

SETTING THE CONTEXT

Historical - **1981** -> **present**

maturing understanding re learning and effective pedagogy

National Context - Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians - Dec 08
National Curriculum Framework

States

QLD - Productive Pedagogies

TAS - Teaching Learning and Assessment Principles

VIC - POLT Principles of Learning & Teaching

NSW - Quality Teaching Framework

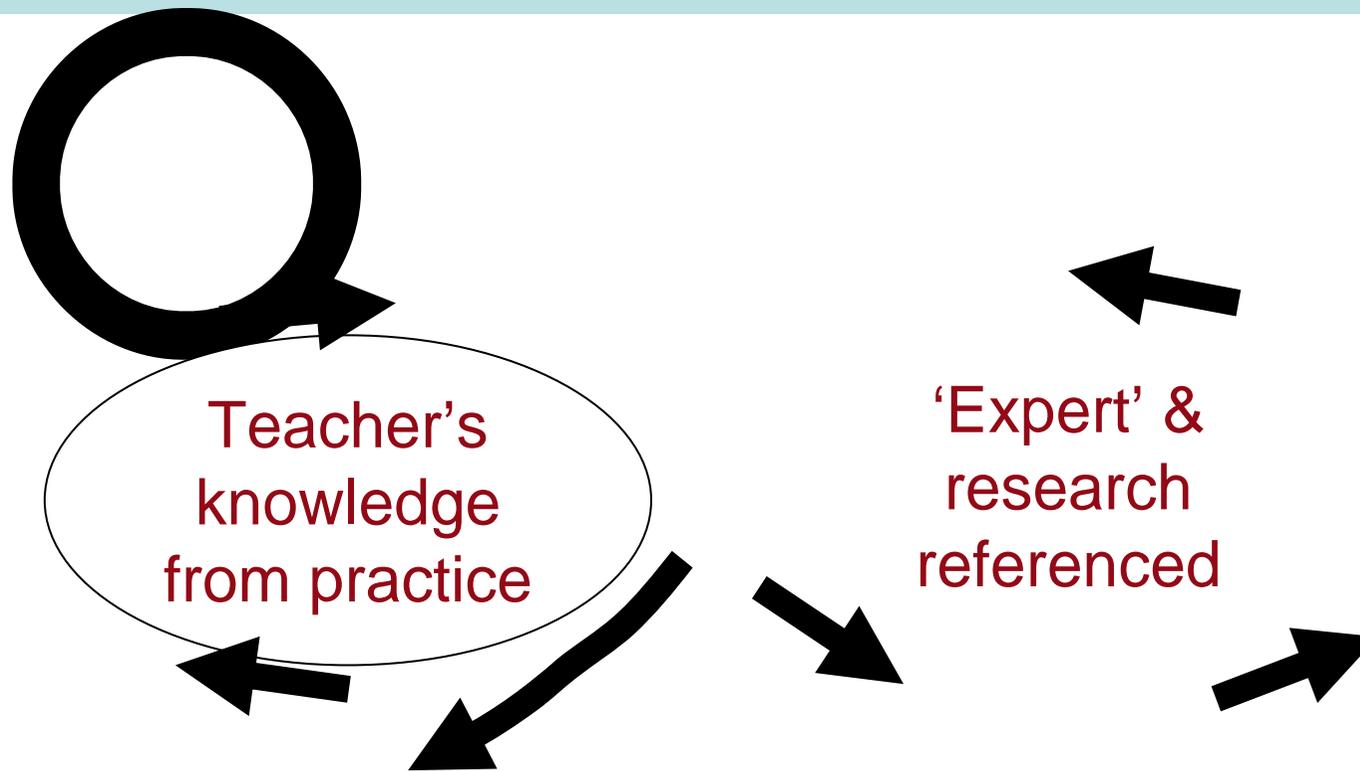
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South Australia

DIAF - DECS Improvement & Accountability Framework

SA Teaching for Effective Learning Compass

L2L approach to Professional Learning



a mutually informing relationship

SA TfEL COMPASS & DECS Improvement and Accountability Framework

SA TfEL Compass provides a coherent framework for reporting individual and whole school development with regard to teaching quality.

