**Learning Styles**

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What is a Learning Style?

A learning style is the way a person learns. Innovative Learners (type 1):

Dynamic Learners

 (Dream Learners)

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Innovative Learners

 (Big Picture Learners)

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Analytic Learners

 (Investigate Learners)

“ ”

Common Sense Learners

 (Hands-On Learners)

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* Look for the .
* Need to be .
* Learn by and ideas.
* Tend to key in on and developing .
* Move through life by .
* Innovative learners also:
	+ Are interested in people and culture
	+ Are imaginative thinkers
	+ Value insightful thinking
	+ Work for harmony, to bring unity to diversity
	+ Seek commitment
	+ Enjoy observing others
	+ Model themselves after those they respect
	+ Want to be involved in important issues

Strengths:

* Innovation
* Imagination

Favorite Question: “ ?” or “ ?”

Favorite Ways To Learn:

* listening
* speaking
* interacting
* brainstorming

Analytic Learners (type 2):

* Look for the .
* Need to know what the think.
* Learn by through ideas.
* Tend to key in on and developing .
* Move through life by to the experts.
* Analytic learners also:
	+ Are interested in ideas and concepts more than people
	+ Are data collectors and critique information
	+ Value sequential thinking
	+ Are thorough, industrious and like continuity
	+ Enjoy traditional classrooms
	+ Are uncomfortable with subjective judgments, need the details
	+ Want to find self-satisfaction
	+ Want intellectual recognition

Strengths:

* Creating concepts
* Producing models

Favorite Question: “ ?”

Favorite Ways To Learn:

* observing
* analyzing
* classifying
* theorizing

Common Sense Learners (type 3):

* Look for .
* Need to know how things .
* Learn by ideas in ways that seem sensible.
* Tend to key in on and developing .
* Move through life by drawn from hands-on experiences.
* Common sense learners also:
	+ Use factual data to build design concepts
	+ Need hands-on experiences
	+ Enjoy solving problems
	+ Resent being given answers
	+ Have limited tolerance for “fuzzy” ideas
	+ Stick their judgment to concrete things or facts
	+ Need to know how things they are asked to do will help in ‘real life’
	+ Want to have future security through how they see things working today

Strengths:

* Practical application of ideas

Favorite Question: “ does this work?”

Favorite Ways To Learn:

* experimenting
* manipulating
* improving
* tinkering

Dynamic Learners (type 4):

* Look for the .
* Need to know what can be with things.
* Learn by - and - , self-discovery.
* Tend to key in on , and .
* Move through life by and experiences.
* Dynamic learners also:
	+ Are adaptable to change and actually enjoy it
	+ Like variety
	+ Excel in situations calling for flexibility
	+ Tend to take risks
	+ Are at ease with people but sometimes are seen as pushy
	+ Often reach accurate conclusions in the absence of logic
	+ Want to make things happen
	+ Want to turn concepts into action

Strengths:

* Taking action
* Carrying out plans

Favorite Question: “ this … can this become?”

Favorite Ways To Learn:

* modifying
* adapting
* risking
* creating

Preferred Activities

Dynamic Learners

 (Dream Learners)

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Innovative Learners

 (Big Picture Learners)

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Analytic Learners

 (Investigate Learners)

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Common Sense Learners

 (Hands-On Learners)

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Putting It All Together

Subject:

Type 1:

Type 2:

Type 3:

Type 4:

Subject:

Type 1:

Type 2:

Type 3:

Type 4:

The Roles of a Teacher in Learning Styles

* Innovative learners (type 1) : By **making connections** between the subject and the student’s life, the teacher the innovative learner.
* Analytic learners (type 2) : By **directing the discussion** towards providing insight into the subject, the teacher the analytic learner.
* Common Sense learners (type 3) : By **creating hands-on activities** that further explores the subject, the teacher the learning of a common sense learner.
* Dynamic learners (type 4) : By **discovering new relationships** between the subject and their life, the teacher to a dynamic learner.