

THE VARIATIONS IN THE TEACHING AND LEARNING PROCESS

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What is a learning style? How do students differ in learning style? Based on the Teach.com (2017), the term “learning styles” speaks to the understanding that every student learns differently. Basically, an individual’s learning style indicates the preferential way in which the student absorbs processes, comprehends, and retains information. Learning style is the process in which learners hold knowledge in the most comfortable way and doing it means satisfaction for them. It easily retains information on the intellect of the learners and the possibility of applying those learned ideas on real-life situations is very high.

However, students have grown up in different environments. They communicate with different people, and they are dealing with different activities. They have different genetic features, and they have different intellectual capabilities. They learn in various ways, and they grasp material with different study habits. Students learning styles vary and the need to address that situation is a challenge among teachers and educators.

Now the question is: How do teachers deal with different learning styles? Doing that is not a walk in the park, but teachers are always teachers no matter how hard or easy the tasks are. Teachers should determine the different learning styles of the students. Are they auditory, visual, verbal, or bodily-kinesthetic learners? Are they learning using real-life examples or a view on television? Do they like a deductive or inductive method of teaching?

Nowadays most students do not like the traditional way of presenting the lessons. It is boring to them. It allows them to stand or look at the teacher without taking the lesson

seriously. Teachers play an important role in the process of learning. Teachers' teaching styles will determine the learning outcomes of the students. Students learn best when they feel relief during the process of learning. Teachers should vary their teaching styles.

Teachers should know how and when learners will learn in the easiest ways possible. For example, when learning how to use a globe or map, some students learn with the verbal instructions of the teachers, while some are learning by personally manipulating the material. Another example is by learning how to dance. Some students follow what the teachers demonstrated, and some learn with the help of their peer. Some students learn by doing it step by step and eventually enjoy the dance steps. Another example is when learning the difference between "Kakulangan at Kakapusan". Some students identify the difference by merely listening to the lines uttered by their teachers. Some students differentiate by way of using real-life examples and some students are able to know the difference through presenting pictures or video presentations.

These show that students have individual recognition of learning and that teachers have to acknowledge that situation. Teachers' teaching styles must coincide with learners' learning styles. It is important for teachers to know the individual differences of the learners so that they can implement the right teaching strategies, the diversity of activities, and the appropriate reinforcements that would cater to the needs of the learners.

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