

Important reading



Social genius

Karen, a 27-year-old law clerk, had always felt ordinary. All of her friends seemed so much more intelligent. They were gifted in areas like music or writing, while Karen wasn't sure she had any special talent at all. "I felt depressed that I wasn't good at *anything*," she remembers. But when she confided in a friend, she was met with astonishment. "But you're



Artistic genius

Some kinds of intelligence aren't usually measured with grades or IQ tests, but they may be the key to making your life better and more successful

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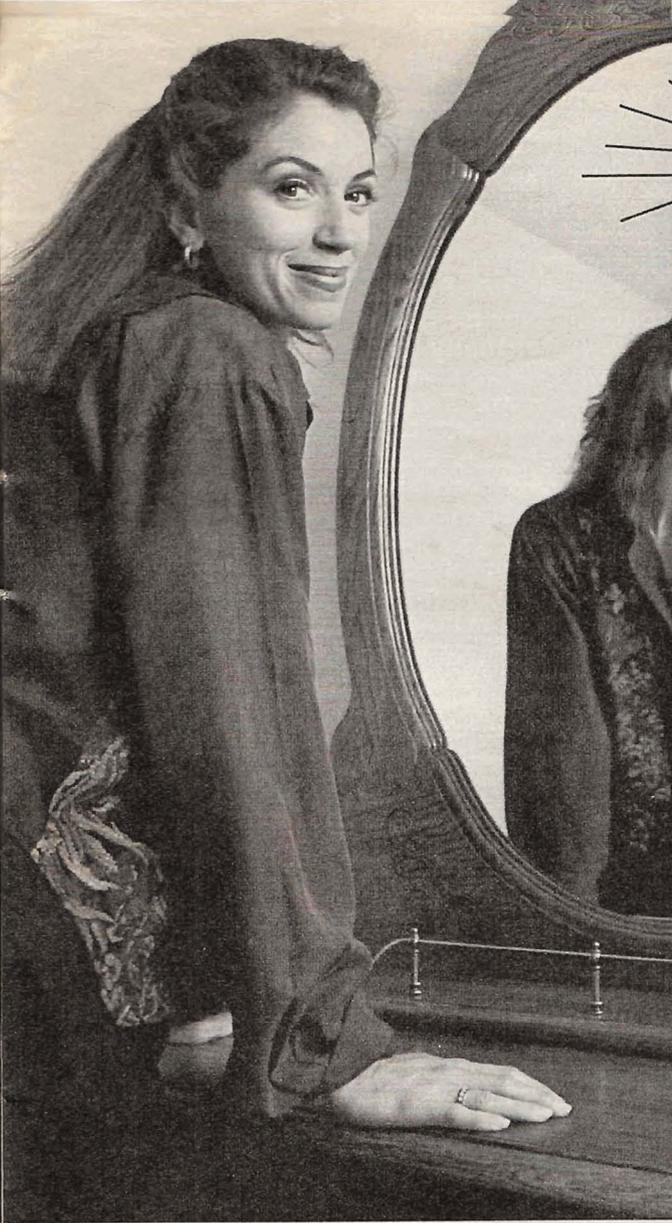
so good with people!" her friend responded enthusiastically. "It's a real gift." That got Karen thinking. True, she'd always made friends easily and dealt well with co-workers, but up until then, she hadn't considered her way with people a "gift." She decided to look into finding a job that would rely heavily on her people skills. Three months later, Karen was working in a public relations firm and doing a terrific job. "Everyone has a hidden genius," confirms Thomas Armstrong, the author of *Seven Kinds of Smart: Identifying and Developing Your Many Intelligences* (Plume, 1993). "You just have to find

and develop it," he says. Where does your true talent lie? Read on . . .

Word genius
These are folks with a real gift for gab! You may have this kind of intelligence if:

- You're practically unbeatable at Scrabble.
- You have an exceptionally large vocabulary.
- You're an ace at crossword puzzles.

Make your word smarts work for you
People who are word smart make great executive secretaries, librarians, writers and paralegals. If you're this type, you'd also do well working in a bookstore or writing a



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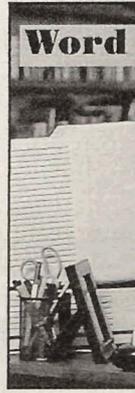
newsletter for a local organization.
At home, use your word smarts to save money on long-distance calls: friends will enjoy getting long, chatty letters from you.

Social genius
People with social smarts are blessed with a natural ease around other people. They're good listeners and can usually find a way to communicate with almost anybody.
You may have this kind of intelligence if:

- You have a lot of friends.
- You strike up conversations with everyone.
- You're usually the life of the party.
- You know how to handle

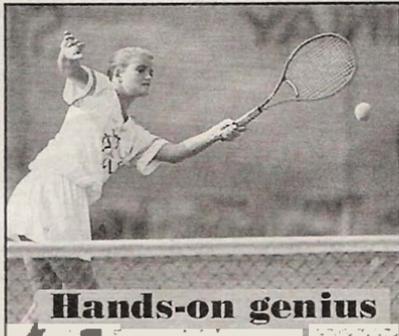
sticky social and work situations graciously.

Make your social smarts work for you
Social workers, public relations professionals, teachers and coaches are usually people smart.
If you fall into this category, consider a service or sales position that involves working with the public.
Your special talent can also work for you in daily life. With your natural charm, you should be able to get the





Math/science genius



Hands-on genius

- You can actually assemble your children's Christmas presents.
- You like to sew your own clothes.
- You make arts and crafts.
- You're good at sports like tennis, which require superior coordination.

out ever having realized it. You may have this kind of intelligence if:

- You have an eye for color.
- You pull together unlikely but attractive outfits.
- You have a knack for arranging flowers.

Make your art smarts work for you

People with artistic intelligence may become paint-

Make your hands-on smarts work for you

People with hands-on smarts make great potters, gardeners and carpenters. If you're hands-on smart you can also pick up cash selling your handicrafts.

Math/science genius

People who are math/science smart have a head for figures and a love of logic. They're also curious about the natural world around them.

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best possible service from the dry cleaner, mailman, mechanic . . . whomever!

Artistic genius

Since there are so many ways to express creativity, you may be an artist with-

ers, sculptors, actors, architects, photographers or decorators. You might have a natural gift for a job as a professional shopper, a cook or even teaching a local art class.

You probably already thrill friends with sketches of their children or by helping them come up with home-decorating ideas.

Hands-on genius

If you're ever stranded on a desert island, you'll want to have a person with hands-on smarts with you!

You may have this type of intelligence if:

- You have a knack for minor car repairs.
- Your houseplants thrive.

You may have this kind of intelligence if:

- You can rattle off phone numbers by memory.
- You can do quick calculations in your head.
- You can name all the plants, trees and flowers that grow in your neighborhood at first sighting.

Make your math/science smarts work for you

Bookkeepers, accountants and medical technicians all need this kind of intelligence. Consider a job as a computer programmer or as a tour guide for a science-oriented museum.

And of course, you can put your math aptitude to good use by doing your own taxes each year!

—Alison Bell



Computer genius