What is nature versus nurture?

Do genes or environment matter more?

### **Intelligence**

* Nature - Those who would argue that nature is largely to thank for the individual’s ability to achieve greatness might point to his or her parents and use their level of intelligence as a reason for why he or she is so successful. Perhaps the child developed early skills quickly and this would be used to show that the child was clearly, “born smart.”
* Nurture - Those who would argue that a child's intelligence was affected by nurture would look at the child's educational background as well as how his or her parents raised her. These individuals would state that the intelligence level which permitted the child to be so successful, is largely the result of the child's upbringing and the school system.
<http://examples.yourdictionary.com/nature-vs-nurture-examples.html#DtwqgIsCVqTjGBI4.99>

### **B. Personality**

Often it is easy to see similarities between a child’s personality and one or both of her parents’ personalities. In this situation, it would seem that the child's personality has developed largely from the influence of the parents.

Sometimes we say “I’m like this, it’s my nature. I can’t change it”. Is that true?

Based on what you have learnt, do you think it is possible to change your personality? Why or why not? If so, how would you go about making changes?

C. VIOLENCE.

Are we violent by nature or do we learn to be violent?

 Let's say that a man grows up to be a violent killer. Was he born with a gene that makes a person more violent? Or, were circumstances in his upbringing the ultimate cause of such a career? Did he lack loving parents? Was he exposed to violent movies and music?

Research about Albert Bandura experiment “Bobo doll”.

**4. SEX VERSUS GENDER.**

Is gender a genetic matter or a social construction?

Are gender characteristics culturally imposed?

Why little girls want to be a princess? Why do little boys tend to be more violent in their games?

Is there any scientific proof to support the genetic differences between genders?