

Which Side Is Your Child?

Left Brain	Right Brain
Thinks primarily in words	Thinks primarily in images
Has auditory strengths	Has visual strengths
Relates well to time	Relates well to space
Is a step-by-step learner	Is a whole-parts learner
Progresses sequentially from easy to difficult material	Learns complex concepts easily; struggles with easy skills
Attends well to details	May miss details
Follows oral directions well	Reads maps well
Does well at arithmetic	Is better at math reasoning than computation
Learns phonics easily	Learns whole words easily
Can sound out spelling words	Must visualize or write words to spell them
Is well organized	A little messy
Can show steps of work easily	Arrives at correct solutions intuitively
Has good short-term memory	Has good long-term visual memory
May need some repetition to reinforce learning	Learns best by seeing relationships
Learns well from instruction	Develops own methods of problem solving; hands on learner
Learns in spite of emotional reactions	Is very sensitive to teachers' attitudes
Is comfortable with one right answer	Generates unusual solutions to problems; sees multiple possibilities
Usually maintains high grades	May have very uneven grades
Better at algebra and chemistry	Better at geometry and physics
Masters other languages in a classroom setting	Masters other languages through immersion
Is academically talented	Is creatively gifted