

NAME: _____ (print)

ACADEMIC OR APPLIED? WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST FIT?

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO LEARN? LEARNING STYLE: Visual Tactile Auditory

(Circle yours- from Career Cruising)

Read each pair of statements, and check the box that best describes you in each pair.

<input type="checkbox"/> I like to learn practical uses for knowledge	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to learn theories and think about how they work
<input type="checkbox"/> I like my assignments broken down into pieces	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like my assignments to have several parts
<input type="checkbox"/> I like the teacher to direct the classroom	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to do independent learning and learn with other students
<input type="checkbox"/> I like short examples that use things I'm familiar with	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like larger examples that bring in new concepts
<input type="checkbox"/> I like to use my new knowledge by making or doing things	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to learn new ideas without necessarily applying them
<input type="checkbox"/> I like time to make sure I understand the material, to ask questions and review	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like less review and like to move ahead with new work
<input type="checkbox"/> I like conducting and reporting on research	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like drawing conclusions and making predictions from research
<input type="checkbox"/> I read for information	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I read for pleasure and information
<input type="checkbox"/> I learn best when my classes are structured and directed by the teacher	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I learn best when I can be challenged by new concepts and explore them on my own
<input type="checkbox"/> I like to learn new skills	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to apply new skills to new situations
<input type="checkbox"/> I like having help to complete tasks	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to complete tasks on my own

Now do the same for these subject-specific statements:

SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> I like applying knowledge to practical tasks	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like applying knowledge to theoretical concepts
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance to learn new science terms and concepts	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like learning new science terms and concepts independently and with little assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I like models and/or assistance to organize and complete work	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like organizing and completing work with little assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance to apply knowledge logically	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like applying knowledge logically with little assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance to write a lab report with the appropriate structure and vocabulary		<input type="checkbox"/> I like writing a lab report with appropriate structure and vocabulary with little assistance

MATH		
<input type="checkbox"/> I like solving problems best with practical, familiar examples	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I like solving problems that are purely theoretical
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand best with practical, familiar examples	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can understand math without practical examples
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance with word problems	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I usually understand word problems without assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance to use the appropriate math operations	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I usually can decide which are the appropriate math operations

ENGLISH		
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand the story but like assistance to see some of the themes and ideas in a work	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can see themes and ideas in work as well as the story
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance to meet timelines	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can meet timelines with little assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I like assistance to organize my written thoughts	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can organize my writing with little assistance

GEOGRAPHY		
<input type="checkbox"/> I can model and graph geographic knowledge	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can bring geographic information together and make conclusions
<input type="checkbox"/> I can propose solutions to a problem using one or two concepts	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can propose solutions to problems using many concepts
<input type="checkbox"/> I can understand how some geographic knowledge applies to my local region	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can understand and theorize about geographic knowledge and my local region

FRENCH		
<input type="checkbox"/> I learn French best when it is practical	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I learn French best from books and conversation
<input type="checkbox"/> I can write simple sentences in French but need help with grammar and spelling	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can write simple sentences in French with little assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I can read simple French with assistance	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I can read simple French without assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> I am taking French because I have to	or	<input type="checkbox"/> I am taking French because I like learning another language

The first set of questions tells you what sort of learner you are. If you checked more boxes on the left, you are a practical, applied learner. If you checked more boxes on the right, you are a theoretical, academic learner.

The same is true for the subject-specific questions. If you checked more boxes on the left, you learn best in an applied environment. More boxes on the right? You learn best in an academic environment.

You may have noticed a difference from one subject to another. Maybe you're theoretical in math but applied in English. Or applied in Math but theoretical in Geography. High school gives you the opportunity to choose a good fit between your learning style and a subject.