

How do you know what your student needs to learn?

Initial & Ongoing Needs Assessment in Tutoring

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Workshop Agenda

- 1) Introductions: Name, Organization, Teaching experience, Your experience as a language learner**
- 2) Group Brainstorm on NEEDS**
- 3) Presentation on Student-centered Approach**
- 4) Case Studies**
- 5) Q & A**

NEEDS

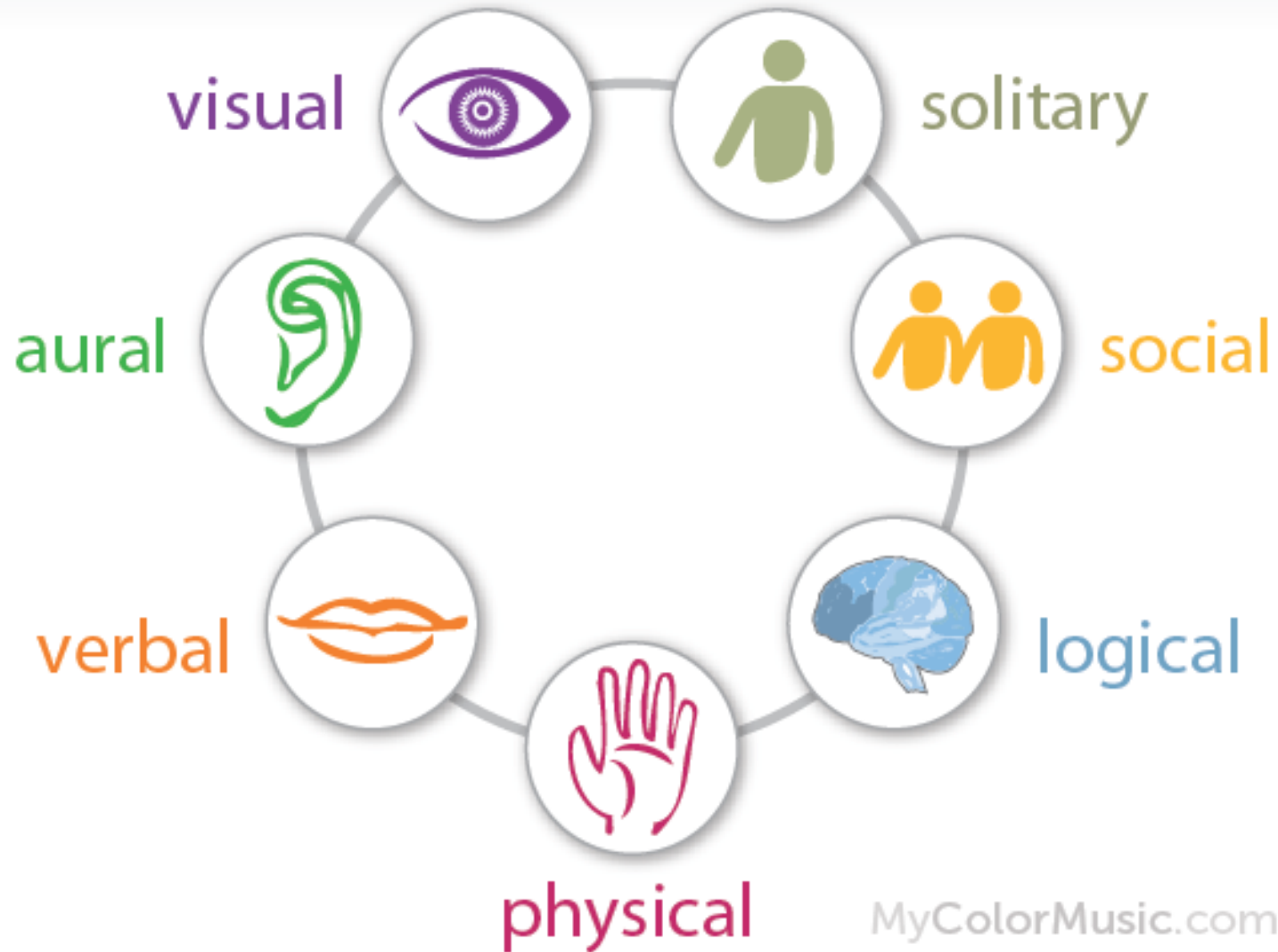
- ▶ **What are the needs of your student?**
- ▶ **What information do you need as a tutor?**

What would you do to collect this information?

What questions would you ask?

- ▶ **Get to know the student**
- ▶ **Find out what their goals & interests are**
- ▶ **“When/where do you need more English?”**
- ▶ **“What kinds of things / what situations are most difficult for you?”**
- ▶ **“What helps you learn?” (materials, mediums, environments, etc.)**

the 7 learning styles



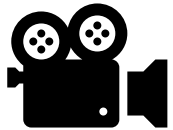
What are the challenges in collecting this information?

- ▶ **English Level**
- ▶ **Background (cultural, educational, etc.)**
- ▶ **Self-awareness**
or lack thereof



Case Studies

- ▶ **#1: A highly educated student who can read & write well, but is very timid when speaking English**
- ▶ **#2: A student who has a decent command of spoken English, but has trouble reading and writing**
- ▶ **#3: A student with a degree and professional background who is not keen on formal learning methods**
- ▶ **#4: An intermediate student who retired and is very interested in movies**
- ▶ **#5: A beginner student whose goal is U.S. citizenship**
- ▶ **#6: A high intermediate student who wants to get a job, but has never worked in the U.S.**
- ▶ **#7: A student who comes from an English speaking country, but has a heavy non-American accent**



Q&A and Resources:

❖ Translation app: Microsoft Translator



(type, speak aloud, or take image of text)

❖ Picture Dictionaries (Eg. Oxford)

❖ Questionnaires (handouts)

Age and Physical Description Tuổi Tác Và Thể Chất

The diagram illustrates the human life cycle with 12 numbered figures. Figure 1 is a crawling baby, 2 is a crawling baby, 3 is a toddler, 4 is a young boy, 5 is a young girl, 6 is a teenager, 7 is a young man, 8 is a young woman, 9 is an adult man, 10 is an adult woman, 11 is an older man, and 12 is an older woman.

1. children trẻ con	4. 6-year-old boy bé trai 6 tuổi	7. 13-year-old boy thiếu-niên 13 tuổi	10. woman đàn bà
2. baby em bé	5. 10-year-old girl bé gái 10 tuổi	8. 19-year-old girl thiếu-nữ 19 tuổi	11. man đàn ông
3. toddler trẻ nít	6. teenagers thanh thiếu niên	9. adults người lớn	12. senior citizen bậc già cả