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Thread: [Do you think people are born smart or become smart?](#)

HerrWinston - July 20, 2025, 9:38 am

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With that, i hope you all achieve what you truly want. ?

juno000 - July 20, 2025, 9:42 am

It's a bit of both I think too. I mean, you can "study" for an IQ test too, but in the end it will always be somewhere in the range that you were born with.

SoulHarvester - July 20, 2025, 10:45 am

Intelligence is a natural thing to the true genius. They are not to be confused with someone who learns a new thing and can talk about it. These people are sponges naturally and they grasp things in a different way than your average person. When you come across a truly intelligent person it will be obvious immediately.

Mech - July 20, 2025, 12:22 pm

Great take, I agree intelligence is a mix of both. Some are born with natural talents, like a knack for math or music, but environment and effort shape how those gifts develop or fade.

W1NK1LL3RX - July 20, 2025, 4:12 pm

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That said, intelligence doesn't always equal common sense, and I've noticed that a lot of people seem to lack it. Common sense is more about practical judgment and making sound decisions in everyday situations—it's the kind of wisdom that often comes from paying attention, thinking things through, and learning from experience. You don't need a high IQ to have common sense, but in today's world, where people are often distracted or overly dependent on technology, basic

awareness and good judgment seem to be less common. It's frustrating to see people overlook simple solutions or act carelessly when a little thought would go a long way.

Phantom_NiNja - July 20, 2025, 5:47 pm

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No, I don't think anyone is born smart but they over time learn to be smart but that depends on what country they're born in and what type of family they are born in and then there's talents that you're born with that gives you an edge over other people. The rest is learning. What I mean by talents is mostly the brain you're given with where you might obsessed with crunching numbers. So, if you like doing math at the start of life that influences you to be smart where you will be good at math and science. Some are not smart in that way or born with those traits but they might get obsessed with sports where they have more focus on learning the sport and game and not just training but building up your body. Eventually those people end up working for professional teams.

However, again it depends on what kind of family you're born into and if they got connections. You can be good at a sport and have that focus but if you have no connections that can get you in or guide you then you won't be working for professional teams. You will have to find something else and just work to get by.

oRequiem - July 20, 2025, 5:55 pm

I feel like it's overtime, but a lot is coded in your DNA the moment of conception.

peeboa - July 22, 2025, 3:38 pm

Personally I think people have to study/train to become smarter. I do believe some people could possibly be born smart though.

immeiron - July 22, 2025, 3:51 pm

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yess i think so too, you can with hard work really accomplish many things, but it will be almost impossible beating the people who have natural talent in these topics, which i am pretty sure exists in our DNA and is something we cant change

Online Sir - July 22, 2025, 6:43 pm

I mean, growing up with smart and intelligent people does help.

Mix - July 22, 2025, 7:03 pm

I think schools are getting a little better at teaching these days, honestly. When I was in school, half

of the stuff they made us learn wasn't correct and this was down to lack of funding. Granted, this was a very long time ago, and it has all changed a lot since. Another thing is AI. AI has become a great source of a lot of information for teachers and students, and it has allowed a lot more of a direct form of information for everyone around the world.

TaurineDream - July 23, 2025, 1:51 am

Honestly its both, you can be pretty dumb but willing to learn, and not learn all that quick barring straight up disabilities, but honestly i'd rather be straight up retarded then be someone whos smart and educated and be up my own ass about it, those mother fuckers need to stop stealing oxygen

Oh_Well - August 8, 2025, 2:54 pm

I think nowadays is the emotional intelligence that's missing ??

RangoWorld - August 10, 2025, 3:21 am

Everyone has a potential limit to smartness/intelligence when they're born. You cannot change that. That's genetic.

Then your environment dictates how much of that potential you achieve in your childhood. Once you develop into an adult then your smartness/intelligence doesn't increase very much. Apart from your wisdom and crystallized IQ (look up) which you can gain over the period of your life.

diablospartan - August 10, 2025, 7:20 am

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Absolutely, environment shapes us more than raw intelligence ever could. The brain is wired to adapt, so the people and conditions we're surrounded by can completely redefine who we become over time.

PetMemorialBot - August 10, 2025, 10:02 am

I think it's a mix of both. Talent is a starting point, but hard work makes the real difference.

yukii - August 10, 2025, 1:12 pm

Well its partly a genetic trait and also i guess your education and some other variables

Oh_Well - August 10, 2025, 5:16 pm

I believe people have the potential to be smart, but the last generations seem to be getting dumber. I call them Tik-tok-brains, bc they live their life like a fucking reel.

Mooooookie - August 10, 2025, 9:07 pm

I believe some people are born Book Smart.. while other people are born with Common Sense smarts. And that most people fit into either one or the other category.

For example, my sister is Book Smart... straight A student.. went to college, has always been a good person... but her common sense isn't always there.

I'm the complete opposite. I didn't do well in school.. more so because I didn't pay attention, and spent more time talking in the back of the class room and getting in trouble. But when it comes to common sense.. I'm sharper then most people that I come across. Things that come across as common sense and common logic to me, a lot of other people seem to struggle with.

Andy Walker - August 11, 2025, 10:08 pm

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It left me with a huge hole to fill. So people would say I'm smart and question it immediately, because I wouldn't understand or get simple things due to my lack of experience with people or life in general.

So nature matters because it gives you the initial range of intelligence needed but so does experience in real life situations, it maximizes what you already have. It's similar to 'Hard works beats talent when talent doesn't work hard'. You have to maintain and grow that talent. If you leave it stagnant, you will get left behind.

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That's a very good point. And it works the other way around, idiots are considered smart just because they are popular

The Pact - December 17, 2025, 4:51 pm

My parents met at Mensa.

There's no such thing as "learning to be smart." That's called getting an education or educating yourself.

Success, education, and intelligence are all different things.

Start by learning not to have tall poppy syndrome, and not spending anytime on jealousy and spite.

Having children late in life is actually a big, big mistake. Be warned.

JoshAllen - December 17, 2025, 9:59 pm

It is important to recognize what is considered smart?

Most people think of smart in the academic sense, but it is way more than that. It is a mixture of critical thinking, problem solving, emotional awareness, learning from mistakes, etc.

There are a ton of people growing up in school that were considered very "smart" but in the real world, they struggled because they couldn't adapt. They had the knowledge, but can't apply it.

So do I think being smart is something you are born with? Not really. I think it is really dependent on your surroundings. If you are born around smart and intelligent people, you have a better chance at being smart than someone that wasn't surrounded by that. Doesn't mean you can't obtain it.

Life is like a race, except we don't all start at the same place. Someone may start 100ft in front of

you. The person that had the head start finished before you, but you both made it the finish line and reached your goal.

RangoWorld - December 17, 2025, 10:42 pm

Smart in terms of IQ is mostly genetic. Though it's a different case if someone was able to reach their true potential or not and Education helps reach that level. Any education. Not just academic. That's why you learn your whole life.

If both your parents had high IQ then you will also be one most likely. Interestingly though, if one of your parents was smart and the other less so. Then your IQ will not be higher than your smarter parent.