Human Intelligence Is Diverse

Undoubtedly, intelligence is not an absolute such as height that can be measured simply, largely because people have multiple intelligences: linguistic, logical-mathematical, spatial, musical, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal and intrapersonal intelligences.

Nevertheless, the two that are valued most highly in our society are linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligences, because individuals who possess linguistic and logical-mathematical abilities do well on tests that supposedly measure intelligence.

In the author’s opinion, we need to be sensitive to the fact that blends of intelligences keep shifting so that in the future we don’t get locked into a specific blend.

Nowadays, the challenge for the educational community is to figure out profiles of young people and then to help them find roles in which they can use their abilities in a productive way. The writing is of great significance in education, for if we are to cultivate children’s capabilities, we must first recognize the diversity of human intelligences. In view of the situation that a lot of human potential has been wasted right now, it is high time we made the best of our multiple intelligences.