

How to Become More Word Smart

If you already are Word Smart you can:

- **Write down your ideas as you get them.** Keep a little notebook or file on a tablet or smartphone (or miniature recorder) handy for putting down ideas that occur to you during the day.
- **Read about what interests you.** Anything is fair game and everything counts: car magazines, art books, newspapers, science fiction, comics and more.
- **Start a journal.** Write at least 250 words a day on any subject. Write about your day, what you did in school, a book you're reading, what's happening in the world, or anything else that interests you.

If you already are Word Smart you can:

- **Look up words that you don't know in a dictionary.** Keep a list of words you come across that you don't know. If you keep doing this, you'll find that your vocabulary has got huge without you even noticing it.
- **Arrange storytelling times with your friends or family.** The stories can be your own or you can retell favourite parts of books.
- **Play with words.** Do Mad Libs, crossword puzzles, Acrostics, find-a-words, anagrams, or other word puzzles that interest you. (Scrabble, Hangman, Anagrams, Password)

If you already are Word Smart you can:

- **Join a book club where you can discuss books with others.**
- **Write your favourite authors.** Look up the website of writers you enjoy reading and write to them with questions about their book, how they started writing or anything else that you are curious about.
- **Play with spoken words.** Collect some of your favourite jokes, riddles, puns, tongue twisters, rhymes, long words, strange words, and other other sounds of language, and may be make up some of your own and share them.

If you already are Word Smart you can:

- **Learn another language.** It can be Spanish, German or Chinese. Your language abilities will grow exponentially.
- **Keep a writer's journal.** Use it to record your own poems, stories or plays or add favourite quotes, passages and dialogue or record what you overhear other people say. Many famous writers have kept their own journals in a similar way.
- **Attend a play.**
- **If you like discussing ideas, join a debate team.**

If you are Music Smart you can:

- Read aloud and listen to the sounds of the words. Read silly poetry by people like Shel Silverstein, Ogden Nash and Lewis Carroll, because they played with sounds and words.
- Try singing or rapping your spelling list or facts that you're memorizing (the way if you forget during a test you can hum the answer very quietly to yourself).
- Use music as a jumping off point for writing. Write about what you hear and what it makes you think about.
- You can listen to the lyrics of songs. Do they tell a story?

If you are Logic Smart you can:

- Use the word count feature on a word processing software programme to keep track of how many words you've written when you're working on a story, essay, or other written work. Keep track of your writing progress on a computer spreadsheet, putting in the number of words you write each day. Use speed reading programmes that let you track your reading speed by counting the number of words you eat per minute. You can also track these figures on a spreadsheet or create a chart or bar graph showing your progress.
- Look for patterns in words and language.
- Read books with math themes or about

If you are Picture Smart you can:

- Close your eyes and picture what you read. For example, if you are reading a story that you are having a hard time understanding, shut your eyes and picture the scene, the characters, and the action in the story. Illustrations and pictures can help guide you through your reading, too.
- Draw mind maps or keep creative journals.

If you are Body Smart you can:

- Physically play with words and letters (magnetic kits, paper kits, wooden blocks. Write poetry with these on a fridge door 😊)
- Act out your favourite story or poem.
- Read stories about your favourite sports or activities or to learn more about them.
- Practice your handwriting
- Go for walks and take a small notebook with you to write down your ideas and thoughts.

If you are People Smart you can:

- Talk about what you are reading with your friends or family.
- Study spelling or vocabulary in groups as working and studying with others can help you learn better.
- Blog with other people.
- Write a play and get others to help you perform it or animate it using a computer programme.

If you are Self Smart you can:

- Start keeping a journal of what you are thinking and feeling. Every time you write in the journal, you will be improving your writing, spelling and grammar through practice. Think about what you are learning in school – how does the book you are reading make you feel? Do you read to escape or to explore other places? Are your favourite characters ones that remind you of yourself or how you'd like to be? Use this as a way to connect who you are and how you feel to what you are learning.
- Keep a journal about the things that are important to you – your hopes for the future, how you feel,

If you are Nature Smart you can:

- When you are reading a book or magazine, think about the nature in it.
- Write descriptions of the natural scenes you see, or take notes about leaves and rocks you collect.
- You may prefer reading or studying outside.

If you are Life Smart you can:

- Write down questions that make you think more deeply about life like „Where was I before I was born? Or „What´s the difference between something that is alive and something that isn´t alive?“ Then try to give an interesting answer.
- Read a book that introduces spiritual or religious themes in entertaining way.

**Or just combine any of the
above 😊**

- ... or add some new