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It makes sense then that the results of such a test are only a snapshot in time - they will change many times throughout our lifetime, depending on our changing interests and the time we spend in each area. It is also useful to know that people with strengths in particular areas often end up with careers in related fields. Therefore, if children know their strengths, they may also gain a better understanding of which careers they might be more suited towards.

Hopefully by now, you are beginning to think this makes a lot of sense. You may be surprised to hear then that this is not a new idea. Dr. Gardner first presented the theory

of Multiple Intelligences in 1983, yet it is still relatively unknown. If more children in schools were taught about this theory, and gained an understanding of their own personal intelligences, it would eradicate the possibility of children ever believing that they are not intelligent. For parents too it is important to understand that not every child will excel in literacy and numeracy, but that this is not the be all and end all.

Remember:

- We each have a unique blend of intelligences.
- We can strengthen each intelligence.
- An inventory is meant as a snapshot in time - it can change.
- A Multiple Intelligence test is meant to empower, not label learners. ■

THE EIGHT INTELLIGENCES

WHERE DO YOUR STRENGTHS LIE?

- 1) Verbal-Linguistic: People with linguistic intelligence are naturally good with writing or speaking and memorization.
- 2) Logical-Mathematical: People with logical intelligence are driven by logic and reasoning.
- 3) Visual-Spatial: People with visual intelligence are good at remembering images and are aware of surroundings.
- 4) Bodily-Kinesthetic: People with kinesthetic intelligence love movement, have good motor skills and are aware of their bodies.
- 5) Musical: People with musical intelligence are musically gifted and have a "good ear" for rhythm and composition.
- 6) Intrapersonal: People with intrapersonal intelligence are adept at looking inward.
- 7) Interpersonal: People with interpersonal intelligence are good with people and thrive in social interactions.
- 8) Naturalistic: People with naturalist intelligence have a sensitivity to and appreciation for nature.