

1 Introduction

There is the term "intelligence". Intelligence is often referred to some kind of wisdom or knowledge of several topics, so that you are "intelligent in some matter". No matter what, I want you to introduce to my definition of intelligence and it's context. This article is not written scientifically, but underlie only my personal thoughts. The goal of it is to give the reader a understanding how I look at the topic "intelligence". Without further reading, let's jump right in.

So that first we want to define the term of intelligence before we want to go deeper into the kinds of existing "intelligences" and how to gain them.

2 Intelligence

Short to say: "the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills." (Oxford Languages). A common mistake when using this term I often find myself and friends doing is to use it like "You are very intelligent" while this should mean "You are very smart/clever/wise". So according to this definition, someone intelligent has the ability to gather information and to apply it for his own gain. Where application of intelligence means the transition from the passive to the active grade.

So to say - and obviously - all human beings are intelligent due to their ability to adapt to certain circumstances.

Now, there are two grades of intelligence, which I call "active intelligence" and "passive intelligence". Passive intelligence is the pure knowledge of information, but not its application, of specific topics. Active intelligence is the pure beneficial (also negative benefits are possible) application of knowledge of information. Where "knowledge of information" means simply being aware about a fact.

Example time: Have you ever had the typical "smart kid" in school or university, who seemed to know everything about the subject, but sucked at practically applying the gained information? That would be an example for passive intelligence.

You can break down "intelligence" to three base components. Three types of intelligence you can improve: rational intelligence, emotional intelligence and social intelligence. These are the only "intelligences" you can gain - or: All intelligences are composed of these.

2.1 rational

This is the most common intelligence: It refers to scientific knowledge. For example this is the information you are to gather at university/school: The knowledge about correlations between matter.

2.2 emotional

This is closely related to empathy. Basically it's understanding how and why your opposite (and of course you) feels. The active part in this type means, that you can control the feelings of your opposite through your actions.

2.3 social

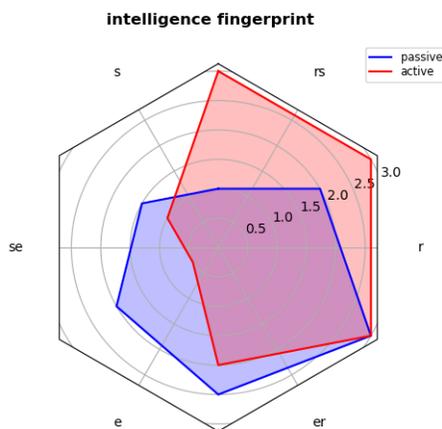
There are those people who are said to have a high social status. I'd describe those as social intelligent (active). In a nutshell: "These people know what to say when". They have acquired the skill of influencing other people for beneficial use.

3 Gaining intelligence

Human beings are designed to gain intelligence or information. So gaining intelligence goes more or less by itself - a result of years and years of evolution. Let be break the process in a few words down for you: Gaining intelligence means nothing more than collecting information and applying it. Collecting information means observation. Now, observation can be either active - doing it by yourself - or passive - watching someone doing it. While observing you learn.

4 Model applications

So far so good. There are several types of intelligence, but so what? First of all, it provides us a better understanding of what's going on in our minds. Secondly we can provide structure to psychological investigations or examinations, so that we can for example create graphs representing the passive and active state of the subjects intelligence. This may yield to the following graph:



This could be further used as fingerprint or - if there are more examinations over time - as graphical display of the sub-

jects intelligent evolution. The next step may be developing a test for which the results resemble the state of intelligence.

5 Conclusion

The most useful fact of this article: Observe to gain intelligence! There's no better way to improve yourself than to increase your level of intelligence. Your intelligence is a big mosaic - every now and then you collect some stones and add them to your mosaic. The greater and diverse it is, the higher is your level of intelligence. Go out and observe!