SUGGESTIONS FOR AUDITORY LEARNERS

You learn better when information comes through your ears. You need to hear it. Lecture situations probably work well for you. You may not learn as well reading from a book. Try some of these suggestions:

• Study with a friend so that you can talk out loud and hear the information.

• Recite quotes, lists, dates, etc., out loud.

• Ask your instructor if you can turn in a tape or give an oral report instead of written work.

• Read or summarize your class notes onto a tape, or ask permission to tape record classroom lectures. Listen to the tapes three times in preparation for a test.

• Before reading a chapter, look at all the pictures and headings, and then verbalize what you think the chapter will be about.
• After you read a section, summarize it out loud.

• Have a friend quiz you on vocabulary words; recite the word and definition out loud frequently.

• Before beginning an assignment, set a specific study goal, and say it out loud. Example, “First, I will read my history chapter.”

• Read aloud whenever possible. In a quiet library, try hearing the words in your head as you read.

• When doing complicated math problems, use graph paper (or use regular lined paper sideways) to help alignment.

• Use color and graphic symbols to highlight main ideas in your notes, textbooks, handouts, etc.