

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES RESULTS

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❖ LINGUISTIC INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: sensitivity to sound, structure, meanings, and functions of words and language

Job Skills: talking, telling, informing, giving instructions, writing, verbalizing, speaking a foreign language, interpreting, translating, teaching, lecturing, discussing, debating, researching, listening (to words), copying, proofreading, editing, word processing, filing, reporting

Sample Professions: librarian, archivist, curator, editor, translator, speech pathologist, writer, radio/TV announcer, journalist, legal assistant, lawyer, secretary, typist, proofreader, English teacher

❖ LOGICAL-MATHEMATICAL INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: sensitivity to, and capacity to discern, logical or numerical patterns; ability to handle long chains of reasoning

Job Skills: financing, budgeting, doing economic research, hypothesizing, estimating, accounting, counting, calculating, using statistics, auditing, reasoning, analyzing systemizing, classifying, sequencing

Sample Professions: auditor, accountant, purchasing agent, underwriter, mathematician, scientist, statistician, actuary, computer analyst, economist, technician, bookkeeper, science teacher

❖ SPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: capacity to perceive the visual-spatial world accurately and to perform transformations on one's initial perceptions (i.e., to be able to manipulate the inner and outer visual-spatial worlds through art, visualization, and/or visual thinking)

Job Skills: drawing, painting, visualizing, creating visual presentations, designing, imagining, inventing, illustrating, coloring, drafting, graphing, mapping, photographing, decorating, filming

Sample Professions: engineer, surveyor, architect, urban planner, graphic artist, interior decorator, photographer, art teacher, inventor, cartographer, pilot, fine artist, sculptor

❖ MUSICAL INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: ability to produce and appreciate rhythm, pitch, and timbre; appreciation of the forms of musical expressiveness

Job Skills: singing, playing an instrument, recording, conducting, improvising, composing, transcribing, arranging, listening, distinguishing (tone), tuning, orchestrating, analyzing, and criticizing (musical styles)

Sample Professions: disc jockey, musician, instrument maker, piano tuner, musical therapist, instrument salesperson, songwriter, studio engineer, choral director, conductor, singer, music teacher, musical copyist

❖ BODILY-KINESTHETIC INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: ability to control one's body movements and to handle objects skillfully

Job Skills: sorting, balancing, lifting, carrying, walking, running, crafting, restoring, cleaning, shipping, delivering, manufacturing, repairing, assembling, installing, operating, adjusting, salvaging, performing, signing, miming, dramatizing, modeling (clothes), dancing, playing sports, organizing outdoor activities, traveling

Sample Professions: physical therapist, recreational worker, dancer, actor, model, farmer, mechanic, carpenter, craftsperson, physical education teacher, factory worker, choreographer, professional athlete, forest ranger, jeweler

❖ INTERPERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: capacity to discern and respond appropriately to the moods, temperaments, motivations, and desires of other people

Job Skills: serving, hosting, communicating, empathizing, trading, tutoring, coaching, counseling, mentoring, assessing others, persuading, motivating, selling, recruiting, inspiring, publicizing, encouraging, supervising, coordinating, delegating, negotiating, mediating, collaborating, confronting, interviewing

Sample Professions: administrator, manager, school principal, personnel worker, arbitrator, sociologist, anthropologist, counselor, psychologist, nurse, public relations person, salesperson, travel agent, social director

❖ INTRAPERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: access to one's emotional life and the ability to discriminate among emotions; knowledge of one's own strengths and weaknesses

Job Skills: carrying out decisions, working alone, self-promotion, setting goals, attaining objectives, initiating, evaluating, appraising, planning, organizing, discerning opportunities, looking inward, understanding self

Sample Professions: psychologist, clergyperson, psychology teacher, therapist, counselor, theologian, entrepreneur

❖ NATURALISTIC INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: the ability to recognize instances as members of a group (or species); to distinguish among members of species; to recognize the existence of other neighboring species; and to chart the relations, formally or informally, among the several species

Job Skills: observing, researching, investigating, examining

Sample Professions: farmer, horticulturist, agronomist, botanist, veterinarian, entomologist, zoologist, animal husbandry specialist, forest ranger, biologist and ornithologist, as well as a variety of careers in environmental studies and ecology

❖ EXISTENTIAL INTELLIGENCE

Core Operations: the capacity to locate oneself with respect to the furthest reaches of the cosmos, and with respect to the significance of life, the meaning of death, the fate of physical and psychological worlds, and such profound experiences as love or art

Job Skills: being aware, inquiring, reflecting, showing insightful, being open to mysteries of life

Sample Professions: minister, pastor, priest, bishop, rabbi, lama, theologian, philosopher, professor, writer, artist, scientist