An innovative model of skills integration will be presented to the audience. This model allows students to develop communicative competence (Hymes) while taking into consideration their learning styles. There are three channels of receiving and processing linguistic information; consequently, there are three perceptual learning styles: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic or motor. One of the first scholars in the field of second language acquisition who actively used this classification was J. Reid (Reid). A vast body of knowledge on learning styles has been accumulated by now; however, there are very few practical suggestions on how to apply it to teaching to the whole class. The proposed communicative model represents an integrated way of combining various skills (e.g. listening, reading, speaking, and writing) and, therefore, provides an opportunity for students with different perceptual learning styles to develop and flourish. This model has been successfully used by the presenter for developing materials at various levels, from Novice to Superior. It is especially effective for intensive courses. Multiple practical examples in Russian will be shared with the audience.

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