

What is a learning style?

When we talk about a 'learning style', what do we mean? Basically, it is the way we develop better learning. Each person has a different type of 'learning style', and these are divided in three groups:

- 1. The visual learners
- 2. The auditory learners
- 3. The kinesthetic learners

Although there are many ideas involved in each one, we are going to focus on the **auditory learners**.

The auditory learner

Now, what is an auditory learner? An auditory learner is someone whose best way to learn is through hearing information. In this type of style people tend to learn better by speaking, too. So being an auditory learner is very helpful to study and memorize.

Let's see some of the characteristics of an auditory learner.

Main characteristics of an auditory learner

- 1. Auditory learners are very good at organisining all types of information.
- 2. When hearing something they tend to remember it very easily.
- 3. They **enjoy music**, and some of them need a background sound or a melody to study. Something interesting is that they need some sort of noises to sleep quietly. If the only thing they hear at night is silence, it would be a problem for them.
- **4.** They like —and sometimes need— to **study or do homework in group**. Being sociable is very important for them.
- **5**. They are very good at **remembering names**, even weird ones. But not faces.
- **6.** They often **read a text aloud** to understant it. Their learning capabilities need this.
- 7. They **need to speak**. That means they can't be quiet and they may find some problems for this.
- **8.** They are very good at giving a **speech**, even in front of the class or a public.

- **9**. They find **easy learning a foreign language**, because of the way they can learn it fluently. Speaking in a new language is also something smooth and funny for them.
- **10**. They usually **ask questions** and try to find accurate and reasoned answers.
- **11**. The directions given to them should be **oral** better than written.
- 12. They talk to themselves and think aloud.

Some tips to improve

Are you an auditory learner? Here there are some steps you may try to do:

- 1. Participate in class debates as much as you can.
- 2. Listen audios for readings and recordings. You should watch videos, too.
- **3.** Try to understand songs' lyrics. This is a funny and entertaining thing to improve your knowledge.
- 4. Repeat and repeat information to memorize it.
- 5. Say a word or a text and try to spell it.

- 6. Discuss your own ideas with somebody else or with a group.
- **7.** Record a word and then listen to it. When you play it, you will notice if you are pronouncing it correctly or not.
- 8. Emphasize the proper use of sounds.

Of course it is a must to use not only the style that best matches you, but all of them.

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