

Learning Characteristics

Visual Learner Characteristics:

- Learns best through seeing things
- Good at spelling, but forgets names
- Needs quiet study time
- Has to think awhile before understanding lecture/lesson
- Good at spelling
- Likes colors & fashion
- Dreams in color
- Understands and likes charts
- Good with sign language

Learning Suggestions for Visual Learners:

- Draw a map of events in history or draw scientific process
- Make outlines of everything!
- Copy what is on the board
- Ask the teacher to diagram
- Diagram sentences
- Take notes, make lists
- Watch videos
- Color code words, research notes
- Outline reading
- Use highlighters, circle words, underline

Best test type:

Diagramming, reading maps, essays (if you studied using an outline), showing a process

Worst test type:

Listen and respond tests

Auditory Learner Characteristics:

- Learns best through hearing things
- Likes to read to self out loud
- Not afraid to speak in class
- Likes oral reports
- Good at explaining
- Remembers names
- Notices sound effects in movies
- Enjoys music
- Good at grammar and foreign language
- Reads slowly
- Follows spoken directions well
- Can't keep quiet for long periods
- Enjoys acting and being on stage
- Good in study groups

Auditory Learners can benefit from:

- Using word association to remember facts and lines
- Recording lectures/lessons
- Watching videos
- Repeating facts with eyes closed
- Participating in group discussions
- Using audiotapes for language practice
- Taping notes after writing them

Best test type:

Writing responses to lessons they've heard -- oral exams

Worst test type:

Reading passages and writing answers about them in a timed test

Kinesthetic Learner Characteristics:

- Learns through experiencing/doing things
- Good at sports
- Cannot sit still for long
- Not great at spelling
- Does not have great handwriting
- Likes science lab
- Studies with loud music on
- Likes adventure books, movies
- Likes role playing
- Takes breaks when studying
- Builds models
- Is involved in martial arts, dance
- Is fidgety during lectures

Kinesthetic Learners can benefit from:

- Studying in short blocks
- Taking lab classes
- Role playing
- Taking field trips, visiting museums
- Studying with others
- Using memory games
- Using flash cards to memorize

Best test type:

Short definitions, fill-ins, multiple choice

Worst test type:

Long tests, essays