

VARK

The VARK Questionnaire (Version 7.1): How Do I Learn Best?

Choose the answer which best explains your preference and circle the letter(s) next to it. **Please circle more than one** if a single answer does not match your perception. Leave blank any question that does not apply.

1. You are helping someone who wants to go to your airport, town center, or railway station. You would:
 - K. go with her.
 - A. tell her directions.
 - R. write down the directions.
 - V. draw, or give her a map.
2. You are not sure whether a word should be spelled 'dependent' or 'dependant'. You would:
 - V. see the words in your mind and choose by the way they look.
 - A. think about how each word sounds and choose one.
 - R. find it in a dictionary.
 - K. write both words on paper and choose one.
3. You are planning a trip for a group. You want some feedback from them about the plan. You would:
 - K. describe some of the highlights.
 - V. use a map or website to show them the places.
 - R. give them a copy of the printed itinerary.
 - A. phone, text, or email them.
4. You are going to cook something as a special treat for your family. You would:
 - K. cook something you know without the need for instructions.
 - A. ask friends for suggestions.
 - V. look through the cookbook for ideas from the pictures.
 - R. use a cookbook where you know there is a good recipe.
5. A group of tourists wants to learn about the parks or wildlife reserves in your area. You would:
 - A. talk about, or arrange a talk for them about parks or wildlife reserves.
 - V. show them internet pictures, photographs, or picture books.
 - K. take them to a park or wildlife reserve and walk with them.
 - R. give them a book or pamphlets about the parks or wildlife reserves.
6. You are about to purchase a digital camera or mobile phone. Other than price, what would most influence your decision?
 - K. trying or testing it.
 - R. reading the details about its features.
 - V. it is a modern design and looks good.
 - A. the salesperson telling me about its features.
7. Remember a time when you learned how to do something new. Try to avoid choosing a physical skill, e.g. riding a bike. You learned best by:
 - K. watching a demonstration.
 - A. listening to somebody explaining it and asking questions.
 - V. diagrams and charts-visual clue.
 - R. written instructions- e.g. a manual or textbook.
8. You have a problem with your heart. You would prefer that the doctor:
 - R. gave you something to read to explain what was wrong.
 - K. used a plastic model to show you what was wrong.
 - A. described what was wrong.
 - V. showed you a diagram of what was wrong.

9. You want to learn a new program, skill, or game on a computer. You would:
- R. read the written instructions that came with the program.
 - A. talk with people who know about the program.
 - K. use the controls or keyboard.
 - V. follow the diagrams in the book that came with it.
10. I like websites that have:
- K. things I can click on, shift, or try.
 - V. interesting design and visual features.
 - R. interesting written descriptions, lists, and explanations.
 - A. audio channels where I can hear music, radio programs, or interviews.
11. Other than price, what would most influence your decision to buy a new non-fiction book?
- V. the way it looks is appealing.
 - R. quickly reading parts of it.
 - A. a friend talks about it and recommends it.
 - K. it has real-life stories, experiences, and examples.
12. You are using a book, CD, or website to learn how to take photos with your new digital camera. You would like to have:
- A. a chance to ask questions and talk about the camera and its features.
 - R. clear written instructions with lists and bullet points about what to do.
 - V. diagrams showing the camera and what each part does.
 - K. many examples of good and poor photos and how to improve them.
13. Do you prefer a teacher or presenter who uses:
- K. demonstrations, models, or practical sessions.
 - A. question and answer, talk, group discussion, or guest speakers.
 - R. handouts, books, or readings.
 - V. diagrams, charts, or graphs.
14. You have finished a competition or test and would like some feedback. You would like to have feedback:
- K. using examples from what you have done.
 - R. using a written description of your results.
 - A. from somebody who talks it through with you.
 - V. using graphs showing what you had achieved.
15. You are going to choose food at a restaurant or café. You would:
- K. choose something that you have had there before.
 - A. listen to the waiter and ask friends to recommend choices.
 - R. choose from the descriptions in the menu.
 - V. look at what others are eating or look at pictures of each dish.
16. You have to make an important speech at a conference or special occasion. You would:
- V. make a diagram or get graphs to help explain things.
 - A. write a few key words and practice saying your speech over and over.
 - R. write out your speech and learn from reading it over several times.
 - K. gather many examples and stories to make the talk real and practical.

Calculating your scores:

Count the number of each of the VARK letters you have circled to get your score for each VARK category.

Total number of Vs circled=

Total number of As circled=

Total number of Rs circled=

Total number of Ks circled=

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