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# Culture and Intelligence

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There are different types of intelligence that individuals possess. Gardner laid a lot of emphasis on various types of intelligence and how they relate to culture. In his approach, he had in mind that different people possess different abilities and intelligence. The paper will lay an emphasis on 3 of the types of intelligence that he identified and expounded on them, with an emphasis on how they relate to culture.



## Logical-mathematical intelligence

The intelligence enables an individual to perform calculations and carry out some mathematical operations, and it also enables an individual to distinguish between propositions. Individuals who have this type of intelligence tend to demonstrate strong listening skills. Through this, these people can easily generate and apply abstract thoughts. Individuals who hold logical intelligence tend to be very different from their counterparts. They are always attracted to activities that require logic and high listening skills. Children who have logical intelligence tend to be attracted to puzzles because they can easily solve them with their high reasoning skills. Scientists and detectives mainly demonstrate this type of intelligence. These are individuals who have a better understanding of the underlying principles.



# Spatial intelligence

The spatial intelligence is a different type of intelligence which is defined by the ability of human beings to view things in three dimensions. The individuals who have this type of intelligence have the ability to create, make an imagination and even draw 2d as well as 3d images. The most important aspect of this type of intelligence is that it allows the individuals to create, make an imagination and even create things that are not possible to other people. This type of knowledge is very eminent among architects, sailors, artists and even pilots.



# Interpersonal intelligence

The interpersonal; intelligence revolves around the ability to live and interact well with other people. There are individuals who have a unique ability to fair well with different types of people. The interpersonal intelligence is very significant since it helps individuals to understand others and communicate with them. Interpersonal intelligence is very important since it makes it possible for individuals to distinguish between the types of communication that they will use for different individuals.





# Cultures

## African culture

African culture is very broad. It is also very diverse, and it varies from one nation to another. It contains a lot of artistic aspects that serve as reinforcement for the existing religion and social affairs. The African culture practices two main religion which is Muslim and Christianity. Throughout the years, the African culture has undergone a lot of transformation, and they have adopted the western culture. However, there are still some eminent features of the African cultures that have continued to prevail. African cultures lay a lot of emphasis on the family as the basis of their culture. They also uphold generosity and good relations as the key basis of their culture. The African culture recognizes the interpersonal intelligence a lot. People who relate well with others are known to be very intelligent, and they are accorded a lot of respect. To be intelligent is the ability of an individual to live well and interact well with others.

## Western culture

The western culture is mainly associated with nations that have a history of European immigration. The term mainly applies to nations such as Australia and America. The western culture has a lot of artistic and different linguistic groups that have played a very significant role in the shaping of the culture. The key value associated with this culture is human rights and democracy. It is a very rich culture associated with globalization. The western culture lays an emphasis on spatial

intelligence. The culture defines intelligence as the ability to think critically and analyze things in a different way from how the other people perceive things. The environment that prevails in this culture is technological advancements. The nations that are associated with western culture have a lot of innovators who have developed a lot of new things that are used in the world today.



## Tests for intelligence

There are various types of tests that are useful in testing different types of intelligence. The best way to measure both spatial and logic intelligence is by administering an IQ test. The IQ tests can help in measuring both types of intelligence. The interpersonal types of intelligence can be measured through an evaluation of the performance of the different tasks. There is a need to test these different types differently. The reason for testing them differently is because these types of intelligence cannot be measured by using the same test. The IQ tests cannot accurately measure the interpersonal intelligence.



## Theories of intelligence

There are different theories of intelligence such as the Gardener theory and the theory of successful; intelligence and the triarchic theory of

intelligence. These theories reveal different types of intelligence which mean different things to different cultures. The types of intelligence associated with a particular culture determine the characteristics of the culture. For example, the technological and the innovation associated with the European nations can only be related to the intelligence that is focused on thinking beyond what others think.



## Conclusion

In conclusion, there are different types of intelligence. According to Gardener, the main types of intelligence are spatial intelligence, logical and interpersonal intelligence. The African culture is associated with interpersonal intelligence while the western cultures associated with logic intelligence. The IQ tests are very important in measuring intelligence. The type of knowledge associated with each culture determines the characteristics of culture.