelings, range of emotional responses, self-reflection, and sense of intuition about spiritual realities. People highly developed in this intelligence are probably good at understanding other people's feelings; focusing and concentrating, and thinking things through. They may be particularly good at things like closing their eyes and reflecting about how they feel about things; focusing, concentrating, and understanding how other people feel. They may like meditating and thinking about things.

Interpersonal Intelligence

Ability to work cooperatively in a group as well as the ability to communicate, verbally and non-verbally with other people. Such people are good at working with others and working on group projects. They are also good at sharing their opinion, and demonstrate a heightened sense of understanding the opinions and feelings of others. Such people like to work with other people on group projects and in sharing ideas and opinions.

Visual/Spatial Intelligence

Ability to create internal mental pictures. Deals with such things as the visual arts, navigation, map-making, and architecture. People highly developed in this intelligence are good at creating pictures in their mind. Whether it be by illustrating those images (as in the case of an artist) or mentally conceptualizing the images (as in the case of an interior designer) such people demonstrate the intellectual capacity of seeing beyond two-dimensional limitations. Such people may also demonstrate the intellectual capacity involved in other creative and artistic things, using colors, reading maps, and probably have a good imagination. They probably like to draw, paint, create sculptures, and imagine things.

Musical/Rhythmic Intelligence

Includes such capacities as the recognition and use of rhythmic and tonal patterns, sensitivity to sounds such as the human voice and musical instruments. Such people like things like singing, playing musical instruments, beating drums, humming, writing songs, and performing. This intellectual capacity is often revealed in people who appear to easily remember the lyrics to songs, the beat of popular tunes, or are easily given to humming tunes and composing melodies.

Bodily/Kinesthetic Intelligence

Ability to use the body to express emotion as in dance, body language, and sports. The ability to learn by doing. Such people are good at things like sports, dance, gymnastics, karate, and boxing. They are also good at working with their hands. They are likely to have good body control and coordination. Such people like things like playing sports, dancing, exercising, swimming, skating, riding bicycles, running, and building things. This intelligence is shared by two seemingly-extreme professions, the professional athlete who magically dribbles, passes, or shoots a basketball and the surgeon who maneuvers her hands performing complex surgical techniques.

Naturalist Intelligence

Ability to recognize plants, animals, and other parts of the natural environment, like clouds or rocks. Such people are good at things like identifying things like rocks, plant-life, cloud patterns, and other things relating to the natural environment. Such people may like hiking, camping, fishing, digging for fossils, or other activities relating to the natural environment. This intelligence may be revealed through the interests of children who become experts on dinosaurs and adults who pursue such interests as hunting, botany, and anatomy. A highly developed Naturalist Intelligence was displayed by the Native American Indians who lived in harmony with nature, the Africans who tilled the fields and farms and the Buffalo Soldiers of the western expansion. Also, the American cowboy who pioneered and settled the western United States.

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