

Test Your LD I.Q.:

An Awareness Tool for Librarians

Multiple choice.

- _____ 1. About what percent of Americans have learning disabilities?
a. 1% b. 15% c. 25% d. 45%
- _____ 2. What percent of students with identified learning disabilities drop out of school?
Note: This does not include those who are never identified and drop out.
a. 15% b. 25% c. 35% d. 45%
- _____ 3. When the learning disabilities of young criminal offenders are addressed, what is their recidivism rate?
a. 2% b. 12% c. 32% d. 62%
- _____ 4. Undetected or untreated learning disabilities have been found in what percent of adults with severe literacy problems?
a. 10% b. 30% c. 60% d. 90%

True or false?

- T F 5. Learning disabilities are neurobiological disorders.
- T F 6. Being a "slow learner" is an indicator of learning disabilities.
- T F 7. Learning disabilities run in families.
- T F 8. People have learning disabilities all of their lives.
- T F 9. People with learning disabilities are generally of normal or above average intelligence.
- T F 10. Deficits in reading skills are the most common forms of learning disabilities.
- T F 11. People with learning disabilities can learn to compensate for their conditions.

Answers: **1.** b. 15%; **2.** c. 35%; **3.** a.2%; **4.** c.60%; **5,7,8,9,10,11** are all True; **6** is False.

So, how'd you do on the LD I.Q. test? If you did really well, congratulations! You're one of a minority of people with good basic knowledge about learning disabilities (LD). If you didn't do very well, you're like most Americans. In a 1995 poll conducted by Roper Starch, an overwhelming majority of respondents incorrectly identified a number of conditions, including mental retardation, as being associated with learning disabilities. Seeing the correct answers to the quiz, you can guess how all of this might affect you personally and professionally.

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