



## Which Wisdom Strengths is Dave using?

**Dave is in his early twenties. He decided to leave home at 16 to finish school in the Irish language on a remote island on the West Coast of Ireland. He now lives in Spain teaching children and adults English and has recently started up a school using iPads rather than books for learning:**

▪ I have wanted to travel from a very young age. I can't count how many times I packed my suitcase and said 'I'm leaving'. I'd stay outside my house until 1 o'clock in the morning in the cold because I just wanted to travel. At the same time I'm very grateful that my parents moved from Dublin to the countryside because it stopped me getting involved with drugs; all I saw was green fields!

I like to explore boundaries. When I play video games I always try to see how far I can go outside the goals. Every day I hear of someone doing something I thought was impossible.

I used to get in such trouble. I felt I wasn't the way I was supposed to be, but I can see now that it is ok to be different. I'd talk a lot and others wouldn't, but this is what makes me the person I am now.

I am concerned about an educational system which does not allow time for self-expression. Many young people do not know what direction to take because they are doing what everyone else is doing; they are not experimenting and trying different directions.

### Reflecting on the Wisdom Strengths which ones are Dave using and how:

- **Loving to learn**
- **Curiosity/Exploring**
- **Being Original/Creative**
- **Critical thinking**
- **Having Perspective (seeing the bigger picture)**

One of the Wisdom Strengths Dave is using is

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