

Strategy 2: Learn about your students' multiple intelligences and learning styles

Observation Tool: What kinds of "smart" are my students?

What characterizes different ways of being of 'smart'?*	Student Names and Evidence
Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence: Word smart; book smart; highly developed skills for reading, writing, speaking, listening	
Logical-Mathematical Intelligence: thinks conceptually and abstractly; sees patterns and relationships; likes to solve puzzles	
Visual/Spatial Intelligences: likes to think in images and pictures; likes puzzles, reading maps to find places	
Intrapersonal Intelligence: likes to work alone; self-reflective and self-aware; in tune with inner feelings	
Interpersonal Intelligence: learns through personal interactions, often as part of a team; sensitive to others' feelings and good at compromising	
Naturalist Intelligence: loves the outdoors, animals, plants and other natural objects; fascinated by the natural world; likes to classify natural world	
Musical-Rhythmic Intelligence: loves music and rhythmic patterns; sensitive to sounds and the environment; skilled at mimicking sounds, accents, speech patterns	
Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence: keen sense of body awareness; likes to learn by doing through physical movement; doesn't like to sit for long periods	

* Adapted from: http://www.multi-intell.com/MI_chart.html (retrieved 2/1/06)