



Auditory learners

You are auditory learner!

And now that you know this, you can apply it consciously to your French learning. So often we set language learning apart, falling into the classical language classes, who only teach in a classical way, which may suit some but not all learners. This is why we can find learning French so hard, because we aren't learning it the way our brain works. It's like using Apple iOS system on an Android computer!

Once you are aware of HOW you learn, you can bring in new ways of memorising, hold on to and understand French words.

You will find on the following pages characteristics of the auditory learner and ways to learn using your own operating system.

Remember that we are a mix of a couple of styles, our brains take in information through all the senses, however one or two dominate, in your case, auditory, so we don't need to single out only one style of learning but simply bring it to the forefront.

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Understanding Auditory Learning

What is Auditory Learning?

If you are an auditory learner, you learn best by hearing and listening. You understand and remember things you have heard, storing information based on how it sounds. Spoken instructions are easier for you to comprehend than written ones, and you often read out loud to hear and process the information.

Characteristics of Auditory Learners

- You prefer listening to a lecture over reading a textbook.
- You understand instructions better when they are spoken rather than written.
- You might hum or talk to yourself or others if you're bored, which can be misinterpreted as not paying attention.
- You focus on listening rather than seeing, reading, or physically trying to learn.
- You like to hear things to process information best, making this learning style suitable for classroom environments.

Learning Preferences

Auditory learners thrive in environments where information is delivered verbally. In contrast:

Visual learners prefer to see examples and diagrams.

Kinesthetic learners prefer hands-on activities and trying things out themselves.

There's no superior learning style; each has its strengths. Understanding and utilizing your preferred learning strategies can significantly enhance your educational experience.

Although only about 30% of people are auditory learners, most training and educational systems are designed to cater to this style. This is because it is one of the easier learning styles to accommodate through lectures and verbal instructions.

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Phrases that you might use when speaking:

- That sounds about right.
- That rings a bell.
- It's coming through loud and clear.
- Tune in to what I'm saying.
- Clear as a bell.
- That's music to my ears.
- I hear you

Auditory learning characteristics.

There are many great characteristics that auditory learners have them help them thrive in classroom settings. Some of their characteristics include:

- Good memory for spoken information
- Good public speaking abilities
- Eloquent
- Strong listening skills
- Excel in oral presentations and exams
- Good at telling stories
- Good ability to read aloud and retain information
- Distracted by background noises
- Distracted by silence
- Enjoys conversations
- Unafraid to voice their thoughts
- Good member in study groups and collaboration projects
- Able to understand and process changes in tone
- Works through complex problems by talking out loud
- Able to explain ideas well
- Solid communication abilities



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6 Ways to tell if someone is an auditory learner using NLP

Way of speaking

An auditory learner often will use their voice as an instrument. Speak in a beautiful tonality, paying attention to speed, volume, etc.

Eye movement

A popular topic for many people during the online NLP Foundation training and the live NLP Practitioner is learning how to read eye movements. The relevance here is that an auditory learner will use the brain's auditory parts more than a visual or kinesthetic person would.

Most of the world's population:

Their eyes to the side to their left: they hear a sound in their minds—eye they have heard before.

Their eyes move to the side to their right if they are imagining a sound they never heard before or aren't familiar with.

For a very small amount of people, this is reversed.

The words they use

You probably guessed it if you read the previous articles; an auditory person uses auditory words a lot.

For example: talk, silence, quiet, loud, tune-in, rings true, harmony, orchestra, drum, speak, melody, etc.

Sensory acuity in the kinesthetic system

Sensory acuity is your ability to notice finer distinctions. An auditory person can hear the finer nuance in sound.

Using their brain

An auditory person can intensify their feelings not just by external sounds (like music) and the sounds they make on the inside. Their imagination holds sounds, conversations, paired with the tonality. Their emotional world can be entirely auditory.

Interests (maybe)

This is not a rule. Auditory learners tend to have interests that involve sound like musicians. Keep in mind though many musicians are actually kinesthetic.

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The Best Language Learning Practice Activities for Auditory Learners

Now that we understand the benefits of auditory learning for language learners, let's explore some of the best practice activities designed for auditory learners:

1. Listening to Authentic Materials

Listening to authentic materials like music, podcasts, radio broadcasts, or conversations with native speakers is an excellent way for auditory learners to practice language skills. This exposure helps them pick up on the nuances of the language, including slang, idioms, and colloquialisms, and aids in developing a more natural-sounding accent and improved fluency.

2. Participating in Conversations

Engaging in conversations with native speakers is crucial for auditory learners. This can involve finding a language exchange partner, joining a language learning group, or having casual conversations with fluent speakers. These interactions allow auditory learners to practice pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary in a natural setting.

3. Using Language Learning Apps

Language learning apps are particularly well-suited for auditory learners. Many of these apps feature voice recognition software, enabling users to practice pronunciation and receive real-time feedback. Additionally, they often include audio recordings of native speakers, which help auditory learners grasp the nuances of the language.

4. Watching Videos with Subtitles

Watching videos with subtitles can be very beneficial. This method allows auditory learners to hear the language spoken aloud while seeing the written form simultaneously. It enhances their comprehension and helps them pick up on language subtleties.

5. Using Flashcards with Audio

Flashcards can be highly effective for auditory learners when they include audio recordings. These flashcards allow learners to practice pronunciation and reinforce their vocabulary skills.

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Practical Tips for Auditory Language Learners

- Record Yourself: Record yourself reading your notes and replay the recordings throughout the day during other activities.
- Teach Aloud: Without looking at your notes, explain difficult grammar concepts aloud as if teaching someone else.
- Listen to Native Speakers: Listen to recordings of native speakers repeating vocabulary words.
- Memorize Songs: Memorize songs in your target language to help vocabulary and grammar concepts stick naturally.
- Engage in Conversations: Speak with native speakers and language partners, turning casual conversations into learning opportunities.
- Create Songs and Rhymes: Create songs and rhymes to remember vocabulary.
- Use Language Learning Features: Utilize the listening, recording, and conversation features on language learning platforms like Rocket Languages to have full conversations with each lesson.
- Form Study Groups: Form a study group to talk through difficult concepts with others.
- Record Lectures: Record lectures to listen to them later.
- Listen to Podcasts: Listen to podcasts in your target language, repeating new words aloud and using context clues to understand their meanings. Incorporate these words into your next conversation.

By incorporating these strategies and activities, auditory learners can significantly enhance their language learning experience and achieve greater fluency and comprehension.

I hope you enjoyed this and found it useful! Please do let me know by dropping me a line at :

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Blessings

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