

HELPFUL SKILLS

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Write **HTML** or other **computer code**. It's almost like learning a new language.
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Create a **web page**. Wouldn't you like to have your own .com?
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Become **skilled at storytelling**. Memorize some fairy tales while you're at it.
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Write in **shorthand**, or in other words, taking notes really fast. It's useful for learning from all of those quick-speaking teachers at school or in Church meetings.
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Do **creative writing**. Or tell your story, but tell it in a fun way.
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Learn to **iron** like a pro.



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Be comfortable with **public speaking**—without passing out.



ENJOY VARIETY

"You young [people] should not complain about schooling. Do not immerse yourself so much in the technical

that you fail to learn things that are practical. Everything you can learn that is practical—in the house, in the kitchen cooking, in the yard—will be of benefit to you. Never complain about schooling. Study well, and attend always. . . .

"We are to learn about 'things that are above, and things that are beneath, things that are in the earth, and upon the earth, and in heaven' (D&C 101:34).

"You can learn about fixing things and painting things and even sewing things and whatever else is practical. That is worth doing. If it is not of particular benefit to you, it will help you when you are serving other people."

President Boyd K. Packer, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Counsel to Young Men," *Ensign*, May 2009, 51.

LEARNING YOUR LEARNING STYLE

Whether you're learning something for school or for fun, it's important to identify what kind of learner you are. Though most people can get something from every approach, not everyone has the same favored learning style, so finding out how you learn best will help you learn better. Learning better will make learning more fun, too. Here's a rundown of different learning styles:

LEARNING STYLE	YOU LEARN BEST BY	LEARNING TIPS
Visual	Seeing	At school, sit where you can see the board best. Write down key words, ideas, or instructions. Take notes. Color code things. Draw pictures to help explain new concepts. Look at graphics. Try to visualize things you hear. Use flashcards.
Auditory	Listening	At school, sit where you can hear the teacher best. Make up rhymes or chants to help you memorize things. Have uplifting instrumental music playing while you study. Read assignments, directions, and your notes aloud. At home, don't be afraid to talk out loud to yourself or others when trying to figure something out.
Tactile/ Kinesthetic	Being hands-on	Participate in activities that involve touching, building, moving, etc. Perform a skit to show the action of what you're trying to learn. Take notes. Use a highlighter pen to mark important passages. Stay active when you need to concentrate—squeeze a stress ball or walk around as you're reading a book.

SPIRITUAL/CHURCH

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Index at **familysearch.org/indexing**. You've heard about it. You've thought about it. Now go do it and see how fun it really can be. Want to learn how to index? Ask your parents if you can throw an indexing party.
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Choose some favorite **people from Church history**—whether it be the Apostle Paul, a latter-day prophet, Emma Smith, or Parley P. Pratt. **Learn facts about them and memorize quotes by them.** Identify one of their Christlike attributes and work to develop it in your life.
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Learn about the **countries your ancestors came from**.
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Play a hymn or conduct music.
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Find **family history stories** and discover what you have in common with your ancestors.
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Study **symbols or objects from the scriptures** whose meaning you don't understand. You can divide it into categories, such as colors (red, white), body parts (shoulders, heart), animals (lamb, wolf), clothing (robe, hem), food (milk, fruit), natural elements (fire, water), places (Zion, Dead Sea), numbers (7, 40), objects (swords, oil), and nature (trees, sand).
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Memorize favorite **scriptures, the family proclamation, or "The Living Christ: The Testimony of the Apostles."**



FIND SOMETHING YOU LOVE

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, learned a great lesson from his father:

"Because of his great love for science, [his father] encouraged each of his sons to major in physics. . . . Hal [President Eyring] was studying physics . . . [and] asked his father for help with a complex mathematical problem. . . . 'Hal,' [his father] said, 'we were working this same kind of problem a week ago. You don't seem to understand it any better now than you did then. Haven't you been working on it?' . . .

"Hal admitted he had not. 'You don't understand,' his father went on. 'When you walk down the street, when you're in the shower, when you don't have to be thinking about anything else, isn't this what you think about?'

"'When I told him no,' [said President Eyring,] 'my father paused. . . . Then he said, 'Hal, I think you'd better get out of physics. You ought to find something that you love so much that when you don't have to think about anything, that's what you think about.'"

From Gerald N. Lund, "Elder Henry B. Eyring: Molded by 'Defining Influences,'" *Ensign*, Sept. 1995, 10–11.

HEALTH & SAFETY/ OUTDOORS

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Learn **CPR and basic first-aid**. Being prepared can feel pretty cool.
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Tie different kinds of **knots**, Navy-style.
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Learn to **protect yourself with self-defense**.
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Learn a **new sport**. Consider swimming (after all, 71 percent of the earth's surface is covered by water).
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Navigate somewhere new. Try it with a paper map and a compass before using GPS.
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Country, swing, or ballroom dance—unless you're more interested in Irish hard shoe.



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Identify **constellations and research astronomy**: black holes, nebula, supernova—it just sounds cool.