**Tools in Assessment**

*Recognizing strengths and weaknesses*

**Learning Styles**



**Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences**

Howard Gardner is a Harvard developmental psychologist. His theory identifies seven distinct intelligences or strengths in which individuals learn, remember, perform and understand the world around them (Gardner 1991)

"Gardner's Multiple Intelligences." Gardner's Multiple Intelligences. N.p., n.d. Web. 28 Mar. 2014. http;//www.tecweb.org/styles/gardner.html

Visual: Very aware of environments. Likes to draw and paint. Images and charts are some effective learning tools

Toys: puzzles, maps, art projects

*Professions:* architects, graphic designers, photographer

Bodily/kinesthetic: Keen sense of body awareness. Likes to move, make things, and touch. Learn through physical activity, hands-on activities, and role playing

Toys: play kitchen, twister, play dough

*Professions: surgeons, dancers, physical therapists*

**Tools in Assessment Cont.**

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Aural/Musical: Show sensitivity to rhythm and sound. Likes to listen to music during activities and turn lessons into songs

Toys: musical instruments, microphones, sound puzzles

*Professions: musicians, multi-media production, music teacher*

Social/Interpersonal: Understanding of others and interactions. Likes to have many friends and participate in group activities

Toys: play house, board games, lemonade stand

*Professions: social workers, human resources, sales*

Solitary/Intrapersonal: Understanding one’s own interests and goals. Likes to read, independent projects, and privacy

Toys: books, dolls, manipulatives, crafts

*Professions: researcher, novelist, biographer*

Verbal/Linguistic: Uses words effectively and thinks in words. Likes reading, creating poems and stories

Toys: books, puppets, word games

*Professions: journalists, public speakers, speech therapists*

Logical/Mathematical: Think conceptually and abstractly. Likes experiments, solving problems, and mysteries. Need to learn concepts before details

Toys: legos, scavenger hunts, puzzles

*Profession: engineer, accountant, mortgage broker*