

Learning Styles

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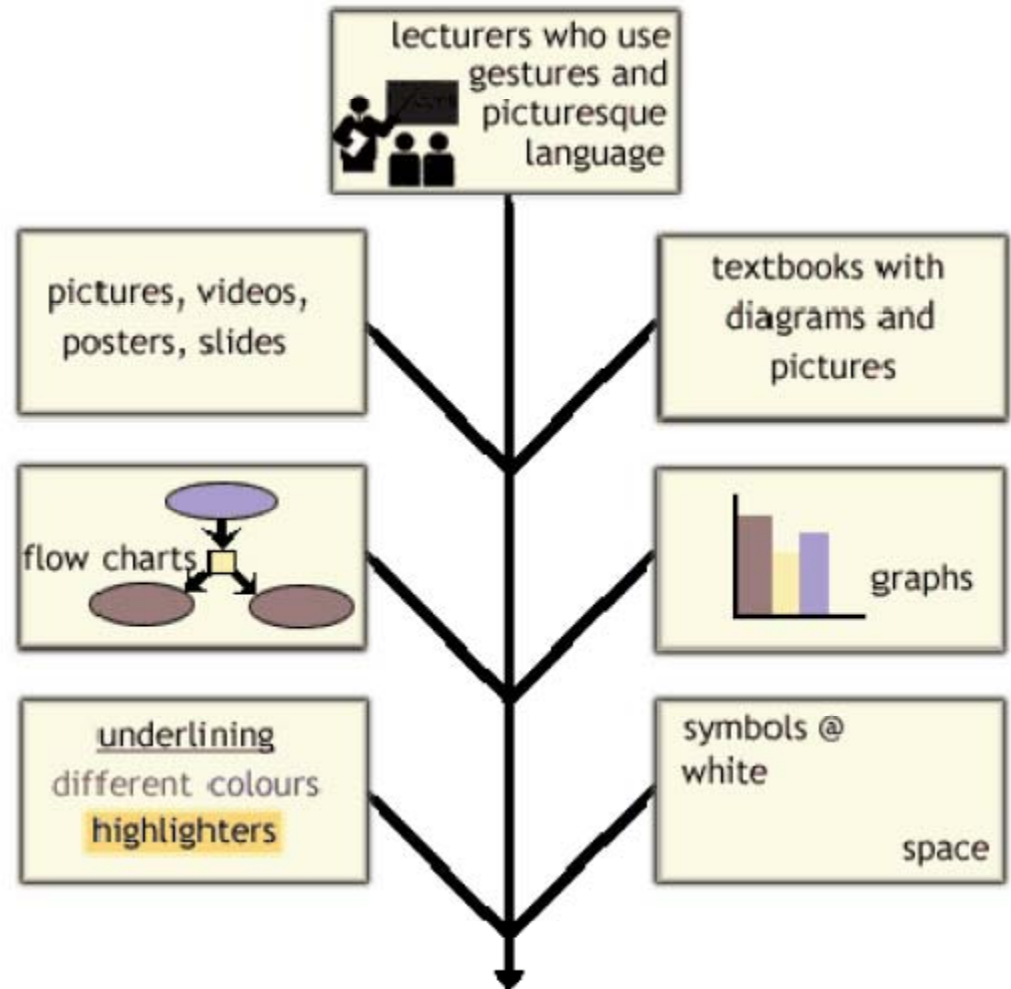
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Learning Styles

- Different people learn differently
- Various ways to categorize ***learning styles***
 - *Visual*
 - *Auditory*
 - *Read/Write*
 - *Kinesthetic/Tactile*
- Most people have multiple styles

Visual Learners

- Learn by seeing
- Like pictures, diagrams, body language
- Appreciate use of color, highlighting



Auditory Learners

- Learn by listening
- Like lectures, discussions
- Attuned to oral queues (tone of voice, pitch, speed)
- Can benefit from reading aloud, using a tape recorder, explaining ideas to others



Read/Write Learners

- Learn by reading and writing (textual learner)
- Like to read words or numbers rather than be told or see diagrams
- Like lists, essays, dictionaries, glossaries, manuals
- **Most successful academics are read/write learners; most students are not!**



Kinesthetic Learners

- Learn by doing, moving, touching
- Like hands-on approach and real-world examples: labs, case studies, field trips
- May need breaks during lecture
- May find chewing gum, listening to music helpful while studying



Style != Ability

- Non read/write learners may have excellent reading/writing skills
- Non-visual learners may enjoy visual experiences and activities

Teach me my most difficult concepts in my preferred style
Let me explore my easiest concepts in a different style
Just don't teach me all the time in *your preferred style*
and think I'm not capable of learning.

Virleen Carlson,
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