Learning Styles – Auditory

Auditory learners rely on hearing. You listen to messages in your mind. You can repeat conversations or verbal input word for word. You often know all the words to songs you’ve heard. Radios, CDs, and headsets play an important role in your life. The spoken word is essential. You may say, “I hear you,” or Sounds good,” when you understand something. For you, hearing a lecture is crucial to your success as a student.

Tips:
- Choose the best classroom location for listening. The door may be distracting if lots of people are walking by and talking. Also avoid sitting next to students who talk amongst themselves during lectures, this can cause you to miss some of the lecture.
- If you need to take notes, then consider asking the professor if you can tape record the lecture so that you can listen to it again later. Or, perhaps you can find another student who doesn’t mind letting you copy the notes every class session – just make sure they are reliable and take good notes.
- Ask questions in class and listen to the reply.
- Read your notes out loud. You can also try reading your textbook out loud.
- To help remember what you’ve learned, team up with other students and explain to each other the material.
- Don’t study in a loud environment. If that is unavoidable, use a headset to block out the noise.
- When you take a test, you may want to use a headset to block out noise in order to decrease distraction.
- Make up rhymes to remember facts, dates or names. Also try using mnemonics and word associations for remembering.
- CD or DVDs the publisher might include with the book may have videos you can listen to in order to reinforce a topic.
- If you get confused by a question on a test, read it aloud. However, be sure not to say it too loud or you will distract other students.