“Jake Peralta is an amazing detective/genius”:



Pink - Planning, Strategy, Field Skills
Red - Reasoning and Thinking
Purple - Adversity Capacity
Green - Social Intelligence and Manipulation
Cyan - Intelligence, FSIQ, Adaptability, Cognition and EQ
Magenta - Sensory and Foresight
Orange - Behavioural and Judgment
Light Blue - Other

Season 1:

Arrived at a crime scene (a robbed video store) and within 10 minutes he was able to quickly find a teddy bear and discover that it was actually a nanny cam, successfully solving the case. It was also shown in the very next scene that he and Amy were able to quickly find and catch the suspects, presumably on the same day. (**Sensory: Observation**)

Terry himself states that Jake is his best detective, in the later seasons Captain Holt says the same thing.

Easily solved a B&E by noticing that one of the things stolen from the crime scene was a $6000 ham and noticed that things like the TV weren't stolen, he used this to infer that the criminals motive was probably specifically for the ham and was able to catch the guy by looking at places nearby that sold that type of ham. He was even implied to have worked out the suspects motive perfectly and in the moment. (**Reasoning: Deductive + Thinking: Critical + Psychology: Hot Reading**)

After being assigned to the records room he was able to find out the the suspect (Ratko) was using an alias, however he was able to find several references to a Serbian thug with street names being: "the rat" and "the butcher" who was known to hang out at a storage unit near Boerum Park, a place that he somehow knew had red soil. With this he was able to connect Ratko to the murder and to his aliases simply by recalling a minor piece of evidence found at the murder scene (a red muddy footprint) and his knowledge of the area. (**Discerning: Thought Process + Insight: Contrasting + Reasoning: Inductive + Thinking: Associative and Critical + Adaptability: Cognitive and Environmental**)

Noticed a small difference in a storage unit's door that tipped him off to Ratko hiding inside. (**Sensory: Observation**)

Got a murder suspect to confess in just 20 minutes. (**Emotional Intelligence: Perception and Understanding**)

Created an incredibly thorough 25 page report in under an hour (meaning he was typing well over 125 WPM, while the average is only 40 WPM), although he wasn't taking it super seriously this ironically made him over analyze everything and put an insane amount of detail into the report including unspecified diagrams, an about the author section, what the humidity was when they caught the suspect and what moon cycle they're in. (**FSIQ: PSI and**

VCI + Intelligence: Logical-Mathematical + Thinking: Analytical + Unpredictability: Creativity)

Despite being "benched" and currently in a negative state of mind he was able to figure out that a couple was running an insurance scam despite the couple being smart enough to run the scam in five separate states. **(Adaptability: Cognitive + Adversity Capacity: Stress Tolerance and Perseverance)**

Managed to solve 5 felony cases in one week. **(Adversity Capacity: Perseverance + Reasoning: All Types)**

Walked into a crime scene and immediately found three separate pieces of evidence to support his guess of the victim dying of natural causes (Although he was later proven false, this is still a fairly good sensory feat). **(Reasoning: Deductive + Thinking: Critical and Analytical + Sensory: Observation and Perception)**

Unconsciously took control of a crime scene investigation despite Boyle being the primary. He did this by quickly coming up with a possible explanation for the victims death and assigning jobs to Boyle and Rosa in a very short amount of time. **(Social Engineering: Leadership + Judgment: Decision Making)**

Quickly secured a date with the M.E (Albeit offscreen) despite being in a generally awkward situation (a crime scene). **(Social Engineering: Charisma + Social Intelligence: Integration)**

Assisted in a medical examination despite his clear discomfort and inexperience. **(Adversity Capacity: Stress Tolerance and Cognitive Discipline)**

Even while being extremely intoxicated he could recall a plethora of evidence relating to a case he was working on well enough to explain it to Amy. This included motives and even the theorized timeline of events. **(Cognition: Memory + Resistances: Perception + Unpredictability: Unconventionality)**

- Along with this, he and the rest of the squad were able to solve a genuinely difficult murder case while drunk.

