

Interest Inventory

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1. What is your favorite subject to learn about in school? (Check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Math |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geography | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | |

2. What do you enjoy the most about school? What do you enjoy the least about school?

3. Do you prefer to work A. alone B. In groups C. Both (Circle One)

4. What hobbies and special interests do you have? (Sports, Clubs, Collections, Activities) Be Specific.

5. What do you like to do when you have free time?

6. How much time do you spend watching TV each week? _____

A. What do you watch?

7. How much time do you spend on the computer each week? _____

A. What do you like to do on the computer?

8. What types of music do you listen to?

9. What should a teacher know about you that will help you learn best in school?

10. What is the most important to you in your life? What are your future goals?

Learning Styles Inventory

Group 1

- 1. I like to read when I have free time.
- 2. I like to read a report rather than be told what's in it.
- 3. I understand something best when I read it.
- 4. I remember what I read better than I remember what I hear.
- 5. I would rather read a newspaper than watch the news on TV.

_____ **Total number of check marks in Group 1.**

Group 2

- 1. I take notes when I read to better understand the material.
- 2. I take lecture notes to help me remember the material.
- 3. I like to recopy my lecture notes as a way of better understanding the material.
- 4. I make fewer mistakes when I write than when I speak.
- 5. I find the best way to keep track of my schedule is to write it down.

_____ **Total number of check marks in Group 2.**

Group 3

- 1. I like to listen to people discuss things.
- 2. I learn more when I watch the news than when I read about it.
- 3. I usually remember what I hear.
- 4. I would rather watch a TV show or movie based on a book than read the book itself.
- 5. I learn better by listening to a lecture than by taking notes from a textbook on the same subject.

_____ **Total number of check marks in Group 3.**

Group 4

- 1. I remember things better when I say them out loud.
- 2. I talk to myself when I try to solve problems.
- 3. I communicate better on the telephone than I do in writing.
- 4. I learn best when I study with other people.
- 5. I understand material better when I read it out loud.

_____ **Total number of check marks in Group 4.**

Group 5

- _____ 1. I can "see" words in my mind's eye when I need to spell them.
- _____ 2. I picture what I read.
- _____ 3. I can remember something by "seeing" it in my mind.
- _____ 4. I remember what the pages look like in books I've read.
- _____ 5. I remember people's faces better than I remember their names.

_____ **Total number of check marks in Group 5.**

Group 6

- _____ 1. I like to make models of things.
- _____ 2. I would rather do experiments than read about them.
- _____ 3. I learn better by handling objects.
- _____ 4. I find it hard to sit still when I study.
- _____ 5. I pace and move around a lot when I'm trying to think through a problem.

_____ **Total number of check marks in Group 6.**

Interpreting the Inventory

This book deals with six basic learning styles: **reading, writing, listening, speaking, visualizing, and manipulating**. You probably use a combination of several learning styles as you go about your work. The learning styles inventory is designed to point out your *strongest* learning styles. Look over the inventory you took. In which groups do you have the most check marks?

If you had three or more check marks in Group 1, **reading** is one of your preferred learning styles. You find it easier to learn information by reading printed words.

If you had three or more check marks in Group 2, **writing** is one of your preferred learning styles. You learn information more easily when you express it in written form.

If you had three or more check marks in Group 3, **listening** is one of your preferred learning styles. You find it easy to learn information that you hear.

If you had three or more check marks in Group 4, **speaking** is one of your preferred learning styles. You are best able to learn when you express yourself out loud.

If you had three or more check marks in Group 5, **visualizing** is one of your preferred learning styles. Your mind's eye is a very powerful learning tool for you. You learn well when you use your brain to "photograph" information.

If you had three or more check marks in Group 6, **manipulating** is one of your preferred learning styles. You learn well when you are able to handle objects you're learning about. Manipulating situations by changing your location, moving around, etc., also helps you to learn.

"Help Yourself: How to Take Advantage of Your Learning Styles." Sonbuchner, Gail Murphy. 1991. Syracuse, New York: New Readers Press, Publishing Division of Proliteracy Worldwide, used by permission.



Seeing:

- Demonstrations
- Bulletin Boards
- Videos
- Sample of writings
- Plays
- Overheads
- Graphic organizaers



Listening:

- Presentations
- Discussion
- Sharing Ideas
- Gentle Music
- QuietTime
- Hearing Written work in a new way
- Speeches



Touching:

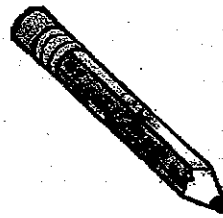
- Hands-on activites
- Models
- Manipulatives
- Experiments
- Movement (even writing!)
- Choice

Learning Styles: Ways to Acquire Information



Reading:

- Articles/ newspapers
- Primary Documents
- Novels
- Textbook
- Diaries
- Condensed Info
- Internet Research
- Poems/Songs



Writing:

- Taking notes
- Synthesize information in report
- Create an outline
- Write a story/poem
- Brainstorm



Speaking:

- Class Discussion
- Small Group discussion
- Think/Pair/Share
- Choral Readings
- Rap
- Debates/ Speeches
- Allow Noise
- Teach in Groups

Name: _____

How Do You Like To Learn?

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. I study best when it is quiet. | Yes | No |
| 2. I am able to ignore the noise of other people talking while I am working. | Yes | No |
| 3. I like to work at a table or desk. | Yes | No |
| 4. I like to work on the floor. | Yes | No |
| 5. I work hard for myself. | Yes | No |
| 6. I work hard for my parents or teacher. | Yes | No |
| 7. I will work on an assignment until it is completed, no matter what. | Yes | No |
| 8. Sometimes I get frustrated with my work and do not finish it. | Yes | No |
| 9. When my teacher gives an assignment, I like to have exact steps on how to complete it. | Yes | No |
| 10. When my teacher gives an assignment, I like to create my own steps on how to complete it. | Yes | No |
| 11. I like to work by myself. | Yes | No |
| 12. I like to work in pairs or in groups. | Yes | No |
| 13. I like to have an unlimited amount of time to work on an assignment. | Yes | No |
| 14. I like to have a certain amount of time to work on an assignment. | Yes | No |
| 15. I like to learn by moving and doing. | Yes | No |