

# Understanding A Child's Learning Style

Knowing about learning styles is one way to help you understand how a child's mind works

The question to ask in working with a child is..."Does this child learn by hearing, seeing, and moving?"

Some children learn best by *hearing* information-- auditory preference.

About 20% learn best this way.

Some children learn best by *seeing* information-- visual preference.

About 40% learn best this way.

Other children need to *move*--tactile/kinesthetic preference.

## Auditory Learners:

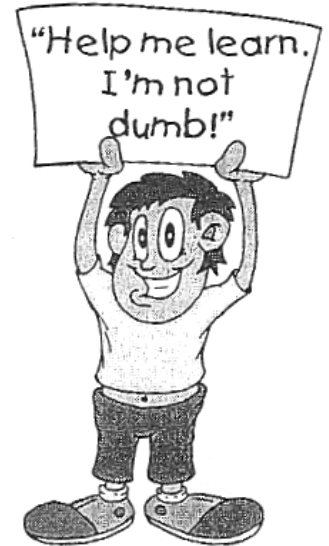
Need to hear sounds.

Noisy environments are made for them.

More girls learn this way than boys.

TALK about what is being learned.

Read to the child and have them read to you.



## Visual Learners:

Can remember 75% of what he sees in a classroom.

For many...pictures make the difference between understanding and not understanding.

Allow the child to draw what he is learning.

Try to have few visual distractions.

## Tactile/kinesthetic Learners:

Must be able to move.

Allow frequent breaks.

Allow them to hold something in their hands. (hacky sack, bean bag, etc.)

Pat the child on the shoulder, head or back occasionally.