Halloween Heist I (Planning Analysis)

- Jake first attempted to steal Holt's medal of valor by getting into the ceiling and sneaking his way above Holt's office, presumably as a way to sneak in once Holt had left the office. However, Jake was detected which led to Holt locking the medal in a safe, a safe that only Holt knew the combination to. The safe, in turn, was locked in a cabinet, the only key to that cabinet was safely stored on Holt himself. After this, Terry went on to say that it isn't about how intelligent Jake is, it's about Holt, and how he's been able to see Jake coming at every turn, Terry even went as far as to call Holt a "genius". Not long after Jake was able to devise an extremely complex and layered plan in a very short time frame and while injured:

1. The first step of Jake's new strategy was to dress up as a janitor as a way to gain access to Holt's office, although he was quickly caught, as it's later explained this was all a part of his plan to get Rosa in without being detected. Something he even outright tells Holt, saying "this plan was designed to fail". A sentence Holt, no doubt disregarded as Jake once again being immature. **(Deception: Misdirection, Acting Skill, Concealment, and Disguise + Tactics: Potency, Synergy, Management + Field Skills: Trap Setting + Strategy: Complexity and Efficiency + Planning: Formulation, Applicability and Coverage + Foresight: Field Envisioning, Concrete Anticipation, and Prediction)**
2. Once Jake had been taken out of Holt's office, Holt mentioned how he was "disappointed" that Jake didn't at least try to create a diversion to distract from his (purposefully) terrible costume. To which Jake responds that he did have a diversion planned but it was just timed poorly. Shortly after saying this a nearby garbage can erupts into a small controlled flame, to which Jake started to ironically panic as a way to further distract Holt so that Rosa could sneak back out of the office undetected. (**Deception: Misdirection, Acting Skill, Concealment, Disguise and Fabrication + Planning: Intricacies and Coverage + Strategy: Logistics, Alignment, Complexity and Efficiency + Tactics: Synergy + Thinking: Systematic**)
3. The third step of the plan, now that the cabinet was unlocked, was to get Terry and Amy into the office without being spotted, in order to accomplish this, Jake had taken several pigeons and filtered them through an air vent which led to Holt's office. When Holt went to confront Jake, he assumed that the plan was for Jake to stuff up his air vents to flush him out of the office which Jake played along with, unbeknownst to Holt Amy and Terry were already in the process of breaking into the office (using the hole in the ceiling that Jake created with his first failed attempt). After they successfully broke in, Amy unlocked the window giving Jake a way into the office and an unlocked cabinet, only leaving the safe left. (**Deception: Misdirection, Acting Skill, Concealment, and Fabrication + Unpredictability:**

Unconventionality and Creativity + **Methods: Upcycling** + **Thinking: Divergent** + **Reasoning: Abductive**)

4. Went to talk to Gina about how frustrated he was with the prospect of losing the heist even saying how Holt was always one step ahead of him. His reason for doing this was likely to increase Holt's overconfidence. As it turned out, Gina was secretly on the phone with Holt at the time, something Jake likely figured out. (**Deception: Acting Skill** + **Manipulation: Indirect** + **Sensory: Observation** + **Judgment: Situational Awareness** + **Reasoning: Abductive**)
5. His fourth big step of the plan was hiring a bunch of men in "royal baby" costumes to swarm the bullpen and steal Holt's key to the cabinet (something that Jake had long since unlocked) and since he knew Holt would be so preoccupied with the lost key he knew he wouldn't notice that his phone was also stolen by Terry. After which he had Boyle dust the screen for prints, using the greasiest prints to discern what the four digits he used the most were, those four numbers also crossed over to the passcode of the safe. Jake was fairly certain that Holt used the same passcode for everything due to his age, and he was proven right. (**Judgment: Situational Awareness** + **Thinking: Critical, Divergent, Associative and Analytical** + **Reasoning: Inductive and Deductive** + **Foresight: Field Envisioning and Prediction**)
6. His final "step" of the plan was to get himself purposefully arrested for "scaling the side of the precinct" with a blowtorch, something he knew would get Holt to check on him in the interrogation room. Once Holt arrived Jake used this opportunity to monologue about his entire plan, explaining each and every step and thought process. One of the key components of Jake's plan was understanding Holt's mentality and beliefs, one of which is the fact that Holt "constantly underestimates him". This is something that Jake relied on heavily and used to get the upper hand. During Jake's monologue, Charles had already snuck through the window to Holt's office and stolen the medal, although Jake didn't know the exact order of the four digit code so he planned for Holt to come see him within the last five minutes because Jake had estimated that it would take Charles around 4 minutes to guess the correct passcode, hence why he himself admits that he dragged out some of the explanations more than he needed to. (**Deception: Misdirection, Acting Skill, Concealment and Information Control** + **Manipulation: Direct** + **Social Engineering: Resource Management** + **Psychology: Psychological Profiling and Psychological Insight** + **Field Skills: Trap Setting and Risk Calculation** + **Strategy: Logistics, Alignment and Efficiency** + **Thinking: Holistic, Systematic, Critical, Decompositional, and Linear**)

Yeah, holy shit, it's actually really impressive when you think about it.

