

Psychology Pre-Assessment

Purpose:

This quiz is to give me a quick assessment of where your current psychological knowledge is. Don't think about these too hard! Answer TRUE or FALSE for each one.

- ____ 1. If you want to teach a habit that persists, reward the desired behavior every time, not just intermittently.
- ____ 2. Patients whose brains are surgically split down the middle survive and function much as they did before the surgery.
- ____ 3. Traumatic experiences, such as sexual abuse or surviving the Holocaust, are typically "repressed" from memory.
- ____ 4. Most abused children do NOT become abusive adults.
- ____ 5. Most infants recognize their own reflection in a mirror by the end of their first year.
- ____ 6. Adopted siblings usually do not develop similar personalities, even though they are raised by the same parents.
- ____ 7. Fears of harmless objects, such as flowers, are just as easy to acquire as fears of potentially dangerous objects, such as snakes.
- ____ 8. Lie detection tests often lie.
- ____ 9. Most of us only use about 10% of our brains.
- ____ 10. The brain remains active during sleep.
- ____ 11. Eyewitness testimony is some of the best evidence used in courts.
- ____ 12. To change the way people act, you must first change their attitudes.
- ____ 13. Groups will generally make more moderate decisions than a single individual will.
- ____ 14. If you pick up a crying baby whenever it cries, the baby will cry more so it can get picked up again.
- ____ 15. A person's intelligence is partially determined by brain size.