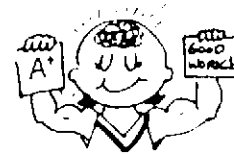




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Our Many Intelligences

Kinds of Minds



Howard Gardner is an expert on how children learn. He is famous for his ideas about our many intelligences, or kinds of minds.

He is a professor of education and of psychology* at Harvard and a professor of neurology** at Boston University.

He wrote this especially for our readers.

*Psychology is the study of the mind.
**Neurology is the study of the nervous system.

by Howard Gardner

"Look around you. We all look different from one another. And this makes life interesting. It would be dull if we all looked and acted the same.

"We also have different kinds of minds. Some individuals are very good with language — they can talk and write easily, create poetry.

"Some are very good with finding their way around and reading maps.

"Some of us are artistic — we love to create songs, make paintings, make up dances.

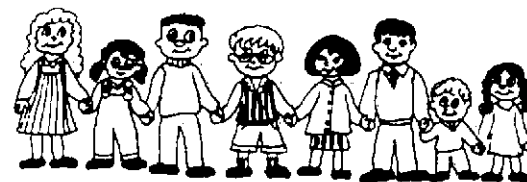


"Others are scientists or inventors — we like to solve problems or do experiments.



"And some of us are especially good at understanding and influencing other people.

"I call this the theory of multiple 'intelligences.' Each of us has many different intelligences, but we differ from one another in which intelligences we favor and which ones we excel in. And, once again, this makes life more interesting."



Our eight intelligences

Here are some of Dr. Gardner's ideas that we adapted for our Mini Page readers. Which intelligences are you strongest in?

You might be ...



Word strong — Do you like to read and write and talk? Do you find word games fun?



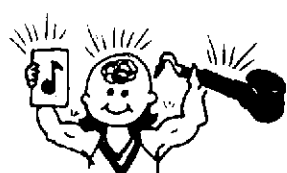
Math or reasoning strong — Do you like to figure out answers to problems and puzzles? Are you good with numbers?



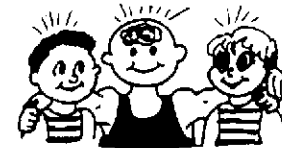
Space strong — Do you like to build, draw and design? Can you read maps?



Body strong — Are you good at sports or dance? Are you well-coordinated?



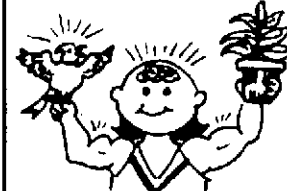
Music strong — Do you understand and appreciate music, or can you make music?



People strong — Are you sensitive to other people's needs and moods? Do you get along with others? Are you a team player or a leader?



Self strong — Can you act on your own? Do you enjoy your own company?



Nature strong — Are you interested in plants, animals, clouds, rocks and other natural things?