

8 GREAT SMARTS CAREERS



Understanding how children and teens are smart can help them choose careers that will be fulfilling and where they can be successful. To guide you to help your children, here is a list of sample job skills and sample professions.

(You might also want to share this with underemployed adults and adults you know who aren't fulfilled in their career.)

WORD SMART (THINKING WITH WORDS)

JOB SKILLS:

talking, telling, informing, giving instruction, writing, verbalizing, speaking a foreign language, interpreting, translating, teaching, lecturing, discussing, debating, researching, listening to words, copying, proofreading, editing, word processing, filing, reporting

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

advertising or marketing copy writer • advocate • archivist • counselor • editor • English teacher (or any kind of teacher) • grant writer • indexer • information scientist (someone who uses technology to manage and use information) • journalist • lawyer • librarian • lobbyist • missionary • museum curator • paralegal • pastor • poet • politician • professional public speaker • proofreader • publicist/public relations specialist • radio or television announcer • researcher • screenwriter • speech pathologist • speech writer • storyteller • translator • web editor • writer • and many more!

LOGIC SMART (THINKING WITH QUESTIONS)

JOB SKILLS:

financing, budgeting, doing economic research, hypothesizing, estimating, accounting, counting, calculating, using statistics, auditing, reasoning, analyzing, systematizing, classifying, sequencing

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

accountant • air traffic controller • appraiser • astronaut • auditor • banker • bookkeeper • budget analyst • climatologist • code breaker/cryptoanalyst • computer programmer • counselor • data analyst • economist • electrician • engineer (mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical) • epidemiologist • financial aid officer • foreign exchange trader • forensic scientist • information scientist • insurance actuary • insurance agent • investment analyst • loan officer • mathematician • meteorologist • missionary • mortgage broker • pastor • physician • pollster • population ecology analyst • purchasing agent • researcher • science teacher • scientist (biologist, chemist, physicist, astronomer, geologist, botanist, oceanographer) • statistician • stockbroker • technical writer • technician • treasurer • video game designer/programmer • web master • programmer and more!

PICTURE SMART (THINKING WITH EYES IN PICTURES)

JOB SKILLS:

drawing, painting, visualizing, creating visual presentations, designing, imagining, inventing, illustrating, coloring, drafting, graphing, mapping, photographing, decorating, filming

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

advertiser • animator • architect • art teacher • cartographer (a map maker) • children's book illustrator • cinematographer • civil or mechanical engineer • construction worker • builder • documentary maker • drafter • environmental designer (designs exhibits, signs, and store layouts) • fashion/clothing designer • artist/fine artist (includes: potter, jeweler, glass blower, painter, drawer, photographer, textile artist, sculptor) • furniture designer • geographer • geometry or trigonometry teacher • graphic artist • graphic designer (includes: book, magazine designer, packaging designer, sign and environmental designer, branding designer) • interior designer (or decorator) • inventor • landscape designer • medical illustrator • missionary • movie maker/movie director • movie special effects • navigator • packaging engineer (designs how to package products for sale or shipment—not the graphics that go on them) • photographer • photojournalist • pilot • product developer/ industrial designer • sailor • surveyor • urban planners • Web designer • window dresser • and more!

MUSIC SMART (THINKING WITH RHYTHMS AND MELODIES)

JOB SKILLS:

singing, playing an instrument, recording, conducting, improvising, composing, transcribing, arranging, listening, distinguishing tones, tuning, orchestrating, analyzing and criticizing musical styles

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

acoustician • composer • choral director • conductor • Disc jockey • ethnomusicologist • foley artist (sound effects) • instrument maker • jingle writer • lyricist • missionary • music arranger • music copyist • music director/supervisor • music editor (film and video) • music librarian • music producer • music researcher • music teacher • music therapist • musician • piano tuner • singer • songwriter • sound effects editor for movies • sound engineer (for recording studios; film, radio, and TV; live music and performances) • studio director or manager • video/film sound designer • and many more!

