Effort



Effort can be described as the dynamics, qualitative use of energy, texture, color, emotions, inner attitude, etc. <u>There is an ongoing (Flow) sense of self (Weight) in relation to the environment (Space) over time (Time).</u>

Effort is both functional and expressive. Effort is not quantitative—it is qualitative. There is sometimes an underlying **functional** Effort (for example: Strength in a weight shift underneath a Light upper body). Usually, however, we are more concerned with the **expressive** aspects of Effort.

<u>Motion Factors:</u> Flow, Weight, Time, Space. Each Motion Factor is a continuum between the polarities which are Effort Elements/Qualities.

FACTOR	ELEMENT (Indulging)	ELEMENT(Condensing)	Motif Symbol (Only the Factor is shown here)
FLOW, as a Factor is about continuity, ongoingness, progression, emotions, involvement.	Free Flow: Outpouring, letting the inside out and the outside in, uncontrollable, can't be stopped, open hearted, fluid, etc.	Bound Flow: Contained, controlled, keeping the inside in and the outside out, can be stopped at any moment, rigid, boundaries, clarity, etc.	
WEIGHT, as a Factor is about sensing, intention, feeling my own weight, "me" oriented (me, myself, my physicality), presence, relationship to earth/gravity.	Light (Active Weight): Delicate, fragile, overcoming one's weight, buoyant, lifted up, etc.	Strong (Active Weight): Power, "standing one's ground," immovable, etc.	<u> </u>
	Limp (Passive Weight): Giving up my weight.	Heavy (Passive Weight): Complete collapse.	
	Weight Sensing (can be on the Light or Strong end): Between active and passive weight. You relax and release into your weight to sense it. Generally uses a lot of Flow.		
TIME, as a Factor is about intuition, decision making, related to the moment, now vs. not now, knowing the right moment to act, reinvesting in the moment.	Sustained: Lingering, drawing out the moment, luxuriate, languidly, adagio, prolonging, leisurely, "not yet, not now," etc.	Sudden or Quick: Urgent, instantaneous, staccato, quick, hurried, condenses the moment, spark-like, now, now, NOW!	_ ′_
SPACE, as a Factor is about thinking, attention, intellect and ideas, perception—using my senses, environment/other related, external.	Indirect: Multi-focused, over-lapping, roundabout, scanning, taking it all in, expansive, seeing all the possibilities, etc.	Direct : Channeled, honing in, riveted, linear, laser-like, single-focused, pin pointed, "this is it," "this is the way."	上

Effort can be a single Element or configurations of 2 (States), 3 (Drives), or 4 (full Effort) Factors.