Was working on a jewelry store robbery case and seemingly as soon as he walked into the building he was immediately able to recognize the suspect as someone he put away 2 years ago, he was able to do this based on a very brief description only mentioning his gender and height. He could also remember the M.O perfectly, he correctly assumed the suspect was wearing a black ski mask, bypassed the McConnell alarm by using the magnetic kill switch, and specifically stole diamonds but nothing over two carats. (**Reasoning: Deductive, Inductive and Abductive + Thinking: Critical, Analytical, Associative and Abstract + Cognition: Memory + FSIQ: VCI and PSI + Judgment: Situational Awareness and Intuition**)

Worked for 48 hours trying to prove a suspect did a crime, in order to accomplish this he interrogated him several times over the course of their time limit and even slept in the office. (**Adversity Capacity: Mental Fortitude, Perseverance and Cognitive Discipline**)

Amy had refused to give Jake the name of the man she was going on a date with, the only information she would give him was that he worked with a friend of hers. In response Jake went to Amy's friends Facebook page and through her mutuals, managed to find 7 male co workers, he considered Amy's personal tastes and from this he was able to extrapolate the most likely candidate by process of elimination. 2 of the men were eliminated due to having facial hair that he knew Amy found unattractive, 1 was eliminated because of an article of clothing, 1 was eliminated due to the fact that he had a profile picture that Amy would find tacky, and the final person had a "Tasmanian Devil tattoo". All of these things Jake was able to notice and reason in just a few seconds. (**Reasoning: Deductive + Thinking: Critical, Analytical, Systematic and Associative + FSIQ: PSI + Intelligence: Fluid + Psychology: Psychological Insight and Cold Reading + Sensory: Observation and Perception + Judgment: Situational Awareness and Decision Making + Social Intelligence: Cognition**)

Combed through nearly 6 hours of footage, and eventually found someone who matched the description of the suspect, however it wasn't Whitman. Despite this, after Amy made a casual reference to everyone being "locked in here together", this was able to jog his memory of a photo he had of Whitman while in prison which showed Whitman and the suspect were cellmates, with this newfound information Jake was able to correctly deduce what Whitman's plan was. He managed to do all of this while incredibly sleep deprived. (**Adversity Capacity: Stress Tolerance, Impulse Management, Perseverance and Cognitive Discipline + Cognition: Memory + Thinking: Analogical and Associative + Reasoning: Deductive**)

Quickly came up with an in depth backstory for Boyle's character as a way to distract the firemen guarding the crime scene allowing Jake to break in undetected. (**Judgment: Decision Making and Situational Awareness + Deception: Misdirection and Fabrication**)

Remembered Boyle saying Gino's pizza had improved in terms of sauce. This memory was brought back after noticing that a random cabinet was jimmied open in Sal's pizza, this was something he noticed as soon as he opened the file meaning that if he was allowed on the case sooner he would have solved it in seconds. (**Reasoning: Inductive and Abductive + Thinking: Critical and Analytical + Cognition: Memory + FSIQ: PSI and VCI + Sensory: Observation**)

Accurately predicted what Boyle would do/say on thanksgiving, winning "Boyle bingo" by the end of the day. (**Psychology: Psychological Insight + Foresight: Prediction**)

While investigating the robbery of $10,000 from the evidence lockup Jake and Holt came up with a plan to find the perpetrator, the footage had caught someone taking the money, however their face was obscured by a hood so they couldn't see them that way. However, Jake noticed that the suspect had taken the money with his left hand leading him to believe that he was left-handed, this helped Jake formulate a plan to find the person by going to each of the suspects houses and getting them to sign a made up form so he could see what hand they used. They got to one house and asked the suspect to sign the form, however things got out of control and the suspect's brother began throwing bread at him. After everyone had calmed down Jake pointed out how he had thrown the bread with his left hand and a hoodie lying nearby which he noticed as identical to the one in the footage. (**Sensory: Observation + Reasoning: Inductive + Thinking: Critical + Resistances: Perceptual + Field Skills: Trap Setting**)

Was able to easily win a game of Mahjong despite never playing the game before and the game pieces having Chinese lettering on it. The game is described as one that requires a very high degree of strategy and memory. (**Tactics: Potency + Field Skills: Trap Setting and Risk Calculation + FSIQ: WMI and FRI + Adaptability: Environmental + Intelligence: Fluid**)

Easily defeated two bodyguards in hand to hand combat all while not taking the situation particularly seriously. The first bodyguard he was able to trick into lowering his guard and then restraining him, the second bodyguard he was able to straight up outskill even though the bodyguard got the drop on him. (**Intelligence: Bodily-Kinesthetic + Deception: Misdirection + Adversity Capacity: Mental Fortitude and Stress Tolerance**)

