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Re: What Constitues A Catch

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>>Some people are numbers oriented, some are more word and concept oriented. You can see this difference in orientation in kids at a very young age.

For people who are more word and concept oriented, the ticker is NOT automatically counting. If your counter is always counting, it's easy to assume that it's also counting for other people. Or, that if it's not, that there's some kind of mental fault there. Not so. Different people just have different ways of thinking.

I'll bet Shakespeare had one heck of a time balancing his checkbook. And if he fished, I'll bet he lost count somewhere around 3 or 4.

It takes every kind of people...>>

Well, if you say so...:)

Neat Shakespeare image, BTW

Maybe I should amend as follows..

I wouldn't contend nor would I presume that everybody knows without paying attention whether they caught 19 as opposed to 18 or 43 as opposed to 39 and so on. I think you're absolutely right when you say we vary in the way we think, although I'm not sure I'd use verbal/abstraction vs. quantitative as a demarcation. No matter, though. I certainly agree with you in general. But surely, if we are there to fish, we are cognizant of the difference between say, 8 and 11 or 6 and 9 trout brought to hand. I don't think so insisting is indicative of a presumptive prejudice on my part that everybody thinks like me.

On a verbal/quantitative scale, I'm much more verbal, yet the ability to give a fairly close estimate of how many fish I caught in a given session or time period is a non-volitional thing that simply happens.

I mean, with a blindfold on, I can pick up a piece of 3X and a piece of 4X and tell you which one is thicker, a difference of .001 inch. And I would imagine most everybody here can do the same. If you've never tried this, I recommend it. It is a very powerful illustration of just how finely engineered of a product we are. And while I realize that this is a different sort of measurement then that being discussed, it all comes from the same system, the same control center, the human mind. So, even when we don't think we know, I have to believe we do. And maybe that's the real answer. We know a lot of stuff we aren't aware we know...:)