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Discover your Child's Learning Needs
to Unlock their Full Potential

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Did you know that the reason as many as nine out of ten children fail to reach their learning potential is because they do not know how to learn?

Children need a set of foundational learning skills and strategies that enable them to make sense of what they are being taught. Imagine trying to drive a car with only three wheels! It wouldn't get very far and the ride would be very uncomfortable. But that is what we ask children to do when we expect them to learn without making sure they have all the skills - the wheels - they need to make learning happen.

You know your child better than anyone else. You can assess whether your child knows how to learn. This short mini-quiz is a way for you to discover if your child has the foundational skills that lead to learning.

This is merely a taste of what you will find in each Pathfinder Program but it gives you information that you cannot get anywhere else. It shows you how well your child is able to learn by providing you with information about your child's learning skills. Imagine the specific, detailed information you would get from the full program!

How to complete the checklist

Put a check mark beside any statement that could be used to describe your child.

Then read on to discover your results!

| YOUR CHILD..... | | |
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| | Able to learn skills | |
| 1 | Has good vision - does not wear eye glasses | |
| 2 | Has no history of recurring colds or ear infections | |
| 3 | Gets more than 9 hours sleep every school night | |
| 4 | has handwriting that is clear and neat | |
| | Ready to Learn Skills | |
| 5 | is confident in his ability to learn | |
| 6 | does not expect to fail at tasks | |
| 7 | always accepts the consequences of his actions | |
| 8 | listen well to what others are saying | |
| 9 | Takes responsibility for her learning - does not need to be nagged to do homework | |
| 10 | is not afraid of failure - sees it as a learning opportunity | |
| 11 | looks for alternative solutions when the work is difficult | |
| 12 | is willing to move out of her comfort zone and try new things | |
| | Prepared to Learn Skills | |
| 13 | is able to focus on a particular task until it is completed | |
| 14 | follows verbal instructions well | |
| 15 | can talk about his thoughts and feelings using appropriate language | |
| 16 | reads facial expressions well | |
| 17 | can tell a story well, not missing anything out | |
| 18 | knows what strategy to use to solve a problem | |
| 19 | understands when he gets poor marks for an assignment | |
| 20 | Checks her work before handing it in | |

What your results means

Please remember that this is a 'quick and dirty' way to check your child's learning skills and cannot be taken as being a definitive learning assessment. However, the result do provide you with a general picture of your child's learning ability. There are three ways to interpret your results.

1. The final score

* A score of 15 - 20

Your child has many of the skills that enable him or her to learn well. However sometimes the lack of one skill can prevent a child from learning quickly and easily or from getting the grades they are capable of getting. You need to check whether your child is showing signs of underachievement.

* A score of below 15

A low score indicates that your child may be missing many of the skills that lead to learning. Only you will know for sure. Trust your instinct. If you think that your child is struggling to learn you are probably correct. The more I work with parents the more I respect their ability to understand when something is not quite right.

2. Look at how your score is grouped.

The total score is an indication of your child's skill level but the individual check marks are more important. Each statement refers to a particular learning skill. The skills are presented in three groups relating to the physical, emotional, and cognitive skills children need.

Is there one part of the quiz which has fewer check marks than another? That indicates that your child is struggling with that type of skill. The three sets of skills are interrelated. A child who is missing a skill in one area may also be struggling in another area. For instance, children who do not have all the cognitive learning skills soon lose self confidence - an emotional learning skill.

If you want to know which skills your child may be missing contact me, tell me the number of the statement that does NOT relate to your child and I will tell you which learning skill that relates to.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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