

Gardner's Multiple Intelligences

See <http://multipleintelligencesoasis.org/> for more on multiple intelligences theory.

Verbal-linguistic learners

- Have highly developed auditory (listening) skills
- Enjoy reading and writing
- Like to play word games
- Have a good memory for names, dates, and places
- Are good at getting their point across

Logical-mathematical learners

- Like to explore patterns and relationships
- Enjoy doing activities in sequential order
- Are likely to enjoy mathematics and to experiment with things they don't understand
- Enjoy the challenge of solving problems with logical reasoning

Visual-spatial learners

- Tend to feel at home with visual arts, maps, charts, and diagrams
- Often think in images and pictures
- Can visualize clear images of things
- Often can complete jigsaw puzzles easily

Musical-rhythmic learners

- Are sensitive to the sounds in their environment
- Enjoy music and may prefer listening to music when they study or read
- Appreciate pitch and rhythm
- Probably like singing to themselves

Bodily-kinesthetic learners

- Process knowledge through bodily sensations
- Use the body in skilled ways
- Have good balance and coordination
- Are good with their hands
- Are able to manipulate objects with finesse
- Need opportunities to move and act things out
- Tend to respond best in classrooms that provide physical activities and hands-on learning

Intrapersonal learners

- Prefer their own inner world
- Like to be alone
- Are aware of their own strengths, weaknesses, and feelings
- Tend to think creatively and independently
- Like to reflect on ideas
- Often possess independence, self-confidence, determination, and high motivation
- Often prefer working independently rather than in groups
- May respond with strong opinions when controversial topics are discussed

Interpersonal learners

- Enjoy being around people
- Have many friends and engage in social activities
- Learn best by relating, sharing, and participating in cooperative group environments