

## ***Gardner's Intelligences***

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Just as there are different personality types and leadership styles, there are also different “ways of knowing.” For a teacher, it is helpful to know in which ways you learn best, which will naturally inform how you teach. It is also important to keep in mind that students on your courses will learn in different ways, and consider how to teach and engage students in different ways.

1. ***Linguistic learners*** (“The Wordsmiths”) like to read, write, and tell stories and are good at things that involve words. They learn best by saying, hearing, and seeing words.
2. ***Logical-mathematical learners*** (“The Analysts”) are good at figuring things out, working with numbers and puzzles, and using logic to solve problems. They learn best by categorizing, classifying, and working with patterns and relationships between facts or ideas.
3. ***Spatial learners*** (“The Imaginers”) are good at drawing, building, and designing; imagining things in three-dimension; and working through mazes and puzzles. They learn best by visualizing, imagining with their “mind’s eye,” and working with colors and pictures.
4. ***Musical learners*** (“The Rhythm Masters”) are good at listening to or making music, remembering melodies, and keeping time. They learn best by using rhythm, melody, and music.
5. ***Bodily-kinesthetic learners*** (“The Movers and Shakers”) are good at physical activities and activities that use physical coordination or body language. They learn best while moving around, interacting with things, or processing knowledge through bodily sensations.
6. ***Interpersonal learners*** (“The Social Set”) are good at understanding and leading others, at communicating with others, and at handling interpersonal conflicts. They learn best while working with others and cooperating.
7. ***Intrapersonal learners*** (“The Reflectives”) are good at understanding themselves, at identifying and following their own instincts, and at thinking originally. They learn best through working alone on individualized or self-paced programs, preferably in their own space.
8. ***Naturalist learners*** (“The Ecologists”) are sensitive to the natural world and see connections and patterns within the plant and animal kingdoms. They learn best through experiences and observations in the outdoors