

# Learning Style Survey

## Instructions:

- Rank each statement 0, 1, or 2.
- Write 0 if you disagree with the statement.
- Write 2 if you strongly agree.
- Write 1 if you are somewhere in between.

## Linguistic Learner

### "The Word Player"

- \_\_\_ 1. I like reading newspapers, magazines, and books.
- \_\_\_ 2. I consider myself to be a good writer.
- \_\_\_ 3. I can remember people's names easily.
- \_\_\_ 4. I like telling jokes and stories.
- \_\_\_ 5. I have a good vocabulary in my native language.

## Musical Learner

### "The Music Lover"

- \_\_\_ 1. I consider myself a good singer.
- \_\_\_ 2. I can hum the tunes to many songs.
- \_\_\_ 3. I play a musical instrument or sing in a choir.
- \_\_\_ 4. I can tell when music sounds off-key.
- \_\_\_ 5. I often sing songs.

## Logical/Mathematical Learner

### "The Questioner"

- \_\_\_ 1. I often do arithmetic in my head.
- \_\_\_ 2. I am good at chess and/or checkers.
- \_\_\_ 3. I like putting things into categories.
- \_\_\_ 4. I like figuring out how computers work.
- \_\_\_ 5. I ask many questions about how things work.

## Spatial Learner

### "The Visualizer"

- \_\_\_ 1. I enjoy art activities.
- \_\_\_ 2. I can draw well.
- \_\_\_ 3. I can read maps easily.
- \_\_\_ 4. I enjoy putting puzzles together.
- \_\_\_ 5. Movies and slides really help me learn new information.

## Body/Kinesthetic Learner

### "The Mover"

- \_\_\_ 1. It is difficult for me to sit quietly for a long time.
- \_\_\_ 2. I am good at sports.
- \_\_\_ 3. I enjoy running and jumping.
- \_\_\_ 4. I am good at sewing, woodworking, building, or mechanics.
- \_\_\_ 5. It is easy for me to follow exactly what other people do.

## Interpersonal Learner

### "The Socializer"

- \_\_\_ 1. I am often the leader in activities.
- \_\_\_ 2. I have many friends.
- \_\_\_ 3. I enjoy talking with my friends.
- \_\_\_ 4. I like working in groups.
- \_\_\_ 5. I am a member of several clubs.

## Intrapersonal Learner

### "The Loner"

- \_\_\_ 1. I like to spend time alone.
- \_\_\_ 2. I learn from my mistakes.
- \_\_\_ 3. I go to the movies alone.

- \_\_\_ 4. I go to the library alone to study.
- \_\_\_ 5. I can tell some things I am good at doing.

Now, tally your score and see which type of learner YOU are. You may be a combination of two or more styles. Now ask yourself which type of learner makes the best teacher. If you think all of the above then you are correct. Instructors tend to teach in the style in which they prefer to learn. The best instructors will strive to deliver strategies in teaching that can be related to by all the learning styles in the class, keeping in mind that in most learning environments many or all styles will exist.



If we accept that different intelligences predominate in different people, it suggests that the same learning task may not be appropriate for all of our adult students. While “the Questioner” might respond well to a complex logical explanation, as “the Visualizer” might need the comfort of diagrams and physical demonstration because his/her strength is in the spatial area. “The Socializer” who has a strong interpersonal intelligence may require a more interactive environment than “the Loner” in order for learning to be effective.

The following chart presented by Murray Loom at the Internet site for the University of Canberra in Australia shows what the different learning styles might mean to the students.

LEARNING STYLE	LIKES TO	IS GOOD AT	LEARNS BEST BY
Linguistic “The Word Player”	Read, write, tell stories	Memorizing names, place, dates and trivia	Saying, hearing and seeing words
Musical “The Music Lover”	Sing, hum tunes, listen to music, play an instrument, respond to music	Picking up sounds, remembering melodies, noticing pitches/rhythms, keeping time	Rhythm, melody, music
Logical Mathematical “The Questioner”	Do experiments, figure things out, work things out, work with numbers, ask questions, explore patterns and relationships	Math, reasoning, logic and problem solving	Categorizing, classifying, working with abstract patterns/relationships
Spatial “The Visualizer”	Draw, build, design and create things, daydream, look at pictures, watch movies, play with machines	Imagining things, sensing changes, mazes/puzzles, reading maps, charts	Visualizing, dreaming, using the mind’s eye, working with colours and pictures
Kinesthetic “The Mover”	Move around, touch and talk, use body language	Physical activities	Touching, moving, interacting with space, processing knowledge through bodily sensations
Interpersonal “The Socializer”	Have lots of friends, talk to people, join groups	Understanding people, leading others, organizing,	Sharing, comparing, relating, cooperating, interviewing

		communicating, manipulating, mediating conflicts	
Intrapersonal "The Loner"	Work alone, pursue own interests	Understanding self, focusing inward on feelings/dreams, following instincts, pursuing interests/goals, being original	Working alone, individualized projects, self-paced instruction, having own space

Take some time to reflect and consider how an adult educator would best present the same piece of new information to the various types of learners in the class. This topic is further researched in great detail in AE 101.

Now try a sample test like those you would encounter if taking the program.

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## Learning Styles Quiz

1. Which of the following learning styles is most important to consider when preparing to teach a class?
  - a) linguistic
  - b) mathematical/logical
  - c) musical
  - d) all of the above
  
2. Which type of learner would enjoy building a model in class?
  - a) spatial
  - b) kinesthetic
  - c) linguistic
  - d) musical
  
3. Which type of learner would be the most active participant in group work?
  - a) linguistic
  - b) musical
  - c) interpersonal
  - d) intrapersonal
  
4. Which type of learner would excel at essay writing?
  - a) linguistic
  - b) musical
  - c) spatial
  - d) kinaesthetic
  
5. Which type of learner would learn best having textbooks with lots of charts and diagrams?
  - a) spatial
  - b) visual
  - c) interpersonal
  - d) intrapersonal

6. Which type of learner would be the best candidate to mediate an in-class debate?
  - a) musical
  - b) mathematical/logical
  - c) interpersonal
  - d) intrapersonal
  
7. What kind of classroom activities would be most suitable for kinaesthetic learners?
  - a) watching movies
  - b) singing songs
  - c) athletics
  - d) silent independent readings
  
8. What kind of homework would be most suitable for interpersonal learners?
  - a) problem solving
  - b) journal writing
  - c) interviewing a person
  - d) conducting an experiment alone
  
9. What kind of things would a linguistic learner excel at memorizing for an exam?
  - a) names
  - b) dates
  - c) places
  - d) all of the above
  
10. What kind of things would a mathematical/logical learner excel at doing in an exam?
  - a) short answer
  - b) working with numbers
  - c) summarizing
  - d) essay writing

Answers:

1. d; 2. a; 3. c; 4. a; 5. b; 6. c; 7. c; 8. c; 9. d; 10 b.