

Characteristics of an Auditory Learner

- Learns through listening
- Learns best through verbal lectures, discussion, talking things through, and listening to what others have to say
- Interprets the underlying meaning of speech through listening to tone of voice, pitch, speed, and other nuances
- Prefers directions given orally
- Seldom takes notes or writes things down
- Prefers lectures to reading assignments
- Often repeats what has just been said
- Talks to self
- Often benefits from reading text aloud and using a tape recorder
- Sits where they can hear but needn't pay attention to what is happening in front
- Hums or talks to himself/herself or others when bored
- Acquires knowledge by reading aloud
- Remembers by verbalizing lessons to themselves (if they don't they have difficulty reading maps or diagrams or handling conceptual assignments like mathematics).

Make your Learning Style work for you!

Auditory Learners:

- Think aloud and talk to yourself
- Participate in class discussions and debates
- Make speeches and presentations
- Read text out loud—especially when proofreading or when tired
- Create musical jingles and mnemonics to aid memorization
- Use a tape recorder during lectures
- Discuss your ideas verbally with a friend or small group
- Use verbal analogies and story telling to illustrate your point
- Recite information over and over to better memorize material
- Sit near the side or back of the classroom where there is less visual stimulation