

**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made:
How Learning Styles and Multiple
Intelligences Reveal Your Child's Calling**

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What is the Theory of Multiple Intelligences?



The Industrial Revolution and Education



1820-1870

New focus on Logic & Language

8 Intelligences

- WORD
- LOGIC
- PICTURE
- BODY
- MUSIC
- PEOPLE
- SELF
- NATURE



**How Understanding Multiple Intelligences
Can Help Your Children**

Increases confidence

A focus on becoming who they are designed to be

Volunteering and career choice

**How to Identify Your Child's
Multiple Intelligence Strengths**

Pay attention to their interests

Pay attention to how they misbehave

Pay attention to favorite school subjects

Nurturing Intelligences

Acknowledge

Offer opportunities to strengthen

Set healthy boundaries

How to Shut Down Strengths With Criticism

Watch how you react

Criticize rather than correct

Perfectionism

Multiple Intelligence Basics

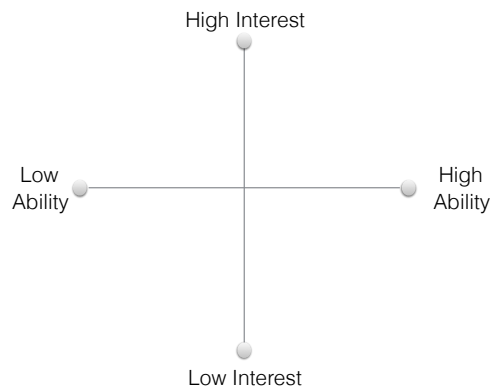
Different but equal

Doesn't have to be a strength to be explored

We're not limited to one type of intelligence

Different intelligences work together

Graph Your Kids' Intelligences



Word Smart Signs and Strengths

- May talk early
- Curious about letters and writing while young
- Like to write letters or emails
- Able to remember details
- Have a large vocabulary
- Love to read
- Like to tell stories
- Enjoy talking about ideas with others
- Have a good memory for names

Struggles Common to Word Smart

- gossiping
- teasing
- lying
- arguing
- needing to have the last word
- talking when they should be listening
- can be prideful of their intellectual abilities

Careers That Involve Word Smart

Careers with learning, speaking, listening, reading, writing, and teaching

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| pastor | lobbyist | researcher |
| counselor | museum curator | screenwriter |
| journalist | paralegal | speech pathologist |
| writer, editor | public announcer | speech writer |
| teacher | proofreader | storyteller |
| librarian | public relations | translator |
| | radio & television | web editor |

Logic Smart Signs and Strengths

- Find numbers fascinating
- Like science
- Easily do math in their head
- Enjoy counting things
- Enjoy discovering how things work
- Remember numbers and statistics easily
- Enjoy strategy games
- Notice connections - cause and effect
- Spend time doing brainteasers or logic puzzles
- Love to organize information on charts and graphs
- Use computers for more than playing games

Struggles Common to Logic Smart

- Curiosity can lead to trouble
- Intellectual pride - thinking they have all the answers
- Judging others
- Arguing to make their points
- Being angry when they're confused
- Can tend to worry when things don't make sense

Careers That Involve Logic Smart

Careers that involve the mind

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| Counseling | electrician |
| Teaching | accountant |
| Researching | bookkeeper |
| If also body smart: | appraiser |
| auto mechanic | computer programmer |
| plumber | banker |
| phone repair technician | engineer |
| careers involving science and math | Auditor |
| | meteorologist |

Picture Smart Signs and Strengths

Draw or doodle a lot
Remember faces better than names
Read or draw maps for fun
Enjoy building things
Enjoy watching movies or videos
See patterns in the world around them
Like to draw out sketches of ideas
Think in pictures and easily see objects in their minds
Like taking things apart and putting them back together
Work with art materials like paper, paint, and markers
Draw well
Like building models or things in 3D

Struggles Common to Picture Smart Kids

May tend to judge others by appearance
May become critical of visual mistakes in wardrobe,
decoration or some school project
May put their trust in looking "just right"
Have trouble turning off their eyes

Careers That Involve Picture Smarts

artist
art teacher
inventor
photography
movie or video game making
design
graphic designer
fashion design
sculptor
architecture
engineering
inventing

Music Smart Signs and Strengths

- Enjoy listening to music *
- Enjoy singing *
- Play an instrument
- Read music
- Remember melodies or music easily
- Hear the difference between many different instruments
- Hum or sing while doing tasks
- Easily pick up rhythms
- Like making musical sounds with body (humming, clapping, snapping fingers, tapping feet)
- Remember facts by making up songs

