

# MY CHILD IS A GENIUS

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“What lies behind us and what lies before us  
are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

“Intelligence is the capacity to do something useful in the society in which we live. Intelligence is the ability to respond successfully to new situations and the capacity to learn from one’s past experiences.”  
—Dr. Howard Gardner

## What is the Genius in my child?

The gifts we have been given are specific to our personal missions and our children’s. Are we seeking to teach them accordingly?

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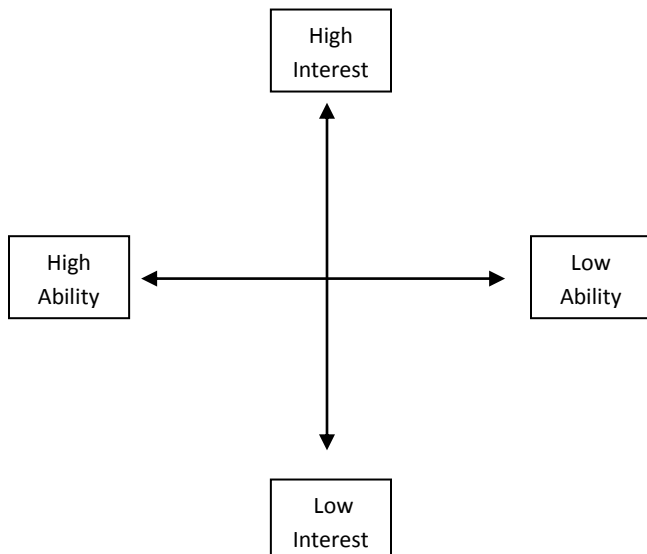
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## What are my child’s abilities and interests?



## Where are my child’s strengths in Multiple Intelligences?

1. **Visual/Spatial** - Involves visual perception of the environment, the ability to create and manipulate mental images, and the orientation of the body in space.
2. **Verbal/Linguistic** - Involves reading, writing, speaking, and conversing in one's own or foreign languages.
3. **Logical/Mathematical** - Involves number and computing skills, recognizing patterns and relationships, timeliness and order, and the ability to solve different kinds of problems through logic.
4. **Bodily/Kinesthetic** - Involves physical coordination and dexterity, using fine and gross motor skills, and expressing oneself or learning through physical activities.
5. **Musical** - Involves understanding and expressing oneself through music and rhythmic movements or dance, or composing, playing, or conducting music.
6. **Interpersonal** - Involves understanding how to communicate with and understand other people and how to work collaboratively.
7. **Intrapersonal** - Involves understanding one's inner world of emotions and thoughts, and growing in the ability to control them and work with them consciously.
8. **Naturalist** - Involves understanding the natural world of plants and animals, noticing their characteristics, and categorizing them; it generally involves keen observation and the ability to classify other things as well.

***The War of Art*** by Steven Pressfield

*“God endowed each of us with our own unique genius. Genius is a Latin word; the Romans used it to denote an inner spirit, holy and inviolable, which watches over us, guiding us to our calling. A writer writes with his genius; an artist paints with hers; everyone who creates operates from this sacramental center. It is our soul’s seat, the vessel that holds our being-in-potential, our star’s beacon and Polaris.”*

***Resources to help evaluate your child’s MI***

\*<http://www.literacyworks.org/mi/intro/index.html>

\*[http://www.spannj.org/BasicRights/appendix\\_b.htm](http://www.spannj.org/BasicRights/appendix_b.htm)

[http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources\\_ftp/client\\_ftp/ks3/ict/multiple\\_int/index.htm](http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks3/ict/multiple_int/index.htm)

\*Offers Teaching Strategies as well

***On-line Activities and Games***

<http://www.mrsvandyke.com/multipleintelligences.htm>

***Suggested links and reading about MI***

<http://surfaquarium.com/MI/>

<http://www.cse.emory.edu/sciencenet/mismeasure/genius/research02.html>

**Intelligence Reframed** (Gardner, 1999)

**Intelligence: Multiple perspectives** (Gardner, H., Kornhaber, M., & Wake, W. 1996)

**Multiple Intelligences: The theory in practice** (Gardner, 1993)

**Creating Minds: An anatomy of creativity seen through the lives of Freud, Einstein, Picasso, Stravinsky, Eliot, Graham, and Gandhi.** (Gardner, 1993)

**How to Talk So Your Child Can Learn**

by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

**7 Kinds of Smart** (Armstrong 1993)

**Multiple Intelligences In The Classroom** (Armstrong 1994)

**How Am I Smart? A Parents Guide to Multiple Intelligences**

(Koch 2007)

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