

## APPENDIX B

### Terms associated with the analytic–holistic distinction

Some terms are closely associated with analysis and holism, often arising from scholarly research; these are presented immediately below. Other, loosely associated terms are drawn from several academic fields and everyday conversation; these are presented on the following page. In this appendix, *thing* and *something* refer inclusively to people, places, things, events, and ideas.<sup>1</sup>

### Terms closely associated with

#### ANALYTIC

**Low Context:** The tendency of some people, during communication with others, to attend entirely or largely to the meaning of the words being exchanged.

**Decontextualize:** To consider something in isolation from the background and context in which it exists.

**Reductionist:** Trying to understand a thing in simple terms. Also, attempting to explain a thing solely in terms of its smallest constituent parts and their interactions; similar in meaning to *atomistic*.

**Field Independent:** From research showing that some people have learned, while viewing a complex scene, to narrowly focus on parts of it independently of all the other parts in the surrounding field.

**Abstract:** Existing as a thought or idea without any tangible presence. The qualities or attributes of a thing – green, kind, hot, square, etc. – are abstractions that can be considered separately from any physical thing.

#### HOLISTIC

**High Context:** The tendency of some people, during communication with others, to remain mindful of the nuances of the social situation (context) at hand.

**Contextualize:** To consider something together with the influences of its background and social context.

**Relational:** Trying to understand a thing in relation to other things and subjective feelings with which it is associated. *Relational* (instead of, or together with, *holistic*) often is mentioned in contrast to *analytic*.

**Field Dependent:** From research revealing that some people haven't learned, while viewing a complex scene, to regard parts of it separately from the surrounding field. What they perceive is dependent on the field.

**Concrete:** Real people, things, or events considered as complete wholes, without their qualities or attributes being separately “abstracted” and considered. A polar bear is a real, concrete thing; white is an abstraction.

## Terms loosely associated with

### ANALYTIC

### HOLISTIC

Objective	Subjective
Quantitative	Qualitative
Cognitive	Experiential
Rational	Emotional
Academic	Pragmatic
Logical	Intuitive
Differentiated	Consolidated
Individuated	Integrated
Empirical	Evocative
Scientific	Humanistic
Digital	Analogic
Serialist	Globalist
Explicit	Implicit
Procedural	Impressionistic
Compartmentalized	Synthesized
Independent	Interdependent
Splitter	Lumper

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