

## Common Sense Psychology Quiz

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- T F 2. Psychologists study behavior and the mind, but not biology.
- T F 3. Most psychologists believe that ESP exists.
- T F 4. A person who is blind in one eye can’t see depth and therefore can’t fly an airplane.
- T F 5. Some people never dream.
- T F 6. When we sleep, the brain sleeps as well.
- T F 7. Negative reinforcement is the same as punishment.
- T F 8. We can’t do much to improve our memory.
- T F 9. Eyewitness testimony is some of the best evidence used by police and in court trials.
- T F 10. In order to be creative, a person must be very intelligent.
- T F 11. A person’s intelligence is partially determined by brain size.
- T F 12. Instinct determines many of our behaviors.
- T F 13. The more motivated and aroused you are, the better your performance will be.
- T F 14. We can train babies to walk at an early age.
- T F 15. There is not much society can do to help the mentally retarded.
- T F 16. All psychologists do is therapy.
- T F 17. Shock treatment is often used for people with anxiety.
- T F 18. A correlation between two variables means that one of those variables causes the other.
- T F 19. Most people will disobey a person in authority who orders them to hurt a stranger.
- T F 20. Opposite types of people attract each other.
- T F 21. A person with schizophrenia has a split personality.
- T F 22. How a person shows he is happy depends on his culture and upbringing.
- T F 23. Most old people have some degree of senility.
- T F 24. Many people come through adolescence with emotional scars and conflicts.
- T F 25. People with hypochondriasis pretend to be sick.
- T F 26. In a debate, it is always to your advantage to be the last speaker instead of going first (you want the last word).
- T F 27. Children who grow up in a family with gay parents are more likely to become gay.
- T F 28. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
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