

Metaphor for Processing Differences

Allistic Processing



- Transitions and lane changes at the last minute; easier to be flexible and spontaneous.
- Faster processing speed.
- Cues are easier to read, process, and respond to.
- Small mishaps and unpredictable events are easier to work around.

Autistic Processing



- Transitions and lane changes need to be planned ahead of time.
- Careful, slower processing speed to avoid mistakes and accidents.
- Large number of cues require interpretation, integration, and filtering. Response time is delayed.
- Mishaps and unpredictable events disrupt laminar flow and may cause slow-downs and traffic jams.
- Ginormous amount of data with which to solve problems, innovate solutions, and change the world.