

Learning Styles in Education

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Abstract

In general psychology, the term 'learning style' refers not only to the traditional learners' but also adult learners' preferred general approach to learning, which includes the process of absorbing, processing, and retaining new information. In the research fields of second language acquisition and adult education, language learning style refers to the general language acquisition approach preferred by language learners. Additionally it refers to the general approach that the learner prefers while learning a subject, acquiring a language or dealing with a difficult problem. It can be emphasized that learning styles are intrinsic features that are not often perceived or consciously used by learners for the acquisition and understanding of new information. There are many different views on learning styles. Thus, this study is important in terms of shedding light on the fields of second language acquisition and adult education.

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