

Multiple Intelligences and Careers

Intelligence Area	Is strong in:	Likes to:	Learns best through:	Famous examples:	Possible careers:
Word Smart (Verbal/Linguistic)	Reading, writing, telling stories, memorizing dates, thinking in words	Read, write, tell stories, talk, memorize, work on puzzles	Reading, hearing and seeing words, speaking, writing, discussing and debating	Edgar Allen Poe, Maya Angelou, Rick Riordan, Shakespeare	Lawyer, editor, interpreter/ translator, journalist, playwright, poet, public relations, reporter, teacher, historian, librarian
Logic/Number Smart (Logical/Mathematical)	Math, reasoning, logic, problem solving	Solve problems, question, work with numbers, experiment	Working with patterns and relationships, classifying, categorizing, working with the abstract	Albert Einstein, Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, Bill Nye	Accountant, analyst, investment broker, lawyer, chemist, pharmacist, physician, computer programmer, engineer, inventor, researcher, city planner
Picture Smart (Visual/Spatial)	Reading, maps, charts, drawing, mazes, puzzles, imagining things	Design, draw, build, create, daydream, look at pictures	Working with pictures and colors, visualizing, using the mind's eye, drawing	Leonardo Da Vinci, Frida, Diego Rivera, Georgia O'Keeffe, Bobby Fisher	Photographer, graphic designer, advertiser, architect, artist, carpenter, cartographer, dentist, engineer, interior designer, mechanic, navigator, pilot, sailor
Body Smart (Bodily/Kinesthetic)	Athletics, dancing, acting, crafts, using tools	Move around, touch, play sports, dramatic arts	Touching, moving, processing knowledge through body sensations	Tony Hawk, Derek Rose, Shaun White, Shawn Johnson, Felix Jones	Dancer, coach, athlete, actor/actress, equestrian, carpenter, massage therapist, magician, mechanic, physical therapist, physician, architect
Music Smart (Musical/Rhythmic)	Singing &/or playing an instrument, picking up sounds, remembering melodies, rhythms	Sing, hum, play an instrument, listen to music, tap out rhythms	Rhythm, melody, singing, listen to music and musical patterns	Taylor Swift, Aretha Franklin, Selena Gomez, Beethoven, Mozart	Conductor, composer, music teacher, recording technician, singer, sound engineer, musical performer, music critic
People Smart (Interpersonal)	Understanding people, leading, organizing, communicating, resolving conflicts, selling	Have friends, talk to people, join groups/clubs/organizations	Sharing, comparing, relating, interviewing, cooperating	Oprah Winfrey, Bill Clinton, Gandhi, Mother Teresa	Teacher, therapist, travel agent, child care worker, coach, manager, mediator, nurse, physician, public relations, salesperson
Self Smart (Intrapersonal)	Understanding self, recognizing strengths and weaknesses, setting goals	Work alone, reflect, pursue own interests	Working alone, doing self-paced projects, having space, reflecting	Gandhi, Stephen Covey	Entrepreneur, consultant, counselor, psychologist or psychiatrist, researcher, writer, trainer
Nature Smart (Naturalist)	Understanding nature, categorizing, identifying flora and fauna	Be involved with nature, be outside, classify items/information	Working in nature, exploring living things, learning about plants and natural events	Steve Irwin, Bear Grylls, Jane Goodall, Jacques Cousteau	Botanist, chef, environmentalist, landscape artist, navigator, sailor, veterinarian, astronomer, meteorologist, zoologist

