



Your Highlands Ability Profile

Vocabulary

Your general vocabulary provides you with the foundation for the breadth and depth with which you learn and communicate. Vocabulary is a personal tool developed by each individual over time, rather than a natural ability, but the range of your vocabulary will affect how effectively you can use some of your abilities. The Highlands Ability Battery tests vocabulary in isolation, which means there are no context clues in a paragraph to help you know what a word means, only a group of synonyms from which to choose. Many universities/colleges require an adequate general vocabulary for entry, and yours will be measured further by entrance exams and potentially later for entry to graduate school.

For adults, a strong general vocabulary can be a gateway to working with a wider variety of fields, working with more sophisticated clients or in professional fields that require the usage of a wider range of communication. A strong vocabulary can even influence gaining access to opportunities at higher levels of career development (management, supervision, teaching at graduate levels, law).

Regardless of your current vocabulary level, knowing how to develop your vocabulary can help you. Many careers require a specific or technical vocabulary, so discovering how you best learn new words and ideas will support you in any career you choose. Also, over time, focusing on the development of a specialized or technical vocabulary may divert developing and/or practicing your general vocabulary which may decline with disuse. If you ever decide to increase your vocabulary, use your most efficient learning channels (Design Memory, Verbal Memory, Tonal Memory, Rhythm Memory, and Number Memory) to assist you with building this skill.