



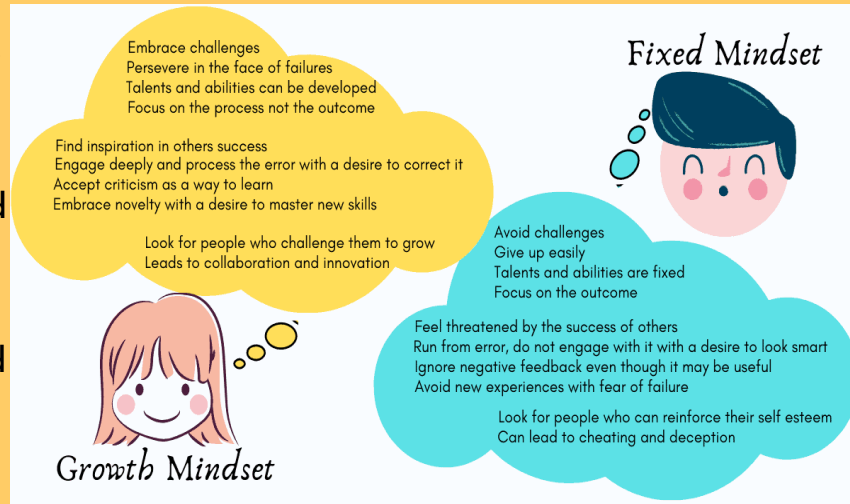
Growth Mindset



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What is Growth Mindset?

We used to think our intelligence was fixed - meaning we were either smart or weren't. Scientists have proven again and again that simply isn't true. Our brains act like a muscle – the more we use it, the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes!



Growth Mindset Strategies To Help Your Child

Talk about it

- Talk with your child about their day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:
- Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn?
- What did you do that was difficult today?

Encourage Failure

- Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and it is okay! Remind them that each time they fail and try again, their brain is growing stronger. Don't step in to prevent your child's failure – this is how they learn to persevere in the face of challenges.

Praise the Process

- Instead of saying "You're so smart!", praise effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative. You can say something like:
- "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"

The Brain Can Grow

- Remind your child that their intelligence is not fixed. Remind them that when things are difficult, their brain grows if they persist through each challenge. Each time they learn something new, their brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know this is possible!

Help Them Change Their Dialogue

- The way your child talks to themselves makes a huge impact on their mindset. If they say "This is too hard!" help them change that to "I can't do this yet but I will keep trying." Give them the words to say when they are feeling defeated by modeling it yourself!