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## Are INTJs more likely to be gifted?

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I would say it's not that INTJs are more likely to be gifted, but that gifted people are more likely to be INTJs.

Highly gifted people have a much richer "internal life" (ie inside their minds). Therefore, they feel no compulsion to engage in extraversion, especially when there is only a small fraction of the human population like themselves. This is not to say that all gifted people are introverted, but I would say the majority are, or at least less, extraverted.

Again, seeing as thought highly gifted individuals possess a richer internal life, they have the propensity to use their creativity and intuition in problem-solving. Research has also shown the iNtuition aspect of the Myer-Briggs Personality Index to be the most correlated with IQ.

By in large, gifted people tend to think rather than feel in solving problems, given that they have the natural propensity to do so more effectively than the majority of the human population. Again, this is not to say that all gifted people are thinkers, but most will be.

The judging trait is actually not the best fitting one here. In fact, it is the INTP that possesses the highest average IQ. However, the P/J traits are more a measure of work ethic than intelligence.

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No.

Giftedness is evenly distributed on the bell curve throughout all the 16 MBTI types. While it is true that some personality types show a positive correlation with traits of openness, such as child-like curiosity (a hallmark characteristic of people with high IQs in a general sense; exceptions apply- e.g. asking the same stupid questions over and over again expecting different results) that might translate to higher IQ scores (on paper at least), there is no official proof that some personality types are smarter than others.

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Probably in the assessment of other INTJs - it's about what you value. Gifted is in the eye of the beholder.

INTJs are great at studying stuff and learning through application - they are dedicated, resourceful and very knowledgable.

They are certainly unlikely to be gifted in areas involving people-skills, cutting edge theoretical thinking or thinking outside the box. In areas like orchestral / classical music, experimental science, expertise in almost anything and research they tend to be very gifted.

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Yes. They have inherited a lot of hunter-gatherer traits, who needed to be more intelligent (in both fluid and crystallized intelligence) than early farmers: [The evolutionary psychology of personality](#)

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I believe in multiple intelligences, and am also inclined to look for the strengths in others. This helps me identity the resources I need to develop happy, high performance teams. It's also something I do naturally. No one really taught me to do it, but in leadership studies, it became apparent that this is a gift of mine. Go figure. So the answer to this question is yes and no. They will be gifted in some areas, weak in others. I feel all types have strengths and weaknesses.

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- As an INTJ or INFJ, do you find that people seem to be unusually drawn to you? If so, why do you think this is?
- Are the people who 'flip' between both INTP and INTJ, definitely INTP?
- What is a dead giveaway that a person is an INTJ?
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