What is an intelligence test?

Why is an intelligence test carried out and why should you take it? In order to help you to get started, the following explains what an intelligence test is, how an intelligence test works and why it is important for you to participate.

An intelligence test determines how intelligent children and adolescents are in comparison with their peers. It is mostly to find out which school is suitable for you, at which level your language course starts or what other help would be most beneficial to you. It is a good opportunity to show what you can do.

There are many different areas of intelligence. Two examples include how quickly and how well you can complete tasks in your head or how good your memory is. Using various tasks, the test determines what level you are at in different areas of intelligence. It usually works like this:

A test leader will sit down with you at a table and explain the various tasks. You complete these tasks and try as well as you can to give the right answers. The test leader makes notes about how this proceeds. The following are examples of test tasks: Putting a jigsaw puzzle together, completing a pattern, remembering things or putting a story in the right order. It is quite normal that you may need to think a lot and concentrate to find the answers. It is also quite normal not to be able to complete all of the tasks. It is best if you work calmly and in a focused manner.

The important thing is that you do not speak during the test. The intelligence test you are to complete works completely without speaking - this is the same for all cultures and languages. All tasks are explained using pictures and you use your hands for your answers. So don't be afraid of not understanding the language of the test.

Your participation in this intelligence test is voluntary. You do not have to take it, if you do not want to. But this intelligence test helps you to get the best support and help. Therefore, it is worth cooperating conscientiously and doing your best.