Learning Styles: Auditory

Auditory learners absorb information best through verbal lectures, discussions, talking things through, and listening to what others have to say. Auditory learners interpret the underlying meanings of speech through listening to tone of voice, pitch, speed, and other nuances. Written information may have little meaning until it is heard. These learners often benefit from reading text aloud and using a tape recorder.

What helps you:
- Attending classes and listening to discussions and lectures
- Discussing topics, explaining new ideas, and describing overheads and other visuals to a person who wasn’t there
- Using a tape recorder
- Remembering interesting examples/anecdotes for new concepts
- Taking notes with space left in between and in the margins in order to expand the notes later by talking with others and getting supplemental notes from the textbook
- Imagining talking with the instructor or another person during a test, then writing down the imaginary conversation, or speaking answers out loud or in his or her head
- Studying in a quiet place to be able to recall ideas
- Practicing writing answers to old exam questions

What you should do:
- Reinforce memory of your notes and readings by talking about them. While you are studying, stop often to recite key points and examples in your own words.
- Read difficult passages in your textbooks slowly and out loud.
- Join study groups and create short presentations about course topics.
- Visit your instructors during office hours to ask questions.
- Explain test material to a tutor and discuss possible essay questions.
- Attend class, and sit up front where you can see well and participate.

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- Becoming a Master Student Concise, 12th ed., by Dave Ellis