



VAK Learning Styles Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Circle or tick the answer that most represents how you generally behave.

(It's best to complete the questionnaire before reading the accompanying explanation.)

1. When I operate new equipment I generally:
 - a) read the instructions first
 - b) listen to an explanation from someone who has used it before
 - c) go ahead and have a go, I can figure it out as I use it
2. When I need directions for travelling I usually:
 - a) look at a map
 - b) ask for spoken directions
 - c) follow my nose and maybe use a compass
3. When I cook a new dish, I like to:
 - a) follow a written recipe
 - b) call a friend for an explanation
 - c) follow my instincts, testing as I cook
4. If I am teaching someone something new, I tend to:
 - a) write instructions down for them
 - b) give them a verbal explanation
 - c) demonstrate first and then let them have a go
5. I tend to say:
 - a) watch how I do it
 - b) listen to me explain
 - c) you have a go
6. During my free time I most enjoy:
 - a) going to museums and galleries
 - b) listening to music and talking to my friends
 - c) playing sport or doing DIY
7. When I go shopping for clothes, I tend to:
 - a) imagine what they would look like on
 - b) discuss them with the shop staff
 - c) try them on and test them out
8. When I am choosing a holiday I usually:



- a) read lots of brochures
 - b) listen to recommendations from friends
 - c) imagine what it would be like to be there
9. If I was buying a new car, I would:
- a) read reviews in newspapers and magazines
 - b) discuss what I need with my friends
 - c) test-drive lots of different types
10. When I am learning a new skill, I am most comfortable:
- a) watching what the teacher is doing
 - b) talking through with the teacher exactly what I'm supposed to do
 - c) giving it a try myself and work it out as I go
11. If I am choosing food off a menu, I tend to:
- a) imagine what the food will look like
 - b) talk through the options in my head or with my partner
 - c) imagine what the food will taste like
12. When I listen to a band, I can't help:
- a) watching the band members and other people in the audience
 - b) listening to the lyrics and the beats
 - c) moving in time with the music
13. When I concentrate, I most often:
- a) focus on the words or the pictures in front of me
 - b) discuss the problem and the possible solutions in my head
 - c) move around a lot, fiddle with pens and pencils and touch things
14. I choose household furnishings because I like:
- a) their colours and how they look
 - b) the descriptions the sales-people give me
 - c) their textures and what it feels like to touch them
15. My first memory is of:
- a) looking at something
 - b) being spoken to
 - c) doing something
16. When I am anxious, I:
- a) visualise the worst-case scenarios
 - b) talk over in my head what worries me most
 - c) can't sit still, fiddle and move around constantly
17. I feel especially connected to other people because of:
- a) how they look
 - b) what they say to me
 - c) how they make me feel



18. When I have to revise for an exam, I generally:
 - a) write lots of revision notes and diagrams
 - b) talk over my notes, alone or with other people
 - c) imagine making the movement or creating the formula

19. If I am explaining to someone I tend to:
 - a) show them what I mean
 - b) explain to them in different ways until they understand
 - c) encourage them to try and talk them through my idea as they do it

20. I really love:
 - a) watching films, photography, looking at art or people watching
 - b) listening to music, the radio or talking to friends
 - c) taking part in sporting activities, eating fine foods and wines or dancing

21. Most of my free time is spent:
 - a) watching television
 - b) talking to friends
 - c) doing physical activity or making things

22. When I first contact a new person, I usually:
 - a) arrange a face to face meeting
 - b) talk to them on the telephone
 - c) try to get together whilst doing something else, such as an activity or a meal

23. I first notice how people:
 - a) look and dress
 - b) sound and speak
 - c) stand and move

24. If I am angry, I tend to:
 - a) keep replaying in my mind what it is that has upset me
 - b) raise my voice and tell people how I feel
 - c) stamp about, slam doors and physically demonstrate my anger

25. I find it easiest to remember:
 - a) faces
 - b) names
 - c) things I have done

26. I think that you can tell if someone is lying if:
 - a) they avoid looking at you
 - b) their voices changes
 - c) they give me funny vibes



27. When I meet an old friend:
- a) I say "it's great to see you!"
 - b) I say "it's great to hear from you!"
 - c) I give them a hug or a handshake
28. I remember things best by:
- a) writing notes or keeping printed details
 - b) saying them aloud or repeating words and key points in my head
 - c) doing and practising the activity or imagining it being done
29. If I have to complain about faulty goods, I am most comfortable:
- a) writing a letter
 - b) complaining over the phone
 - c) taking the item back to the store or posting it to head office
30. I tend to say:
- a) I see what you mean
 - b) I hear what you are saying
 - c) I know how you feel

Now add up how many A's, B's and C's you selected.

A's =

B's =

C's =