



# CHILDREN ARE SMARTER THAN YOU THINK...



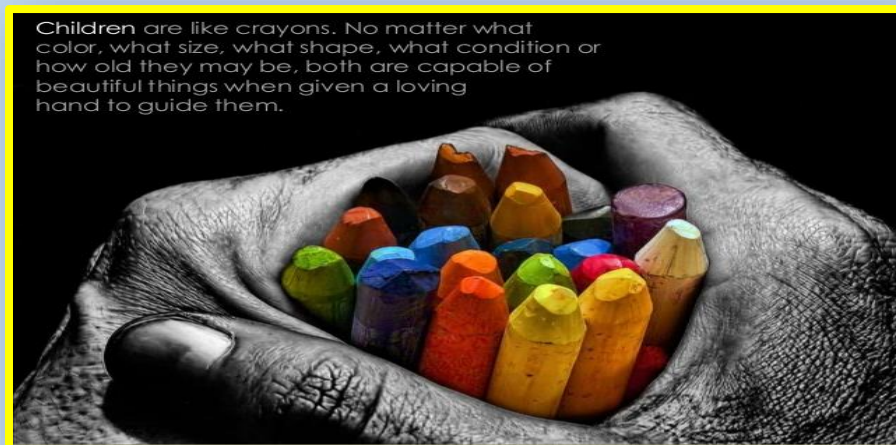
## Scenario 1:

**Parents:** I don't know what to do with my child. Not interested in studies at all. No one in my family is like him. All he wants to do is play. Does not pay attention at all.

## Scenario 2:

**Parents:** I see all the children happily mingling with others. They go out to play, have fun, mix and mingle with all kinds of people. My child does not step out of the house. Very timid, a social recluse ☹️.

Parents always complain about their children. Their behavior, their ability to grasp things, studies sports and more. Be it work or play, we as parents never try to sit down and think how do we help them become a "better them". Each child is gifted and a gem, all we need to do is polish them and hone their skills.



Children are like crayons. No matter what color, what size, what shape, what condition or how old they may be, both are capable of beautiful things when given a loving hand to guide them.

## *Multiple Intelligences – A food for thought*

When we were young we were told 'intelligence' meant knowing all the right answers. But what is 'the right answer'? And how do we gauge that (besides what is written and what has been told to us).

Thankfully, Howard Gardner introduced the Theory of Multiple Intelligences in 1983 as a new model for understanding how children learn. He identified eight different types of intelligence, of which each child has their own unique combination.



Gardner proposed that there are eight different ways the human brain processes information. He emphasizes that each child has a unique set of abilities and it is our job (as parents/teachers) to discover, develop and nurture it.

## Just How Smart Is Smart?

Does your child enjoy creating buildings with Legos, or has a great sense of rhythm, or is keen to solve any and every math problem, or works well with groups or gets lost into nature and animal world?

Well you are not alone. As parents we know each child is different and has unique strengths. We just need to closely observe them and help each child discover their style of learning in their unique ways.

Multiple Intelligences will help you learn not how smart your child is but how is your child smart.



***Linguistic Intelligence – word smart*** (likely to be good at spelling, enjoys reading, writing and telling stories).

***Logical-Mathematical Intelligence – math smart*** (likely to be very logical, good with numbers and puzzles).

***Spatial Intelligence – art smart*** (likely to be very imaginative and creative, sees things others don't).

***Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence – body smart*** (very adept at using his/her body, likely to excel in sports).

***Musical Intelligence – music smart*** (sensitive to rhythm, tone, melody and pitch, likely to excel at instruments).

***Interpersonal Intelligence – people smart*** (likely to be very social and well liked, in tune to others emotions).

***Intrapersonal Intelligence – self-smart*** (self-aware and in tune with one's own capacity and emotions).

***Naturalist Intelligence – nature smart*** (able to distinguish between different kinds of species and natural elements).

*The Multiple Intelligence test given below will help parents:*

- ❖ Know the child's natural character.
- ❖ Identify children's innate ability and talents.
- ❖ Understand right parenting techniques & styles.
- ❖ Help the children uncover their strength and understand their learning style.

# Learning Style

## Multiple Intelligences Survey

Be honest!

1.	I like to write my own stories.	YES	NO
2.	I like to take pictures.	YES	NO
3.	I like to plant seeds and grow plants.	YES	NO
4.	I like to count.	YES	NO
5.	I like to check the weather.	YES	NO
6.	I like to talk to others about ideas.	YES	NO
7.	I like to read in my free time.	YES	NO
8.	I like to dance.	YES	NO
9.	I like to read maps.	YES	NO
10.	I like to figure out patterns.	YES	NO
11.	I like to take turns.	YES	NO
12.	I like to solve puzzles.	YES	NO
13.	I like to sing.	YES	NO
14.	I like to make things with my hands.	YES	NO
15.	I like to talk to others.	YES	NO
16.	I like poetry and rhyming.	YES	NO
17.	I like to be by myself sometimes.	YES	NO
18.	I like to touch different materials.	YES	NO
19.	I like to move around a lot.	YES	NO
20.	I like to play alone.	YES	NO
21.	I like to play word games.	YES	NO
22.	I like taking care of animals.	YES	NO
23.	I like to draw.	YES	NO
24.	I am wise.	YES	NO

Tally for each number answered Yes. The most yeses reflect intelligence in that area!

<u>Music</u> 13, 16, 8	<u>Body</u> 14, 18, 19	<u>Nature</u> 3, 22, 5	<u>Word</u> 1, 7, 21
<u>Math</u> 4, 10, 12	<u>Self</u> 17, 20, 24	<u>People</u> 11, 6, 15	<u>Picture</u> 2, 9, 23

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**"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."**  
 ~ Albert Einstein