

Talk Topic

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Naturally good!!

Satin and Parsley enjoyed stripping the willow this evening. We commented that Satin was very good at it, able to pull off big pieces to eat – we wondered whether she had ‘learnt’ how to do this or was ‘naturally’ good at it!! (Goats’ teeth are perfectly designed to strip wood like this...)

What does the word naturally mean in this situation? What sort of things can you ‘naturally’ do? You probably cannot strip wood with your teeth (we don’t recommend you try) but hopefully you can naturally chew food, walk, speak, see? What else?

Sometimes someone might be described as being naturally good at something. This usually means they have not had to learn a lot about how to do it or work hard at doing it. Are you naturally good at doing something? What is it? How do you know you are naturally good at it?

If you are naturally good at doing something should you/can you still get even better at it? Why and how? Could someone still be as good as you are at this activity simply by working really hard at it?

Do you think it is possible to be good at ‘anything’ even if you start by ‘naturally’ NOT being that good at it? If you are naturally good at something should you carry on doing it? Why/why not?

