
Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by Paul Wright - 2009/11/27 18:00

Hi all,

It was great to hear Stella's announcement today that we may have access to a real live psychologist for a future BiB. So, here are some questions to consider:-

If you were to attend this session, what questions would you love to hear their answers to?

If this session was to be an outstanding success for you, what did you get from it?

What one topic could they cover that would give you a "wow!"

You could answer one, two or all three questions if you like.

Looking forward to seeing your answers.

Paul

Re:Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by allymcculloch - 2009/11/30 16:52

Question 1

MacLean's Triune theory (reptilian, limbic & cortex) is the one most used by trainers when explaining the structure of the brain. Is this still a good model to use?

more to come as I think of them...

Re:Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by Paul Wright - 2009/11/30 17:28

I would like some clarity around the whole left brain / right brain thing. I keep seeing this quoted (logic one side, creativity the other) but I have also read that this is now thought to be wrong.

If this is so what does this mean for brain gym?

Re:Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by John Fisher - 2009/12/18 13:22

might be silly questions but is the tame psychologist a) really tame;) and, more importantly, b) one who can answer physiological questions? As a constructivist psychologist I wouldn't like to answer such difficult questions as the ones you've got on the list so far. But I look forward to the answers.

a cowardly (and un house-trained) psychologist:silly:

Re:Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by B1B*Stella - 2010/01/04 16:50

Happy New Year everyone,

John, Thanks for your comment - I am expecting that the academic expert will be able to answer physiological as well as psychological questions. We've yet to identify the appropriate person but this will be on my list of 'wants' from them.

Ally and Paul, I've already got some thoughts about the 'triune brain model' and the 'left /right brain model' but will probably leave them until the session - or perhaps near the time we can start a heated discussion to encourage people to attend!

I'm currently interested in recent research on memory and forgetting - the Ebbinghaus curve from the 19th century is still being mentioned as valid data for how much information people recall under certain circumstances but I am sure there must be something more up to date - particularly with all the new info around attention spans. We are so used to just accessing data these days do we need to remember anything beyond where we can find the data?

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Re:Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by B1B*Stella - 2010/01/19 14:43

Hi Paul,

I've just noted your query about 'where does this leave brain gym'?

There is a very interesting section on Brain Gym in the Bad Science book by Ben Goldacre. You can get it through our online bookshop <http://braininbusiness.com/content/view/32/54/>

My view is that many things have a genuinely scientific basis or background that gets quickly distorted and misapplied. and then these things gain a life of their own that can grow and grow if there are enough people like the idea - there's often just enough science in the background to lend an air of credibility.

Ben Goldacre gets very hot under the collar about all sorts of pseudoscience which is why I'm looking forward to having a scientist at the Brain Friendly Learning Group so we can ask questions and get credible answers.

see you soon.

STella

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Re:Questions for a tame psychologist

Posted by tinaharris - 2010/03/10 14:54

Hi everyone,

I am very pleased to say that we have Patricia Riddell from Reading University as our tame psychologist on 14th May.

Tricia is a lecturer and researcher in Developmental Neuroscience at the University of Reading. She has a passion for training with the brain in mind and uses these techniques in her own teaching. She will lead a session where she will address questions that you have raised about the brain on the forum so remember to post your questions now and make sure you get the most from the meeting.

Tricia will introduce some of the latest research (in a brain friendly style) to promote discussion of what it means to design training with the brain in mind. The aim is to both challenge some current models, and to show how neuroscience can support and extend training practice. This is proving to be a really popular meeting and we have had a number bookings already so if you are intending to come book early!

<http://braininbusiness.com/content/view/22/38/>

Tina:)

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