



# Types of Learning with Online Instruction

## Different Types of Learning and how it may be affected with online instruction

As a reminder, there are many different types of learners, and Zoom really only allows us to teach through visual and auditory. This is still ok, but it just means that other types of learners might need a little more time to react and to adjust. The following are a few things to remember about different types of learning that you may see happening in your home.

**Visual learners** learn best when they have a visual image or cue to help them process information. Sometimes these learners need to watch what is being done several times before they are ready to try it. If your dancer is watching the screen and the other dancers on Zoom but not moving, don't worry. Those dancers are absorbing what they are watching and will move when they feel ready. They also may be interested in seeing everyone on the screen because they are learning by watching

**Auditory Learners** respond primarily to sound. These dancers may not fully "watch" the screen but are waiting for verbal prompts. They may turn away or get a little confused because they need a little more time to process things if there is a delay in talking or sound from Zoom. Be willing to give them a little more time.

**Kinesthetic learners** (physical or tactile) always need to be moving. More than likely, they will move during the entire on-line class, but it may not look exactly like what the instructor is doing. These are children, who in the classroom, also consistently turn, roll, or skip around the classroom during instruction. They process by moving and doing. Allow them to experiment moving even if it doesn't look exactly like what the instructor is doing or teaching.

**Interpersonal learners** (social) feel most engaged when they are with others. These are the children who will really benefit from someone else in the house dancing with them. They are looking for feedback from those around them in order to learn.

**Intrapersonal learner** is someone who prefers to work alone. They like to set goals and work on things by themselves. With this dancer, you can probably turn on the Zoom class, walk away, and this dancer will do everything on her/his own. This dancer also may not want anyone in the room "watching" them while they work and dance.

No matter what type of learner you have at home, the best thing to do is give them encouragement as they learn how to navigate this new way of presenting material. It is going to take all of us time to adjust, so a little of patience and holding the space for them while they figure it out will go a long way.

