

# Learning Styles: How Does Your Child Learn?

**A Learning Style describes how a person best takes in, understands, remembers, and expresses information.** God created us to absorb information with our senses. **Consequently nearly all learning takes place through our visual, auditory, and kinesthetic/ tactile channels.** New information is most easily retained and retrieved when the process follows a certain sequence- when information is first received by our conscious minds, then sorted by our subconscious minds, and finally integrated by our unconscious minds. **Our differences, then, are not only because we learn in different modalities, but also by what order we prefer to use them.**

**Discovering your child's learning style should be a top priority because:**

- Learning takes fierce determination!!
- **You must focus on your child's giftings rather than the deficits you observe.**
- Properly handling weaknesses is essential so strengths are not blocked.
- Success will require someone coming along side your child, giving him assistance, tutoring, and encouragement. **He is not meant to teach himself!**
- Teaching children **HOW** to learn is as important as teaching them **WHAT** to learn.
- **You are your child's most important cheerleader- what are you cheering?**

**Clues to Learning: Can you guess where you generally fit? What about your children?**

<b>Visual</b>	<b>Auditory</b>	<b>Kinesthetic</b>
Mind sometimes wanders	Talks to self	Likes physical rewards
Observes rather than talks	Enjoys talking	In motion most of the time
Organized	Trouble with written directions	Taps pencil or foot while studying
Likes to Read	Likes to be read to	Enjoys doing activities
Usually a good speller	Sequence is important	Reading is not a priority
Memorizes by seeing graphs etc.	Enjoys music	Usually a poor speller
Not too distractible	Whispers to self while reading	Will try new things
Good handwriting	Remembers names	Outgoing by nature
Plans in advance	Easily distracted by noise	Expresses emotions physically
Quiet by nature	Enjoys listening activities	Uses hands while talking
Neat, meticulous		Dresses for comfort

**Learning styles significantly influence all communication in your family or classroom.**

Are your children "hearing" you? Are you communicating in their style or *yours*?

Do they respond with understanding or blank stares and bewildered looks?

**Unlocking the mystery of your child's *Learning Style* could be a piece to your Parenting Puzzle!**

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