

Multiple Intelligences (M.I.) Inventory

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**PART I**

Complete each section by placing a “1” next to **each** statement you feel accurately describes you. If you do not identify with a statement, leave the space provided blank. Then total the column in each section.

**Section 1**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy categorizing things by common traits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ecological (environmental) issues are important to me
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hiking and camping are enjoyable activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy working on a garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ I believe preserving (saving/keeping) our National Parks is important
- \_\_\_\_\_ Putting things in hierarchies (system of levels) makes sense to me
- \_\_\_\_\_ Animals are important in my life
- \_\_\_\_\_ My home has a recycling system in place
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy studying biology, botany and/or zoology
- \_\_\_\_\_ I spend a great deal of time outdoors

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 1:

**Section 2**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I easily pick up on patterns
- \_\_\_\_\_ I focus in on noise and sounds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Moving to a beat is easy for me
- \_\_\_\_\_ I've always been interested in playing an instrument
- \_\_\_\_\_ The cadence (rhythm/speed) of poetry intrigues me
- \_\_\_\_\_ I remember things by putting them in a rhyme
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration is difficult while listening to a radio or television
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy many kinds of music
- \_\_\_\_\_ Musicals are more interesting than dramatic plays
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remembering song lyrics is easy for me

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 2:

**Section 3**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I keep my things neat and orderly
- \_\_\_\_\_ Step-by-step directions are a big help
- \_\_\_\_\_ Solving problems comes easily to me
- \_\_\_\_\_ I get easily frustrated with disorganized people
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can complete calculations quickly in my head
- \_\_\_\_\_ Puzzles requiring reasoning are fun
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can't begin an assignment until all my questions are answered
- \_\_\_\_\_ Structure helps me be successful
- \_\_\_\_\_ I find working on a computer spreadsheet or database rewarding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Things have to make sense to me or I am dissatisfied

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 3:

**Section 4**

- \_\_\_\_\_ It is important to see my role in the “big picture” of things
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy discussing questions about life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religion is important to me
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy viewing art masterpieces
- \_\_\_\_\_ Relaxation and meditation exercises are rewarding
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like visiting breathtaking sites in nature
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy reading ancient and modern philosophers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Learning new things is easier when I understand their value
- \_\_\_\_\_ I wonder if there are other forms of intelligent life in the universe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Studying history and ancient culture helps give me perspective

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 4:

### Section 5

- I learn best interacting with others
- "The more the merrier"
- Study groups are very productive for me
- I enjoy chat rooms
- Participating in politics is important
- Television and radio talk shows are enjoyable
- I am a "team player"
- I dislike working alone
- Clubs and extracurricular activities are fun
- I pay attention to social issues and causes

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 5:

### Section 6

- I enjoy making things with my hands
- Sitting still for long periods of time is difficult for me
- I enjoy outdoor games and sports
- I value non-verbal communication such as sign language
- A fit body is important for a fit mind
- Arts and crafts are enjoyable pastimes
- Expression through dance is beautiful
- I like working with tools
- I live an active lifestyle
- I learn by doing

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 6:

### Section 7

- I enjoy reading all kinds of materials
- Taking notes helps me remember and understand
- I faithfully (routinely/always) contact friends through letters and/or e-mail
- It is easy for me to explain my ideas to others
- I keep a journal
- Word puzzles like crosswords and jumbles are fun
- I write for pleasure
- I enjoy playing with words like puns, anagrams and spoonerisms
- Foreign languages interest me
- Debates and public speaking are activities I like to participate in

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 7:

### Section 8

- I am keenly aware of my moral beliefs
- I learn best when I have an emotional attachment to the subject
- Fairness is important to me
- My attitude effects how I learn
- Social justice issues concern me
- Working alone can be just as productive as working in a group
- I need to know why I should do something before I agree to do it
- When I believe in something I will give 100% effort to it
- I like to be involved in causes that help others
- I am willing to protest or sign a petition to right a wrong

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 8:

### Section 9

- I can imagine ideas in my mind
- Rearranging a room is fun for me
- I enjoy creating art using varied media
- I remember well using graphic organizers
- Performance art can be very gratifying
- Spreadsheets are great for making charts, graphs and tables
- Three-dimensional puzzles bring me much enjoyment
- Music videos are very stimulating
- I can recall things in mental pictures
- I am good at reading maps, atlases and blueprints

Total number of 1's  
used in Section 9:

## Part II

Now carry forward your total from each section and multiply by 10 below:

Section	# of 1's	Multiply	Multiplied Score
1		x 10	
2		x 10	
3		x 10	
4		x 10	
5		x 10	
6		x 10	
7		x 10	
8		x 10	
9		x 10	

## Part III

Now plot your scores on the **bar graph** provided... colour in the blocks up to the multiplied score.

