

Visual learning- our strong learning tool

Visual-spatial learners (VSLs) are our artists, inventors, builders, creators, musicians, computer gurus, visionaries and healers. These children have powerful right hemispheres and learn in multi-dimensional images.

Though visual-spatial students are often very bright, they don't always find success in academic environments. This is because schools and educational facilities are a haven for left hemisphere learners, or auditory-sequential learners.



Visual Information can be processed more quickly and successfully than verbal information. Look at the below road signs as an example.

Learning from listening is difficult. Learning from looking is much easier and is used in every-day

life: road signs, traffic lights, toilet signs, road maps and their legends.

In fact, the part of the brain used to process words is quite small in comparison to the part that processes visual images.

Words are abstract and rather difficult for the brain to retain, whereas visuals are concrete and, as such, more easily remembered.

When simply hearing a word, a person has nothing to "grab onto".

If they couldn't process the word instantly- it has gone, this is particularly the case for VSL's. Some words just naturally make you think of a picture because of the shape the letters make; like the letters

"M" and "N" do in the word **MouNtaiN**. This is where the

Reading Our Way program is beneficial. Our program uses the 'Visual Approach' to reading, or sight words, to find out more please go to the below links.