Took down a man much larger than himself clearly by using some type of learned technique as he was able to flip him on his back by his arm and knock him out. (**Intelligence: Bodily-Kinesthetic + Adversity Capacity: Mental Fortitude and Stress Tolerance**)

Despite only knowing Holt for at most a month he was able to find out Holt's "tell" and used that to figure out that Holt was lying to him. (**Sensory: Observation + Insight: Constancy and Contrasting + Psychology: Psychological Insight + Thinking: Associative + Emotional Intelligence: Perception and Understanding + FSIQ: FRI + Social Intelligence: Cognition and Awareness**)

Quickly connected that the person threatening Holt was somehow connected to a swimming pool based on the language and vocabulary in the threats. Jake making this connection made it easier for Holt to connect the threats to the "freestyle killer". (**FSIQ: VCI + Reasoning: Abductive + Thinking: Analytical and Abstract**)

Managed to do 901 pushups throughout the night. (**Adversity Capacity: Stress Tolerance and Cognitive Discipline**)

Along with Amy, he managed to make almost 90 felony arrests in just a few months. With the average in real life being maybe 100 per year. (**FSIQ: FRI + Intelligence: Crystallized**)

Planned out "the worst date of all time", this involved pre ordering a specific type of dress for Amy to wear (somehow also knowing what size to make it), a few other things in between and finally a group of choir kids to sing to her at a specific time in times square, singing a song he presumably wrote himself. (**Planning: Intricacies, Applicability, Coverage + Judgment: Intuition + Intelligence: Musical**)

During a casual conversation with Amy, Jake was able to spot someone leaving a door open up on a rooftop despite him and Amy being in his car, on the ground, a good distance away. He used this observation to make the decision to move from the car to the roof, his reasoning being that the roof likely had a better vantage point for their stake out. (**Sensory: Observation and Perception + FSIQ: VSI + Judgment: Decision Making**)

With the help of Amy, quickly formulated a plan to get close to the suspects they were staking out, to do this they used the ring Jake had acquired to "propose" to Amy regarding their fake date. Then they convincingly acted as an arguing couple, utilizing the ring as a prop, after a while of this, Jake and Amy apprehended the suspects. (**Deception: Fabrication, Acting Skill and Disguise + Social Intelligence: Integration + Strategy: Alignment, Efficiency and Short-Term**)

Got a suspect to confess in under 4 minutes, this is despite the suspect's adamance that he's innocent and the stress of "The Vulture" rapidly coming to take his case.

- Jake, along with some of the other detectives had formulated a plan for this exact contingency, they had multiple plans in place to slow him down, Jake had correctly calculated how much time this would buy him.

Sang along to a song in a foreign language, despite never hearing the song or language prior to this.
Tricked the Vulture into pulling the pin on a tear gas grenade by offering a “peace offering” and holding it out, obscuring the true nature of the item until the Vulture grabbed onto the pin, at which point he pulled away, activating the bomb and running out of the building.

Terry had been trying to organize the group by figuring out what their “cultural specialty” was so they could adequately converse with the other party goers and Holt’s party, after going through everyone Amy asked what his specialty would be, in response Jake recalled Kevin mentioning something about the New Yorker and said that he had “totally read that”, which led to a cutaway gag of Jake reading the New Yorker while at the dentist and seemingly under the effects of nitrous oxide (which was further confirmed to have been 4 weeks ago) which means that Jake was able to retain this memory despite the drug. Later when he went to talk to Kevin about it he brought up a specific article he had read in the New Yorker, although it was later confirmed that all he was able to remember was the title.

- Due to this he decided to look through Holt’s house for a copy of the New Yorker, he was obviously able to reason that they likely owned a copy given that Kevin seemed to be a fan and had previously said that he had read the copy Jake was referring to. Jake's first thought was to look in the home's library, however, upon failing to find it he became frustrated and said “what kind of crappy library’s full of books?”, immediately afterwards he thought of looking in the bathroom or the “crap-library”.

After hearing Amy say “he’s spent 30 years with a cop, maybe he’s sick hearing about it” Jake almost immediately figured out the reason Kevin seemed to dislike them:

1. Recalled how dismissive Kevin was of the 99 despite the fact that they’ve never met
2. Presumably heard about how Kevin’s guests asked Hitchcock and Scully if they were ever harassed at work for being in a gay relationship. Which they aren’t, Jake likely took this detail to mean that Kevin had told his coworkers about how Holt used to be harassed.
3. Recalled a photo he had briefly seen in the library as portraying Kevin and Holt being “shunted” off to the side in what appeared to be an old photo of police officers next to their spouses.

All of this led Jake to correctly reason that Kevin doesn’t hate “cop talk” he just hates cops