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The idea of people having Multiple Intelligences (MI) was first developed by Howard Gardner in the 1980s. Gardner didn't believe that people were born with a single intelligence that can be measured and that cannot be changed.



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Gardner's theory was that there were eight different human intelligences and that we were all born with parts of each of these intelligences.

He believed that each of these intelligences exist to a stronger or weaker degree in each person.

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Knowing that there are multiple intelligences helps us to understand that we all have unique interests, abilities, likes, dislikes and talents. It is this variety of strengths and weaknesses that make us all unique human beings.



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Knowing about Multiple Intelligences also helps us to realise that different people learn things in different ways. Eg. one person could show their knowledge about something by talking about it whereas another person could create a picture about what they have learned.

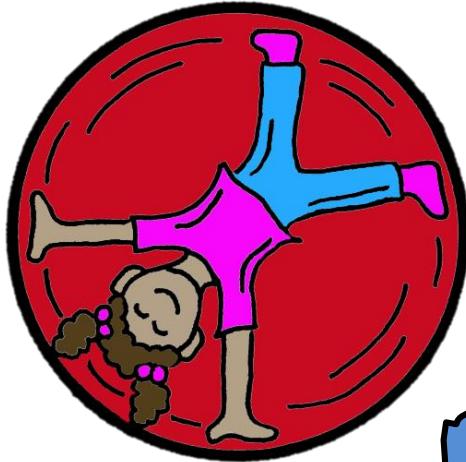


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Howard Gardner identified eight different intelligences:

- Bodily Kinesthetic
- Interpersonal
- Intrapersonal
- Mathematical Logical
- Musical Rhythmic
- Naturalist
- Verbal Linguistic
- Visual Spatial





Bodily Kinesthetic



Interpersonal



Intrapersonal



Mathematical Logical



Musical Rhythmic



Naturalist



Verbal Linguistic



visual

Spatial

Bodily Kinesthetic



This means that you are good at using your whole body (gross motor skills) or a part of the body eg. hands (fine motor skills). People like this might be good at games/sports, dancing, acting, building things eg Lego, sewing/knitting.

Interpersonal

This means that you have got good people skills. You like to meet and chat with others and you get along with other people. You might be someone with lots of friends. You are good in discussion groups and like to help other people.



Intrapersonal



This means that you are very self aware and in tune with your own feelings, ideas and goals. You probably have a good understanding of your own thoughts and behaviours which will enable you to make plans and decisions.

Mathematical Logical

This means that you probably enjoy working with numbers, number patterns, data and like solving logic problems. You might like computers, programming, coding or logic games like chess. You might like STEM subjects in school.



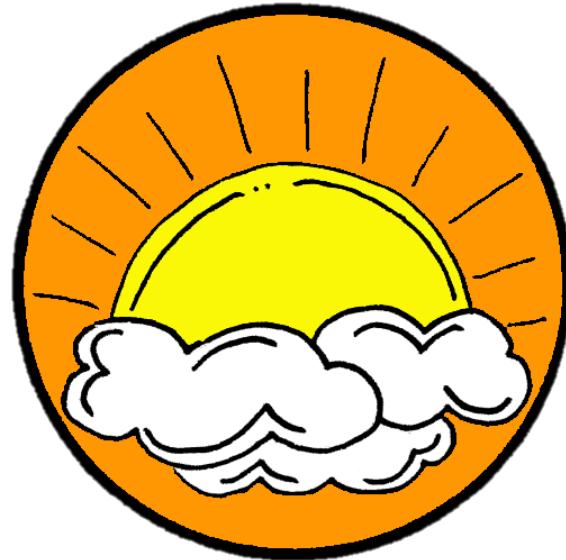
Musical Rhythmic



This means that you are good at expressing yourself through different aspects of music – singing, playing a musical instrument, composing, conducting. You are also aware of musical elements around you eg. pitch, rhythm, tone, timbre.

Naturalist

This means that you probably have a natural interest in the environment. You enjoy being in nature and are concerned about things like pollution and climate change. You may have a keen interest in things like plants, animals, rocks.



Verbal Linguistic



This means that you are probably good with words and use them to solve problems. You may be good at reading, writing or speaking. You might like word puzzles and problems or things like writing stories or poetry. You may also be good at learning foreign languages.

Visual Spatial

This means that you are probably good at seeing things through pictures and images. Your fine motor skills are also probably good. You can use your eyes and hands to build with Lego, read maps, complete jigsaw puzzles and create art projects.



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