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Mindset Reaction

It’s always bothered me when people say, “I could never do \*insert skill here\*” because in most situations it’s just that they haven’t allowed themselves to try (even if it’s a subconscious wariness of trying something new). There have been countless occasions where I’ve been drawing and someone’s said, “Oh, I can’t even draw a stick figure.” When I mention I’m a Computer Science major I’ve had many people tell me “I could never code, I don’t understand computers.” People say they could never learn a foreign language, or learn to solve a rubik’s cube, or write a story. To whoever tells themselves these things: Stop putting yourself down! Maybe you can’t draw a stick figure *now*, but if you start learning now you *will* be able to draw one someday. Intelligence, talents, and personality aren’t stagnant; they can change and they *will* change if you want them too.

I don’t know whom this Benjamin Barber guy is, but I agree with him 100% when he said, he “divide[s] the world into the learners and nonlearners.” Of course, like anything else, people can change themselves to *become* learners. It’s not like that’s set in stone, just like ability and intelligence w. If intelligence was set in stone, we would have the same intelligence as newborn babies. Or we would have a lot of super smart babies.

Here’s my results:

