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Learning styles

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The theory of Multiple Intelligences

The theory of multiple intelligences was put forward by Howard Gardiner, Harvard University, 1983.

We all learn in different ways

- We all have different strengths and weaknesses.
- We are good at some things but not so good at other things.
- We have different likes and dislikes.

- Our intelligence or ability to understand that world around is complex.
- Some people are better at understanding some things than others.
- Some of us find it easy to understand how a flower grows, but find it difficult to learn how to play a musical instrument. For others, music might be easy, but playing football is difficult.

- Instead of having one type of intelligence, we have several different intelligences. These are:
 - Kinaesthetic (body smart)
 - Logical (number smart)
 - Linguistic (word smart)
 - Interpersonal (people smart)
 - Intrapersonal (myself smart)
 - Auditory (music smart)
 - Visual/spatial (picture smart)
 - Naturalistic (nature smart)

Kinaesthetic: Body-Smart

- You may be body-smart. You will enjoy sports and are good at swimming, athletics, football, gymnastics and other sports.
- You enjoy learning through 'doing something'.

Logical: Number-Smart

- You may be number-smart. You will be good at mathematics and other number activities; you are also good at solving problems.

Linguistic: Word-Smart

- You may be word-smart. You will enjoy reading, writing and talking about things.
- You will find learning new languages easy.

Interpersonal: People-Smart

- You may be people-smart. You will like to mix with other people and you will belong to lots of clubs. You like team games and are good at sharing.

Intrapersonal: Myself-Smart

- You may be myself-smart. You will know about yourself, and your strengths and weaknesses. You will probably keep a diary. You will be good at setting goals for yourself.

Auditory: Music-Smart

- You may be music-smart. You will enjoy music and can recognise sounds, and the timbre (quality of a tone).

Visual/Spatial: Picture-Smart

- You may be picture smart. You will be good at art and also at other activities where you look at pictures, like map reading, finding your way out of mazes and graphs.

Naturalistic: Nature-Smart

- You may be nature-smart. You like the world of plants and animals, and like learning about them.

Learning Styles

We can learn by: seeing, hearing, doing

Group Activity

- Discuss each sentence in your group.
- Decide which learning style you think each sentence best fits into.

The best way I can learn to take a photograph.

The best way I can learn about the seasons.

The best way I can learn a magic trick.

The best way I can learn to count in fives.

The best way I can learn to do a handstand.

The best way I can learn to follow a map.

The best way I can learn to read a recipe.

The best way I can learn to ride a bike.

The best way I can learn to make a cake.

The best way I can learn to do a jigsaw.

The best way I can learn to sing a song.

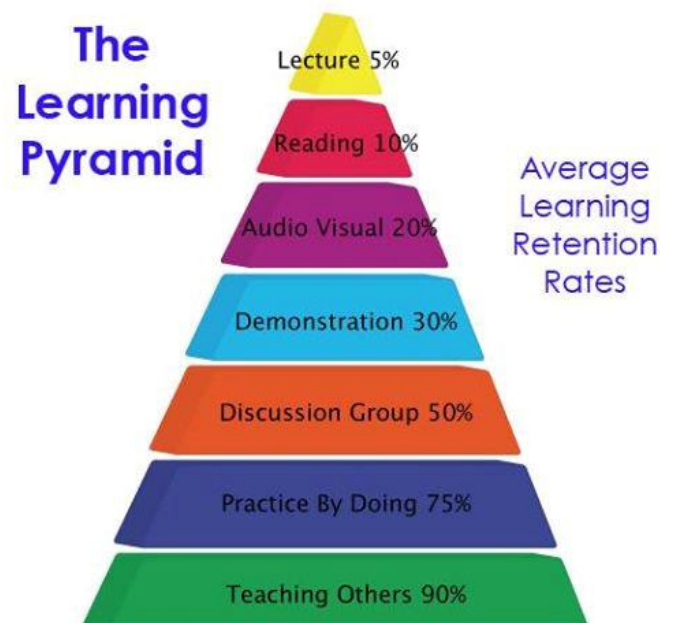
The best way I can learn to skip.

The best way I can learn to dive.

The best way I can learn to say a poem.

The best way I can learn to copy a picture.

The best way I can learn to read a book.



God knows us

- God knows us better than anyone because He made us.
- He knows how many hairs are in our head.
- He knows what we are good at, and what we are not good at.

Not one sparrow is forgotten by God. Even the hairs on your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. (Luke 12:6-7)

We don't have to be good at everything

- God loves us for who we are.
- God can help us get better at the things we are not good at.
- Maybe there are some things we will never be good at.
- That's OK. Trying your best is all that matters.
- Think about the things you *are* good at. These are your special gifts from God.
- Work on your gifts so that you can serve God in a really special way.
- There is great joy and satisfaction in doing what God has called you to do!

God made you to be the person you are.
He did not make a mistake when He made you.

You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb...When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there – you saw me before I was born. (Psalm 139)

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart. (Jeremiah 1:5)