

## Achievement Test

A psychometric test designed to test a person's knowledge and skills. (page 332)

## Affective heuristic

(c)



FIGURE 8.12

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A mental shortcut to make decisions or judgments based on current emotions. (page 314)

## Aptitude test

A psychometric test designed to test a person's ability to learn some particular new skill in the future. (page 332)

## Analogical representations



FIGURE 8.1

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Mental representations, usually visual images, that have some of the physical characteristics of objects. (page 304)

## Availability heuristic

(a)



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A mental shortcut used to assess how common or probable something is based on how quickly information comes to mind. (page 313)

## Concept

Mental representation used to categorize related objects, events, or ideas based on shared features (such as musical instruments or fruits). (page 307)

## Confirmation bias

The tendency of people to pay greater attention to evidence that supports their beliefs and ignore or downplay evidence that does not support their beliefs. (page 311)

## Convergent thinking



FIGURE 8.25

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The ability to generate the single best or most correct solution to a problem or question. (page 326)

## Creativity

The ability to come up with novel ideas to produce successful outcomes. (page 325)

## Crystallized intelligence

Intelligence that reflects knowledge gained through experience and the ability to use that knowledge to solve problems. (page 324)

## Decision making

(b)



You use **decision making** to select between options. People often have to choose between foods that maximize pleasure and those that are better for their health.

**FIGURE 8.10**

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Attempting to select the best alternative among several options. (page 312)

## Divergent thinking

(b)



**FIGURE 8.25**

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The ability to generate multiple ideas or solutions to a problem. (page 326)

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|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Emotional intelligence</b> | The ability to manage and use emotions to guide thoughts and actions, to recognize other people's emotions, and to understand emotional language. (page 328) |
| <b>Exemplar model</b>         | A way of thinking about concepts: All examples in a category are exemplars; together, they form the representation of the concept. (page 308)                |
| <b>Fluid intelligence</b>     | Intelligence that reflects the ability to process information, particularly in novel or complex circumstances. (page 324)                                    |

## Framing



FIGURE 8.13

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How information is presented; framing affects how information is perceived and influences decisions. (page 314)

## Functional fixedness

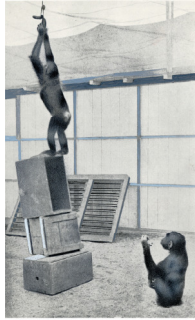
A tendency to think of things based on their usual functions, which may make it harder to solve a problem. (page 322)

## General intelligence (g)

The single common factor that contributes to performance on any intellectual task. (page 324)

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Heuristic</b></p>            | <p>A shortcut (rule of thumb or informal guideline) used to reduce the amount of thinking that is needed to make decisions. (page 313)</p>                       |
| <p><b>Hindsight bias</b></p>       | <p>The tendency of people to believe they could have predicted or known something after they know the outcome or after information becomes known. (page 312)</p> |
| <p><b>Illusory Correlation</b></p> | <p>The misperception that two events that happen at the same time by chance are somehow related. (page 311)</p>  |

## **Insight**



**FIGURE 8.18**

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The sudden realization of a solution to a problem.  
(page 321)

## **Intelligence**

The ability to use knowledge to reason, make decisions, make sense of events, solve problems, understand complex ideas, learn quickly, and adapt to environmental challenges.  
(page 323)

## **Intelligence quotient (IQ)**

A measure of intelligence obtained through the administration of an intelligence test. (page 323)

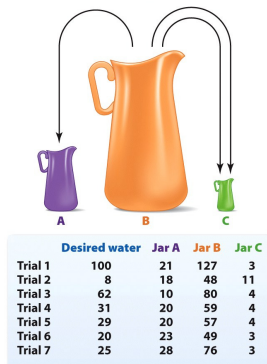


## Mental age

An assessment of a child's intellectual standing compared with that of same-age peers; determined by comparing the child's test score with the average score for children of each chronological age.  
(page 332)

## Mental sets

The task is to measure out specified amounts of water using the three jars.



Psychological Science, 4/e Figure 8.24  
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An established way of thinking that has worked in the past but might not be the best way to solve a problem. (page 321)

## Multiple Intelligences

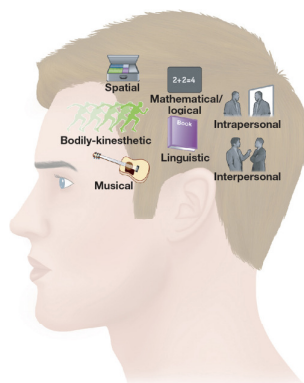


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Gardner's theory that people have many different types of intelligence that are independent of one another.  
(page 326)

## Problem solving



You use **problem solving** to overcome obstacles. For example, how did this man solve the problem of getting out of the corner he painted himself into?

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Using knowledge to find a way around obstacles to reach goals. (page 318)

## Prototype model

A way of thinking about concepts: Within each category, there is a best example -- a prototype -- of the concept. (page 307)

## Reasoning



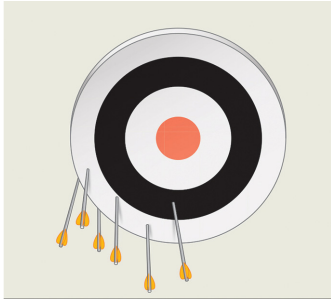
You use **reasoning** to determine if a conclusion is valid. In the 2016 presidential campaign, candidate Jeb Bush stated that psychology majors needed to "realize, you're going to be working at Chick-fil-A." To show this statement was not valid, many people provided evidence. They posted signs showing what they do with their psychology degrees.

**FIGURE 8.10**

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Using information to determine if a conclusion is valid. (page 310)

## Reliability



The degree to which a test is stable and consistent over time.  
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## Representativeness heuristic



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A mental shortcut used to place people or objects in a category if they are similar to the prototype for that category.  
(page 314)

## Restructuring

Thinking about a problem in a new way in order to solve it.  
(page 312)

## Schemas



**FIGURE 8.3**  
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Mental structures--collections of ideas, prior knowledge, and experiences--that help organize information and guide thought and behavior. (page 306)

## Stereotypes

Schemas that allow for easy, fast processing of information about people, events, or objects, based on how that information is categorized. (page 308)

## Stereotype threat

Apprehension about confirming negative stereotypes related to one's own group.

(This term is in your book, but not listed as a key term)

## Symbolic representations

(b)

# Violin

FIGURE 8.1

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Abstract mental representations that consists of words or ideas.  
(page 305)

## Thinking

The mental manipulation of analogical and symbolic representations. (page 304)

## Triarchic theory

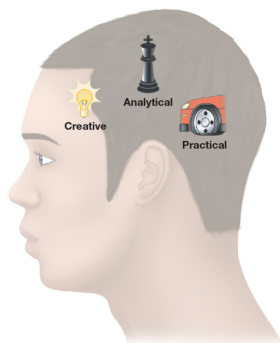


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Sternberg's theory that people have three types of intelligence; analytical, creative, and practical. (page 328)

**Validity**

The degree to which a test measures what it is intended to measure. (page 331)



**Warning:** not all of the key ideas are on this list of key terms