



Keys to Independent Thinking

1. Are you an independent thinker? Take this quiz and find out! Place a check mark (✓) beside the correct answer to each question.

- i) If you found a dollar on the floor of the classroom you would:
- A quietly give the money to your teacher because someone might need it for lunch.
 - B keep the money and spend it at the store on the way home from school.
 - C give the money to your teacher and make sure that everyone knows that you did this good deed.
- ii) When you are learning a new skill you try and fail the first few times you try. Then you:
- A smile and keep on trying.
 - B wait and practice at home where no one can see you.
 - C lose interest and try something else that is easier.
- iii) When something goes wrong in your life you:
- A find a solution.
 - B find someone to blame.
 - C blame someone else and then try to find a solution.
- iv) You tell things that are not true:
- A almost never.
 - B all the time.
 - C about as much as the next kid.
- v) When it comes to belonging to a group you:
- A don't worry if you're not in the "popular" group.
 - B worry just a little bit about being in the popular group.
 - C worry tremendously if you're not in the "in crowd."
- vi) You are honest with yourself:
- A almost all the time.
 - B sometimes.
 - C never.

If you marked "A" 5 or 6 times, you are a very independent thinker. If you marked "A" 3 or 4 times, you are almost an independent thinker. If you marked "A" 2 or fewer times, you need to work on your independent thinking skills.