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Tonight I want to discuss one of my interests – intuition – using a Japanese presentation style called Pecha Kucha, which is explained in your handout.

I'm interested in intuition because I consider myself somewhat intuitive. Each slide in this show represents one of 20 skills that researcher Daniel Cappon says indicate intuition. I find the list interesting because we would not necessarily associate all these skills with intuition.

Your handout gives the technical name for each skill. Think about the extent to which you possess each skill; you might just be intuitive.

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The first skill is knowing what something is after minimal exposure to it. Believe it or not, an image flashed on this slide. Did anyone see it? The image flashed for only a 25th of a second. Here's what the image was ...

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Next, the ability to identify what something is without having all of the information, for example, by just seeing a small part of it. What are we looking at?

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Intuitive people have the ability to find Waldo.

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If I flashed these items before your eyes and took them away, an intuitive could tell me what you saw.

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And, if I flashed the same items before your eyes and took one away, an intuitive could tell me which one you *didn't* see.

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Intuitives have the ability to put various items together in your mind's eye to construct a whole. You could see these items and visualize a house.

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Intuitives don't have to watch the clock to know when a three-minute egg is ready.

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You take in a whole complex scene and yet remember specific details of it. Here's an image of Times Square. If I showed it to you for 7 seconds, took it away, and asked you 4 questions about it, you could recall specific details: What time was it? What objects were up in the air? What restaurant did you see? What Broadway shows are advertised?

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Intuitives can generate images spontaneously. You are shown a black background and asked how many images come to mind.

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Intuitives can recognize something without ever having seen one before. Here's an example of where I was not very intuitive. Before I made this object into a planter, it was a rusty old thing that I found on our property. I'd never seen anything like it before. My only flash of intuition was that it probably had to do with farming. I saw a little label on it that said it was a separator. But instead of further testing my intuition, I looked up separator on the Internet and learned it was a cream separator.

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Intuitives can look at a cloud and have many images come to mind.

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Intuitives know what happens next. For example, when is the skater going to leap off the ice?

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Intuitives know when to buy the stock and when to sell it. On the battlefield, they know when to attack.

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The hunch kicks off every major scientific discovery. Scientists applied a series of hunches when they noticed that tumors are remarkably rare in sharks and eventually used shark liver oil to shrink tumors in cancer patients.

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Intuitives know the right method to prove something or to create something. Michelangelo wanted to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, but how would he do it? By lying on his back on a ladder for seven years.

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Intuitives know how to apply a discovery. Alexander Fleming, for example, not only had to see what the penicillin was doing in the petri dish – destroying microbes – but to visualize that it could cure diseases by being formulated into a pill. It took another scientist to see the application.

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How did all these trees get destroyed? If I show this image, your intuition might not kick in ... but it might if I show this one. Do you know the answer?

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Intuitives can look at a picture and know which elements are appropriate and inappropriate.

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And finally, Intuitives can see a symbol and understand its meaning. When my daughter was about 4 years old, she saw this symbol on TV and said AT&T. Perhaps a sign of intuitiveness.

I hope through this slideshow, you've gained a small insight into the skills of intuition and it has encouraged you to explore your own intuitive abilities.