

## Barsch Learning Style Reference

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The series of questions on the next two pages is designed to determine your relative learning style (visual, auditory, or kinesthetic/tactile). No style of learning is better than another. However, each style makes its own demands on the environment of the learner. What does a tutor perceive to be the learning style of his student? How can he help that student learn, given that style?

Place a check in the appropriate column after each statement. Follow the directions after the questionnaire to score your results.

	Often	Sometimes	Seldom
1. Can remember more about a subject through listening than reading			
2. Follow written directions better than oral directions.			
3. Like to write things down or take notes for visual review.			
4. Press extremely hard with a pen or pencil when writing.			
5. Require explanations of diagrams, graphs or visual directions.			
6. Enjoy working with tools.			
7. Am skillful at and enjoy developing and making graphs and charts.			
8. Can tell if sounds match when presented with pairs of sounds.			
9. Remember best by writing things down several times.			
10. Can understand and follow directions using maps.			
11. Do better at academic subjects by listening to lectures and tapes.			
12. Play with coins and keys in pockets.			
13. Learn to spell better by repeating the letters out loud than by writing the word on paper.			
14. Can better understand a news story by reading about it in the paper than by listening to the radio.			
15. Chew gum, smoke or snack during studies.			

**Often    Sometimes    Seldom**

16. Feel the best way to remember is to picture it in my head.			
17. Learn spelling by "finger spelling" the words.			
18. Would rather listen to a good lecture or speech than read about the same material in a textbook.			
19. Am good at solving jigsaw puzzles and mazes.			
20. Grip objects in my hands during learning period.			
21. Prefer listening to the news on the radio rather than reading about it in the newspaper.			
22. Obtain information on an interesting subject by reading relevant materials.			
23. Feel very comfortable touching others, hugging, handshaking, and so on.			
24. Follow oral directions better than written ones.			

**Scoring procedures:**

Place the point value on the line next to its corresponding item number. Next, sum the values to arrive at your preference scores under each heading.

Often = 5 points, Sometimes = 3 points, Seldom = 1 point

VISUAL	AUDITORY	TACTILE	
2    _____	1    _____	4    _____	VPS = Visual Preference Score
3    _____	5    _____	6    _____	_____
7    _____	8    _____	9    _____	APS = Auditory Preference Score
10    _____	11    _____	12    _____	_____
14    _____	13    _____	15    _____	TPS = Tactile Preference Score
16    _____	18    _____	17    _____	_____
19    _____	21    _____	20    _____	
22    _____	24    _____	23    _____	