

Quiz: Good Character at School

1. What was the central research question of the article?

- A. Whether intelligence predicts grades better than character strengths
- B. Whether positive classroom behavior mediates the link between character strengths and school achievement
- C. Whether teachers can identify students' strongest character strengths
- D. Whether personality traits are stable in childhood

2. Which tool did the researchers use to assess students' character strengths?

- A. Big Five Inventory
- B. VIA-Youth (Values in Action Inventory of Strengths for Youth)
- C. StrengthsFinder 2.0
- D. Teacher-designed surveys

3. In Study 1, how was school achievement measured for primary school students?

- A. Standardized test scores in math and language
- B. Teacher ratings of overall school achievement
- C. Student self-reports of grades
- D. Parent evaluations

4. Which of the following character strengths showed the strongest link to both positive classroom behavior and achievement across samples?

- A. Humor, creativity, curiosity
- B. Perseverance, prudence, hope, self-regulation, love of learning
- C. Bravery, kindness, modesty
- D. Leadership, forgiveness, spirituality

5. Why is positive classroom behavior considered a mediator?

- A. It directly replaces academic content in predicting achievement
- B. It explains how character strengths translate into observable actions that influence grades



- C. It measures only social skills, not academic skills
- D. It predicts grades only in non-academic subjects

6. Which character strengths were most predictive of positive classroom behavior?

- A. Perseverance, prudence, self-regulation, social intelligence, hope
- B. Humor, curiosity, bravery
- C. Creativity, leadership, modesty
- D. Kindness, fairness, forgiveness

7. What was a major difference between Study 1 (primary school) and Study 2 (secondary school)?

- A. Secondary students showed stronger links between character strengths and behavior than primary students
- B. Primary students showed more strengths linked with achievement than secondary students
- C. Only secondary students demonstrated perseverance as a strength
- D. Primary students were not rated by teachers

8. Which of the following was not associated with higher academic achievement in either study?

- A. Love of learning
- B. Gratitude
- C. Teamwork
- D. Musical ability

9. According to the findings, character strengths were unrelated to which type of school subjects?

- A. Math and German
- B. Science and history
- C. Non-academic subjects (art, music, physical education)
- D. Language arts

10. Why do the authors caution against overgeneralizing the findings?

A. Only one cultural context (Swiss schools) was studied, and measures relied on teacher



ratings

- B. Intelligence was not measured in either study
- C. The VIA-Youth tool lacks reliability
- D. The studies were too long-term to be practical