



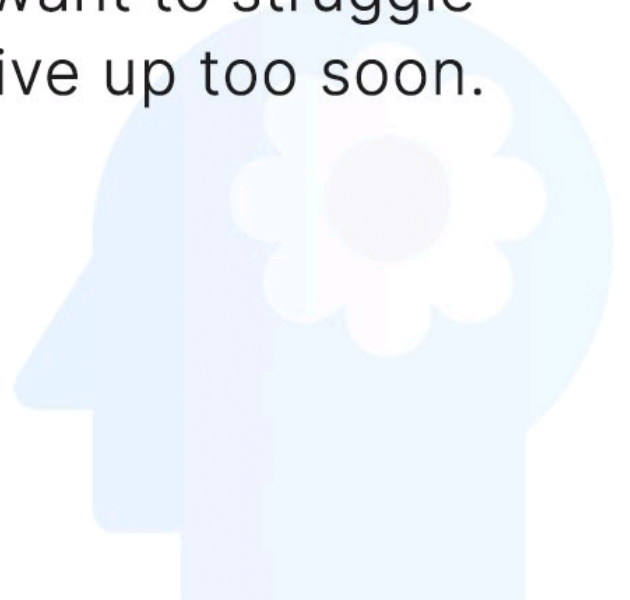
# **15 habits of truly intelligent people**



**1. They don't talk about how smart they are.** Smart people are busy growing their minds

**2. They learn best by imitation.** They study what works and try it.

**3. They try to figure things out themselves.** They want to experiment & problem-solve. They want to struggle a little first and don't give up too soon.



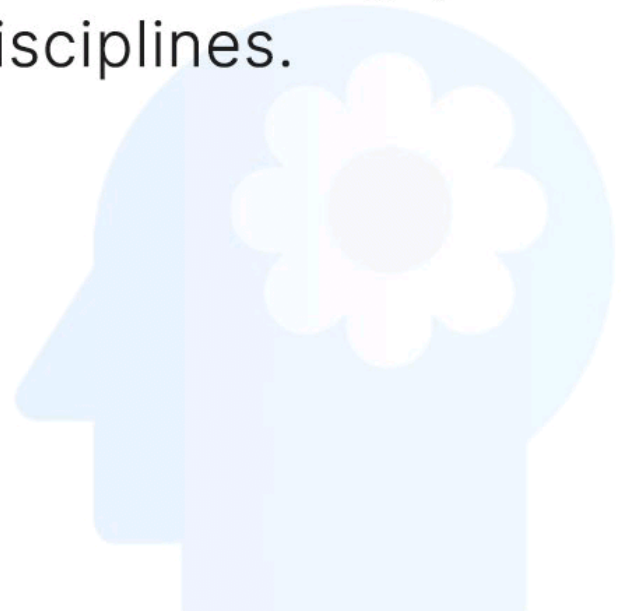
**4. They're always hunting knowledge.**

They focus on what they want to know, not what they already know.

**5. They don't brag about what they know.**

They apply their knowledge.

**6. They connect the dots.** They look for connections between dissimilar things, read across fields and disciplines.

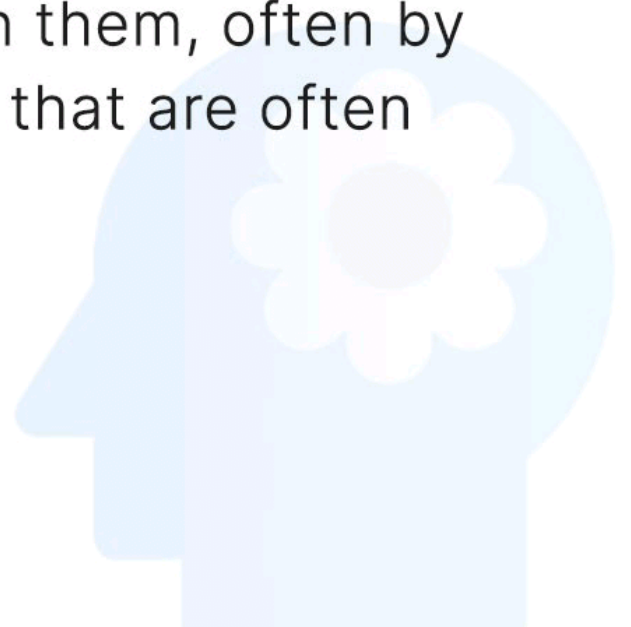




**7. They are comfortable with conflicting ideas.** They can hold two conflicting ideas in their head at the same time, finding ways to admire each one.

**8. They ask lots of questions.** They are curious.

**9. They abstract from their experiences.** They analyze patterns in ordinary stuff and create theories to explain them, often by focusing on small details that are often overlooked.



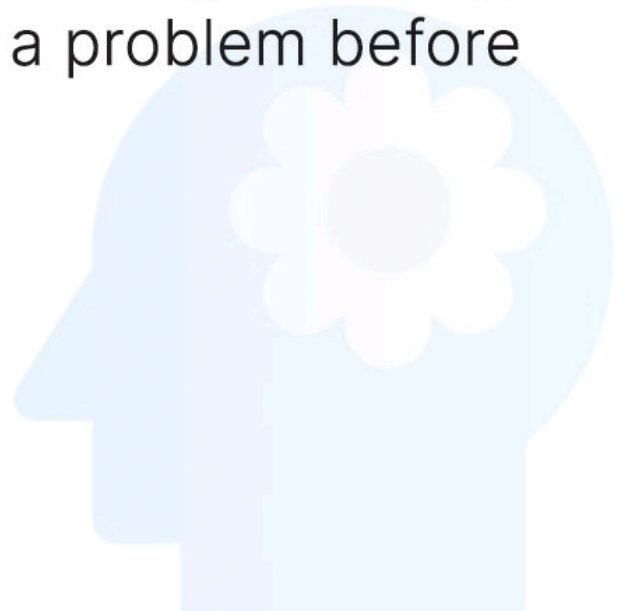
**10. They seek out puzzles & paradoxes.**

They wrap their minds around things that can't/shouldn't make sense, knowing something caused it to happen.

**11. They don't get hung up on crumbs.**

They don't let the actions of others bother them, as long as it doesn't get in the way.

**12. They move slow, until they hit warp speed.** They think about a problem before doing anything.



**13. They have no problem with failure.**

They view failed experiments as valuable information that brings them closer to their goal.

**14. They don't try to sound smart.** They explain the complex in a simple way for anyone to understand.

**15. They don't always use big words.** They use the right words – big or simple.



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