

Bonnie Pitman's Learning Style Inventory: Instructions

STEP 1: The Learning Style Inventory describes the way you learn and how you deal with ideas and day-to-day situations in your life. Below are 12 sentences with a choice of four endings. Rank the endings for each sentence according to how well you think each one fits with how *you* would go about learning something. Try to recall some recent situations where you had to learn something new, perhaps in your job. Then, using the spaces provided, rank a "4" for the sentence ending that best describes how you learn, down to a "1" for the sentence ending that is least like the way you would learn. Be sure to rank all endings for each sentence unit. Please do not make ties.

Example of completed sentence set:

0. When I learn: 4 I am happy. 1 I am happy. 2 I am happy. 3 I am happy.

COLUMNS	A	B	C	D
1. When I learn:	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to deal with my feelings.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to watch and listen.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to think about ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to be doing things.
2. I learn best when:	<input type="checkbox"/> I trust my hunches and feelings.	<input type="checkbox"/> I listen and watch carefully.	<input type="checkbox"/> I rely on logical thinking.	<input type="checkbox"/> I work hard to get things done.
3. When I am learning:	<input type="checkbox"/> I have strong feelings and reactions.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am quiet and reserved.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to reason things out.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am responsible about things.
4. I learn by:	<input type="checkbox"/> feeling.	<input type="checkbox"/> watching.	<input type="checkbox"/> thinking.	<input type="checkbox"/> doing.
5. When I learn:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am open to new experiences.	<input type="checkbox"/> I look at all sides and issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to analyze things, break them down into parts.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to try things out.
6. When I am learning:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am an intuitive person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am an obsessive person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a logical person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am an active person.
7. I learn best from:	<input type="checkbox"/> personal relationships.	<input type="checkbox"/> observation.	<input type="checkbox"/> rational theories.	<input type="checkbox"/> a chance to try out and practice.
8. When I learn:	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel personally involved.	<input type="checkbox"/> I take my time before acting.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like ideas and theories.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to see results from my work.
9. I learn best when I:	<input type="checkbox"/> I rely on my feelings.	<input type="checkbox"/> I rely on my observations.	<input type="checkbox"/> I rely on my ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can try things out for myself.
10. When I am learning:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am an accepting person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a reserved person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a rational person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a responsible person.
11. When I learn:	<input type="checkbox"/> I get involved.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to observe.	<input type="checkbox"/> I evaluate things.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to be active.
12. I learn best when:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a receptive person.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am careful.	<input type="checkbox"/> I analyze things.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am practical.
TOTALS				

STEP 2: After you have completed the sentences, add up the vertical columns: A, B, C, and D. Plot each of these numbers on the corresponding bar on "The Cycle of Learning" graph. For example, if your column A sum is 33, you will make a mark at 33 on the A-bar on the graph. Continue by marking your sums on the B, C, and D bars. Connect the marks. This is an image of your Learning Style.

The Cycle of Learning

