

Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence

Verbal-linguistic intelligence has to do with words, spoken or written. People with verbal-linguistic intelligence display a facility with words and languages. They are typically good at reading, writing, telling stories and/or memorizing words and dates. They tend to learn best by reading, taking notes, listening to lectures, and via discussion and debate. They are also frequently skilled at explaining, teaching and oration or persuasive speaking. Those with verbal-linguistic intelligence often learn foreign languages very easily as they have high verbal memory and recall, and an ability to understand and manipulate syntax and structure.

You probably have a gift for Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence if you:

- Have an innate ability to teach/explain things to others so they understand
- Always enjoyed English class
- Cherish your book collection
- Easily remember quotes and famous sayings
- Enjoy learning foreign languages
- Are good at memorization
- Are good at telling stories
- Are good at reading and writing
- Are good at persuading or influencing people with your choice of words
- Learn well by reading and listening to others
- Like puns, tongue twisters and alliteration
- Like to speak of what you have read
- Like to use rhymes and "fancy" words
- Love and are talented with words
- Love word games
- Notice grammatical mistakes

Sample Verbal-Linguistic Leisure Activities

- Composing poetry
- Debating or public speaking
- Emceeing
- Keeping a journal
- Learning a foreign language
- Listening to a lecture or taking a class
- Playing board games like Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit
- Playing crossword puzzles
- Reading
- Speaking at Toastmasters (a public speaking improvement group)
- Spending time at a library or bookstore
- Teaching or tutoring
- Telling jokes or stories
- Writing

People who are famous for their Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence

- Aesop
- Agatha Christie
- Aldous Huxley
- Anne Rice
- Bud Abbott & Lou Costello
- Carl Sandburg
- Charles Dickens
- Charlotte Bronte
- D.H. Lawrence
- Dante Alighieri
- Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis
- Dr. Seuss
- Emily Bronte
- Emily Dickinson
- Ernest Hemingway
- F. Lee Bailey
- F. Scott Fitzgerald
- George Orwell
- George Sand
- Gertrude Stein
- H.G. Wells
- Henry David Thoreau
- Herman Melville
- Hermann Hesse
- Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
- James Joyce
- John F. Kennedy
- John Steinbeck
- Johnnie Cochran
- Jonathan Swift
- Jules Verne
- Kurt Vonnegut Jr.
- Leo Tolstoy
- Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz
- Mark Twain
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Michael Crichton
- Miguel Cervantes
- Norman Mailer
- Oscar Wilde
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Robert Frost
- Rudyard Kipling
- Rumi
- Sam Shepard
- Sinclair Lewis
- Sir Walter Scott
- Stephen King
- T.S. Eliot
- Thornton Wilder
- Tom Clancy
- Tom Wolfe
- Toni Morrison
- Truman Capote
- Victor Hugo
- Virginia Woolf
- Voltaire
- Walt Whitman
- William Blake
- William Butler Yeats
- William Faulkner
- William Shakespeare
- William Wordsworth

There are numerous applications of the multiple intelligences system. The most popular application of multiple intelligences is in education, to nurture all the different kinds of intelligence in children. There are

many wonderful books written about teaching and learning through the multiple intelligences so if that is an interest of yours I will refer you to my [Multiple Intelligences References](#) section for that information. My interest lies in using multiple intelligences for vocational guidance and relationship compatibility so that is what I will focus on here in this description.

People are naturally drawn to careers that make use of their giftedness. It is obvious that people like to do what they enjoy and are good at. What follows are some careers that make use of the Verbal-Linguistic intelligence as well as Verbal-Linguistic intelligence combined with other intelligences.

Careers that Especially Utilize Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence

- Any occupation that requires highly developed reading, writing, speaking, or auditory skills
- Announcer (radio, TV, or public address)
- Archivist
- Biographer
- Comedian
- Copy writer
- Court reporter/stenographer
- Creative writer
- Curator
- Editor
- Education teacher
- English teacher
- English language and literature teacher
- Executive editor
- Foreign language and literature teacher
- Freelance writer
- Ghostwriter
- Historian
- History teacher
- Instructional coordinator/Education consultant
- Interpreter (of oral foreign language)
- Journalist
- Judge
- Language interpreter
- Lawyer
- Legal assistant
- Librarian
- Library science teacher
- Library technician
- Literary agent
- Managing editor
- Media specialist
- Medical transcriptionist
- Newscaster
- Novelist
- Online course instructor
- Paralegal
- Playwright
- Poet
- Political consultant/aide
- Political scientist
- Politician
- Press secretary
- Professional speaker
- Proofreader
- Public relations director
- Radio disc jockey
- Reporter/correspondent
- Science and medical writer
- Screenwriter
- Secretary
- Sign language interpreter/specialist
- Speech writer
- Speech-language pathologist
- Staff writer
- Story teller
- Teacher (any)
- Teacher assistant/aide
- Technical writer
- Telephone operator
- Translator (of written foreign language)
- Travel writer
- TV talk show host
- Typist or word processor
- Writer/author (fiction or nonfiction)

