

# MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES – Howard Gardner

## LINGUISTIC INTELLIGENCE

- The capacity to use words effectively whether orally or in writing
- To be able to manipulate the syntax or structure of language
- Rhetoric, mnemonics, explanation, metalanguage
- Jobs: storyteller, orator, politician, poet, editor, journalist
- People: Martin Luther King, Virginia Wolf

## LOGICAL-MATHEMATICAL INTELLIGENCE

- The capacity to use numbers effectively and to reason well
- Logical patterns & relationships, categorization, generalization, calculation
- Jobs: a mathematician, tax accountant, statistician, scientist, logician
- People: Madame Curie, Blaise Pascal

## SPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

- The ability to perceive the visual-spatial world accurately
- Sensitivity to colour, line, shape, form, space and relationships among them
- Jobs: a hunter, scout, guide, architect, artist, inventor
- People: Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso

## BODILY-KINESTHETIC INTELLIGENCE

- The ability to use one's whole body to express ideas & feelings
- The ability to use one's hands to produce or transform things
- Coordination, balance, strength, flexibility, speed
- Jobs: an actor, athlete, dancer, craftsperson, sculptor, mechanic, surgeon
- People: Mitja Petkovšek, Jack Lemmon

## MUSICAL INTELLIGENCE

- The capacity to perceive, discriminate, transform and express musical forms
- Sensitivity to rhythm, pitch, melody, tone colour
- Jobs: a music critic, a composer, a performer
- People: J. S. Bach, Santana

## INTERPERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

- The ability to perceive and make distinctions in moods, intentions, motivations, feelings of other people
- Sensitivity to facial expressions, voice, gestures
- Jobs: counsellor, political leader
- People: Nelson Mandela, Michelle Borba

## INTRAPERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

- Self-knowledge, an accurate picture of oneself, awareness of inner moods, intentions, motivations, desires, temperaments, self-discipline, self-understanding and self-esteem
- Jobs: psychotherapists, religious leader
- People: Sigmund Freud, the Buddha

## KEY POINTS IN MI THEORY

1. Each person possesses all seven intelligences (savants, prodigies)
  2. Most people can develop each intelligence to an adequate level of competency
  3. Intelligences usually work together in complex ways (cooking)
  4. There are many ways to be intelligent within each category (storyteller ; writer)
- OTHER INTELLIGENCES (emotional, spiritual, humour, cooking...)