



## Tips for Auditory Learners



**\*\*Not only is it important to know your own learning style, but the learning styles of those around you, such as professors or peers. Although this may be your primary learning style, knowing how to adapt to other learning styles can improve your performance academically\*\***

### Clues to Style

- Excellent listeners
- Prefers to get information by listening—needs to hear it or speak it to know it
- Written directions more difficult to follow than spoken ones
- Prefers listening to reading or writing
- Has difficulty reading body language and facial expressions
- Can reproduce symbols, letters or words by hearing them
- Enjoys dialogues, plays, dictation
- Favors music
- Can learn concepts by listening to tapes
- Often hum or talk to selves or others
- Can repeat or fulfill verbal instructions
- Learning phonics helpful to reading
- Tends to listen first to lecture and then take notes or relies on printed notes
- Written information may have little meaning unless read aloud
- Solves problems by talking about them
- Good at telling jokes and stories
- Likes class discussions but can be easily distracted by noise
- Filters incoming information through listening and repeating aloud

### Study Tip Suggestions

- Study in groups and talk things out
- Get a small tape recorder
- Record lectures, tutoring and study groups (makes a verbal record for review)
- Reduce lecture notes to main ideas (3:1) and put them on tape
- Read texts out loud or into recorder
- Listen to lecture/text tapes while driving
- Dictate papers, to be typed later
- Read questions aloud
- Work out problems aloud
- Sit in the front of the class
- Learn by participating in class discussions and debates
- Make speeches and presentations
- Create musical jingles or mnemonics to aid memorization
- Use verbal analogies and story telling to demonstrate your point
- Read explanations out loud
- To learn a sequence of steps, write them out in sentences, then read them aloud
- Explain ideas to other people
- Recite, recite, recite
- Discuss your ideas verbally whenever possible, even if you're having a conversation with yourself!