Sample Job Skills

- Analyzing language usage
- Articulating
- Convincing someone of your point of view
- Copying
- Debating
- Discussing
- Editing
- Explaining
- Giving instructions
- Informing
- Interpreting
- Joking/using humor
- Lecturing
- Listening
- Persuading
- Proofreading
- Remembering information
- Reporting
- Researching (books/written material)
- Speaking a foreign language
- Story telling
- Talking
- Teaching
- Translating
- Typing
- Understanding syntax/meaning of words
- Word processing
- Writing

Sample Careers that Utilize Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence with Other Intelligences

Verbal-Linguistic and Logical-Mathematical

- Accounting teacher
- Agricultural sciences teacher
- Anthropology teacher
- Archeology teacher
- Archivist
- Astronomy professor
- Bookkeeping instructor
- Chemistry teacher
- Computer science teacher
- Curator
- Economics professor
- Educational software developer
- Engineering professor
- Genealogist
- Historian
- Law teacher
- Lawyer
- Logic puzzle book author
- Math teacher
- Paralegal
- Physician
- Physics professor
- Reporter/correspondent
- Sales engineer
- Science and medical writer
- Science teacher
- Statistics teacher
- Technical writer

Verbal-Linguistic and Visual-Spatial

- Architecture teacher
- Art editor (of magazines, web sites, etc.)
- Art teacher
- Author of books using own artwork/pictures
- Desktop publisher/editor
- Educational software developer
- Film/video editor
- Filmmaker
- Multimedia producer
- Photojournalist

Verbal-Linguistic and Bodily-Kinesthetic

- Animated, performing, stand-up comedian (write their own scripts)
- Drama teacher
- Dramatic actor/actress (good at memorizing scripts)
- Head athletic coach (good at persuading/influencing with their choice of words)
- Physical education teacher
- Recreation and fitness studies teacher
- Sign language interpreter/specialist

Verbal-Linguistic and Musical-Rhythmic

- Music librarian
- Music teacher/instructor
- Singer/composer (writes own songs)

Verbal-Linguistic and Interpersonal

- Administrative assistant
- Advertising and promotions manager
- Announcer (radio, TV, or public address)
- Business teacher
- Celebrity interviewer
- Communications teacher
- Corporate trainer
- Educational program director
- Elementary school teacher
- Executive editor
- Instructional coordinator/educational consultant
- Judge
- Kindergarten teacher
- Legal mediator
- Literary agent
- Managing editor
- Marketer/marketing manager
- Middle school teacher
- Motivational speaker
- News anchor/newscaster
- Nursing instructor/teacher
- Preschool teacher
- Producer (stage/motion picture, television, and radio)
- Professional speaker
- Public health educator
- Public relations specialist
- Radio disc jockey
- Receptionist
- Relationship book author
- Salesperson
- School principal
- Secondary school teacher
- Secretary
- Social work teacher
- Sociology teacher
- Special education teacher
- Speech-language pathologist
- Telephone operator
- Training and development specialist/manager
- TV game show host
- TV talk show host
- University president

Verbal-Linguistic and Intrapersonal

- Minister
- Novelist
- Philosophy and religion teacher
- Playwright
- Poet
- Psychology teacher
- Religious educator

- Screenwriter
- Sign language interpreter/specialist
- Speech-language pathologist
- Spiritual teacher

Verbal-Linguistic and Naturalist

- Editor or writer for a nature periodical, journal or magazine
- Environmental lawyer
- Author of a book on or about nature or animals
- Forestry and conservation science teacher
- Archeology teacher

Sample Verbal-Linguistic Majors in School

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| • Broadcast journalism | • History and world cultures | • Philosophy |
| • Communication | • Journalism | • Political science |
| • Creative writing | • Law | • Sociology |
| • Education | • Library science | • Theology |
| • English | • Linguistics | |
| • Foreign languages | • Literature | |