

Not just your average **genius** ~ a workshop by Diana Waring

A. Learning Modalities are the ways we best take in new information.

Seeing — Visual modality

Read it in a book, see a photo or picture, watch a documentary

Listening — Auditory modality

Hear someone talk, listen to music, use storytelling recordings

Physically Interacting — Kinesthetic/Tactile modality

Either move while learning (walking, drawing, tossing a ball) OR touch what you are learning (math manipulatives, sculpting an animal)

B. Learning Styles are a way of describing personalities and dispositions in the area of learning.

Learning Styles (Personality styles): Meyers-Briggs

Feeler — a “People” person

Thinker — a “Facts” person

Sensor — a “Hands-On” person

Intuitior — an “Idea” person

C. Eight intelligences are eight different ways of showing how God made us smart.

1. Intrapersonal — Knowing Yourself

- one who pursues hobbies or projects
- an entrepreneur attitude — willing to risk
- holds strong opinions even on issues with strong disagreement
- studies independently
- needs some solitude for reflection

2. Naturalist — Loves the Outdoors

- loves to bring home critters or plants to display and care for
- one who enjoys pets
- enjoys being outdoors
- enjoys studying subjects such as biology, zoology, botany, etc.
- loves to visit the zoo

3. Musical — Working with Rhythm and Sound
 - has strong opinions about different styles of music
 - one who enjoys singing whether alone or in company
 - often has the desire to play a musical instrument
 - studies more effectively with background music

4. Math/Logical — Working with Sequences
 - uses logic to think through issues
 - enjoys grouping and sorting
 - experiments with various possibilities to better understand how systems work
 - comfortable doing calculations without paper and pencil
 - likes to see the sequence, the order

5. Bodily-Kinesthetic — Working with Movement
 - needs to move in order to listen
 - physically in motion, even while standing still
 - develops abilities in handcrafts and other small motor skill activities
 - experiences a physical sensation which directs in problem solving
 - enjoys athletic competition

6. Interpersonal — Knowing Others
 - one who understands people
 - enjoys studying with other people
 - sensitive to the emotions of others
 - a natural teacher or leader
 - loves to get together in social settings

7. Linguistic — Working with Language
 - enjoys reading
 - enjoys creative writing
 - plays with the language — puns, jokes, rhymes
 - thought patterns are verbal rather than pictures
 - good speller

8. Spatial — Working with Space and Images
 - thinks in pictures rather than words
 - learns more from the picture than from the caption underneath
 - able to learn and utilize the information from maps and charts
 - can easily picture the location of items in his environment
 - appreciates receiving information from visual sources such as photos
 - loves to build elaborate structures with materials such as Legos