BODY SMART (THINKING WITH MOVEMENT AND TOUCH)

JOB SKILLS:

sorting, balancing, lifting, carrying, walking, running, crafting, restoring, cleaning, shipping, delivering, manufacturing, repairing, assembling, installing, operating, adjusting, salvaging, performing, signing, miming, dramatizing, modeling clothes, dancing, playing sports, organizing outdoor activities, traveling

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

acrobat • actor • cabinet maker • carpenter • choreographer • circus performer • construction worker • builder • cosmetologist • craftsperson (examples: potter, glass blower, weaver, basket maker, and more) • dancer • dentist • factory worker • gymnast • hair stylist • handy person • jeweler • leather worker • lifeguard • magician • massage therapist • martial artist • mechanic • mime • missionary • musician • orchestra conductor • physical education teacher • physical therapist • professional athlete • sculptor • stunt person • surgeon • tailor • truck driver • welder • woodworker • and many more!

NATURE SMART (THINKING WITH PATTERNS)

JOB SKILLS:

sorting, hypothesizing, reasoning, analyzing, systematizing, classifying, sequencing, visualizing, examining patterns, growing, nurturing

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

animal trainer • archeologist • astronomer • beekeeper • biologist • botanist • chef/cook • ecologist • entomologist (someone who studies bugs) • environmental ecological advocate • environmental inspector • environmental lawyer • environmental scientist • farmer • fisher • forensic scientist • forest/park ranger • gamekeeper • garden nursery owner/employee • gardener • geologist • herpetologist (someone who studies reptiles such as lizards, snakes, and crocodiles) • horticulturist • ichthyologist (studies fish) • landscape designer • marine biologist • meteorologist • missionary • mountaineer • naturalist • natural resources manager • nature guide/interpreter • nature photographer • ornithologist (someone who studies birds) • paleontologist (someone who studies fossils) • physical anthropologist • rancher • sailor • tree surgeon • veterinarian • veterinary assistant • vulcanologist (someone who studies volcanoes) • zookeeper • zoologist • and many more!

PEOPLE SMART (THINKING WITH PEOPLE)

JOB SKILLS:

serving, hosting, communicating, empathizing, trading, tutoring, coaching, counseling, mentoring, assessing others, persuading, motivating, selling, recruiting, inspiring, publicizing, encouraging, supervising, coordinating, delegating, negotiating, mediating, collaborating, confronting, interviewing

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

administrator • advertising executive • anthropologist • arbitrator • business leader • business owner • coach • counselor • criminologist • home-care provider • human resources specialist • interviewer • lawyer • manager • mediator • missionary • nurse • office manager • pastor • personnel worker • police officer • politician • pollster • psychiatrist • psychologist • public relations specialist • public speaker • publicist • receptionist • reporter • retail manager • retail worker • salesperson • school principal • social activist • social director • social worker • sociologist • talk-show host • teacher • therapist • travel agent • waitress/waiter • and many more!

SELF SMART (THINKING WITH REFLECTION)

JOB SKILLS:

carrying out decisions, working alone, selfpromotion, setting goals, attaining objectives, initiating, evaluating, appraising, planning, organizing, discerning opportunities, looking inward, understanding self

SAMPLE PROFESSIONS:

actor • artist • chaplain or member of the clergy • comedian • crafts person • artisan • detective/ investigator • film maker • director • entrepreneur • guidance counselor • holistic health practitioner (massage therapist, acupuncturist, herbalist) • inventor • leader (business, political, social) • missionary • pastor • performance artist • personal lifestyle coach • personal trainer • philosopher • poet • professor • psychiatrist • psychologist • researcher • research scientist • self-employed business person • social worker • teacher • theologian • therapist • time management consultant • venture capitalist • writer • and many more!

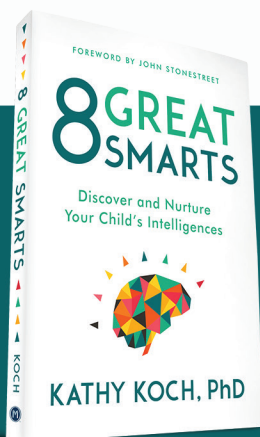
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You know your child is smart, but does he or she know? Read *8 Great Smarts* to help them find out! Be equipped to lead your child in discovering his or her unique "smarts," opening doors for them to go out into the world with confidence and passion.