100									
90									
80									
70									
60									
50									
40									
30									
20									
10									
0	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8	Section 9

Type of STRENGTH	Naturalistic	Musical	Logical	Existential	Interpersonal	Kinesthetic	Verbal	Intrapersonal	Visual
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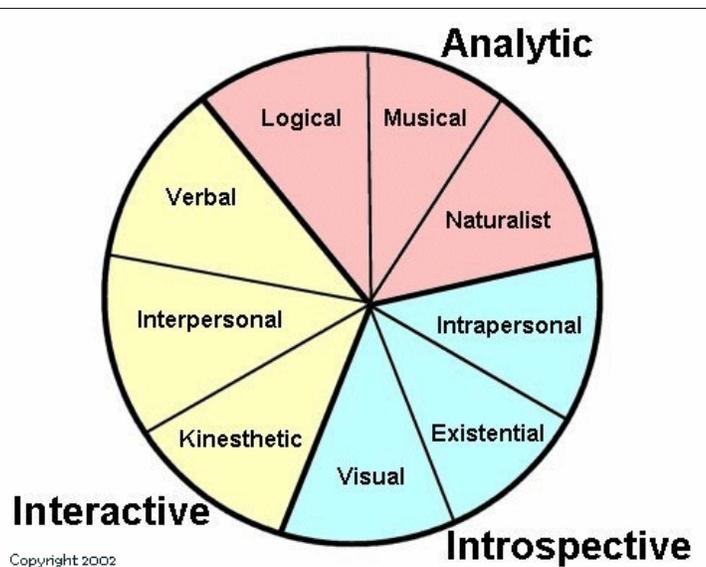
### Look at the 9 sections above

What are your top 3 types of learning styles?

Bottom 3 types of learning styles?

Do you see a pattern in the group (analytic, interactive, introspective) that they fit into?

What do you think your learning style tells you about the career you might get into?



## **ANALYTICAL**

*These three intelligences as analytic because even though they can have a social or introspective component to them, they most fundamentally promote the process of analyzing and incorporating data into existing situations. The analytical intelligences are by nature heuristic (speculative formulation) processes.*

### **Logical (Mathematical)**

Children who display an aptitude for numbers, reasoning and problem solving. This is the other half of the children who typically do well in traditional classrooms where teaching is logically sequenced and students are asked to conform.

### **Musical (Rhythmic)**

Children who learn well through songs, patterns, rhythms, instruments and musical expression. It is easy to overlook children with this intelligence in traditional education.

### **Naturalist**

Children who love the outdoors, animals, field trips. More than this, though, these students love to pick up on subtle differences in meanings. The traditional classroom has not been accommodating to these children.

## **INTROSPECTIVE**

*These three intelligences as introspective because they require a looking inward by the learner, an emotive connection to their own experiences and beliefs in order to make sense of new learning. The introspective intelligences are by nature affective processes.*

### **Intrapersonal**

Children who are especially in touch with their own feelings, values and ideas. They may tend to be more reserved, but they are actually quite intuitive about what they learn and how it relates to themselves.

### **Existentialist**

Children who learn in the context of where humankind stands in the "big picture" of existence. They ask "Why are we here?" and "What is our role in the world?" This intelligence is seen in the discipline of philosophy.

### **Visual (Spatial)**

Children who learn best visually and organizing things spatially. They like to see what you are talking about in order to understand. They enjoy charts, graphs, maps, tables, illustrations, art, puzzles, and costumes - anything eye catching.

## **INTERACTIVE**

*These three intelligences as interactive because even though they can be stimulated through passive activity they typically invite and encourage interaction to achieve understanding. Even if a student completes a task individually, s/he must consider others through the way s/he writes, creates, constructs and makes conclusions. The interactive intelligences are by nature social processes.*

### **Verbal (Linguistic... to do with words)**

Children who demonstrate strength in the language arts: speaking, writing, reading, listening. These students have always been successful in traditional classrooms because their intelligence lends itself to traditional teaching.

### **Kinesthetic (Bodily)**

Children who experience learning best through activity: games, movement, hands-on tasks, building. These children were often labeled "overly active" in traditional classrooms where they were told to sit and be still!

### **Interpersonal**

Children who are noticeably people oriented and outgoing, and do their learning cooperatively in groups or with a partner. These children may have typically been identified as "talkative" or "too concerned about being social" in a traditional setting.

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## **Remember:**

- Everyone has all the intelligences!
- You can strengthen intelligence!
- This inventory is meant as a snapshot in time – it can change!
- M.I. is meant to empower, not label people!