Struggles Common to Music Smart Kids

- Can be LOUD!
- Can struggle in traditional school subjects (although music may keep them motivated)
- Can idolize musicians
- An unhealthy desire for fame
- May become prideful of their talent
- May look down on other, less talented kids
- Perfectionism

Careers That Involve Music Smarts

- music therapists
- worship pastors
- music teachers
- composers
- conductors
- music arrangers
- music producers
- soloists
- instrument store owner
- song writers
- advertisers
- disc jockeys
- piano tuners

Body Smart Signs and Strengths

- Dance gracefully
- Mimic people's gestures or expressions
- Enjoy acting in skits or plays
- Like to move around and be active
- Think better when moving around
- Learn physical skills easily
- Do crafts or build models with skill
- Good at sports
- Have good coordination or sense of timing
- Love recess

Struggles Common to Body Smarts

- May hurt others when angry or upset
- Punching, kicking or biting
- Shoving their way to the front of the line
- May lack boundaries when wrestling for fun

Careers That Involve Body Smarts

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| Chiropractor | Welder |
| Dentist | Truck driver |
| Hair dresser | Stunt person |
| Mechanic | Physical therapist |
| PE teacher | Surgeon |
| Orchestra conductor | Actor |
| Carpenter | Seamstress |
| Plumber | Sports coach |

Nature Smart Signs and Strengths

Like animals
Notice nature wherever they are
Enjoy camping and hiking
Have a green thumb
Enjoy taking care of pets
Like going to parks, zoos or aquariums
Have a good memory for details of places where they've been and the names of animals, plants, people and things
Have street smarts
Ask a lot of questions about the people, places and things they see in their environment
Enjoy figuring out what things are and then placing them into categories (ie. bird watching or classifying cars)

Struggles Common to Nature Smarts

Might be tempted to worship the creation rather than the Creator
May struggle in their relationships with people
May feel awkward around people
May struggle to put adequate time into their studies

Careers That Involve Nature Smarts

Various science careers
Animal shelter worker
Flower shops
Camp counselor
Park ranger
Veterinarian
Veterinarian assistant
Environmental inspector
Landscape designer
Nature photographer
Missionary
Pet sitter

People Smart Signs and Strengths

Like to watch people
Make friends easily
Offer to help when needed
Feel confident when meeting new people
Can easily guess how people feel just by looking at them
Enjoy getting people to see things their way
Enjoy group activities and lively conversations
Help the people around them get along better
Like to organize activities for their friends
Know how to get people involved
Prefer to work with others rather than alone
Are concerned with issues of fairness and right and wrong

Struggles Common to People Smart Kids

Are great motivators but also
great manipulators

Prideful about how many friends they have

Can become prideful of their ability to manipulate

Careers That Involve People Smarts

Public speaker	Personnel directors
Counselor	Salesperson
Politician	Consultant
Lawyer	Nurse
Social Worker	Police officer
Evangelists	Reporter
Receptionists	Missionary
Travel agents	Inventor
Advertisers	Waiter or waitress

Signs and Strengths of Self Smart

Prefer to work alone rather than with others
Stand up for beliefs even if unpopular
Know their own feelings well
Enjoy keeping a journal
Have a good sense of who they are
Like to set and meet their goals
Worry less about what other people think of them than others
Spend time thinking about things that deeply matter to them
Have a strong sense of what they're good at
Think about the future and what they'd like to be one day

Struggles Common to Self Smart Kids

Independence and comfort with being alone
can lead to self-centeredness

Pride in their own ideas

Can believe that their ideas are more
important than anyone else's

Can have trouble being open to other's ideas

Can become unteachable

Can have high standards that result in being hard on selves
Being alone can lead to hopelessness or fear

Careers That Involve Self Smarts

Often self-employed
Entrepreneurs
Private investigators
Poets
Writers
Pastors
Counselors
Social workers
Teachers
Therapists
Guidance counselor
Personal trainer

Key Takeaways

We all have all 8 intelligences
Every job will consist of responsibilities that touch on several intelligences
Create relevant experiences for your children
This is how God has designed your children
The best education prepares children for life, not just for a job

Resources

James Gardner
*Multiple Intelligences:
New Horizons in Theory and Practice*

Thomas Armstrong
*You're Smarter Than You Think:
A Kid's Guide to Multiple Intelligences*

Kathy Koch
*8 Great Smarts: Discover and Nurture
Your Child's Intelligences*

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