

# Learning & Teaching Styles

## *a Resource for Tutors*

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All students learn differently. There are four different learning styles that require varying (different) teaching styles. As the tutor, it is imperative that you are able to identify and understand the learning style of the tutee, and accommodate your teaching style accordingly.

This guide outlines the four different types of learning styles and strategies to modify your tutoring to each style accordingly.

### *Style #1: Visual Learning*

Visual learners acquire knowledge by seeing. This means that the student must see the content that they are learning in order to understand it. Visual learners excel when the content is presented to them using symbols, visual representations, etc. , rather than a verbal explanation (i.e. the tutor showing the tutee how to solve an integration problem).

#### **Strategies**

- Use graphic organizers (charts, diagrams, flowchart, graphs, lists etc.)
- Use symbols
- Use images and videos
- Use flashcards
- Use a colour coded highlighting system

### *Style #2: Auditory Learning*

Auditory learners acquire knowledge by hearing. This means that the student must hear the content that they are learning in order to understand and learn it. Auditory learners excel when the content is read to them or when they read the content aloud to themselves (i.e. the tutor explaining the steps of solving an integration problem to the tutee). Auditory learners will likely want to read the material aloud and discuss the it to develop and deeper understanding.

### **Strategies**

- Discuss the content with peers (perhaps suggest a group tutoring session!)
- Read (and reread) the content aloud

## *Style #3: Kinaesthetic Learning*

Kinaesthetic learners acquire knowledge by doing. This means that the student must do (work with) the content that they are learning in order to understand and learn it (i.e. the tutee solving an integration problem with the tutor's guidance). Kinaesthetic learners will likely want to do practice problems, quizzes, tests, and exams to learn the material.

### **Strategies**

- Use real life scenarios to explain concepts
- Do (and redo) practice problems
- Trial and error

## *Style #4: Read/Write Learning*

Read/write learners learn by reading and writing. This means that the student must read and write about the content in order to understand and learn it (i.e. together, reading the integration chapter and writing poignant notes that will aid the tutee solve an integration problem). Read/write learners will want to read and take notes on the material. They may also want to create written explanations for visual material.

### **Strategies**

- Read the content and write and rewrite notes
- Summarize the content into your own words
- Reread your notes and try to consolidate further
- Create written explanations for visual material

*Happy Tutoring from the entire BrainTrust Executive!*