SA TfEL Compass defines standards for quality teaching

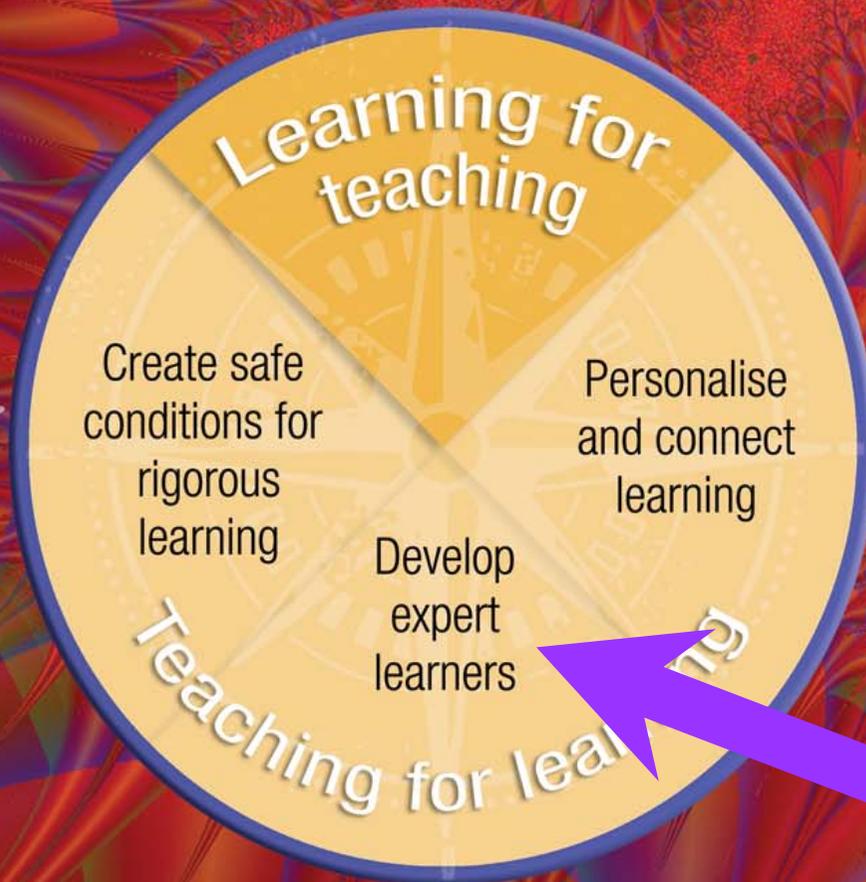
SA TfEL Compass resource includes review tools for individuals and whole school reflection

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SA TfEL Compass is itself an intervention and simultaneously provides support for improving practice to achieve greater success.

SA TfEL Compass points the way to improved teaching practice

South Australian Teaching for Effective Learning Compass



**Today's
learning
focus**



2009 South Australian Teaching for Effective Learning Framework

Learning for effective teaching – Teaching for effective learning

Learning for effective teaching - leaders create learning opportunities with staff

Domains of action
LfET

understand how self and others learn
the teacher's understanding of current learning theories and themselves as learners informs learning design

develop deep pedagogical and content knowledge
the teacher builds curriculum, pedagogical and disciplinary knowledge

participate in professional learning communities and networks
the teacher participates in critically reflective inquiry to develop their teaching

engage with the community
the teacher interacts with communities to connect student learning

discuss educational purpose and policy
the teacher contributes to educational dialogue and debate which shapes policy and informs practice

plan and organise for teaching and learning
the teacher creates an orderly and informed environment for focussed learning

Domains of action
TfEL

Teaching for effective learning – teachers create learning opportunities with students

Create safe conditions for rigorous learning

Develop expert learners

Personalise and connect learning

Old picture of schooling

Teaching is telling

Learning is listening

Knowledge is an object

To be educated is to know

New picture of schooling

To teach is to create the conditions for involved learning

To learn is to be involved

Knowledge is a 'story that works'

To be educated is to relate to knowledge sympathetically inquisitively, critically and creatively

Adapted from Harpaz, 2002, p.1-26

As Plato once said....

*The educator's role is not to put
knowledge where knowledge
does not exist but rather to lead
the mind's eye so that it might
see for itself.*

TURNING TO 'Expert Learner'

Scan your mind over many of the students you have taught.

Identify some you believe were 'expert' learners.

What were their:

- Qualities*
- Attributes/dispositions*
- Skills*

The map is not the territory.

Alfred Korzybski

We have multiple ways of knowing - powerful learning integrates our various ways of knowing.

***I hear, I forget
I see, I remember
I do, I understand.***

Confucius 551 BC - 479 BC

Proust was a Neuroscientist

Jonah Lehrer

Antonio Damasio's research on the body-mind loop provides evidence from Neuroscience that supports the wisdom expressed in the ancient saying by Confucius.

Draft South Australian Teaching for Effective Learning Compass

Learning for teaching – Teaching for learning

Learning for teaching					
Teacher learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> understanding how self and others learn <i>the teacher develops understanding of current learning theories</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing deep content knowledge <i>the teacher builds curriculum and real world knowledge of teaching field(s)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> participating in professional learning communities <i>the teacher participates in critically reflective inquiry to develop their teaching practice</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaging with the community <i>the teacher interacts with communities to connect student learning</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussing educational purpose and policy <i>the teacher contributes to educational debate which shapes policy and informs practice</i>
	Teaching for learning				
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing democratic relationships <i>the teacher acknowledges shared power as a fundamental condition for learning</i> building a community of learners <i>the teacher involves students in understanding how to manage themselves and support each other as learners</i> negotiating learning <i>the teacher responds to students' changing needs and involves students in deciding the direction of the curriculum</i> supporting and challenging students to be successful <i>the teacher explicitly challenges students and helps them to achieve high standards</i> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> teaching students how to learn <i>the teacher helps students develop metacognitive understandings, language and skills</i> fostering deep understanding <i>the teacher helps students build conceptual knowledge around big ideas and make rich connections to their application in a range of contexts</i> exploring the construction of knowledge <i>the teacher shows that knowledge is open to question, serves particular purposes and explores differences respectfully</i> promoting dialogue as a means of learning <i>the teacher provides opportunities for students to learn through interaction and conversation with others</i> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> building on learners' understandings <i>the teacher establishes students' prior knowledge and cultural practices as a starting point for the curriculum</i> connecting learning to student lives and aspirations <i>the teacher ensures that learning builds on the resources, skills, knowledge and goals students develop in their homes and communities</i> applying and assessing learning in authentic contexts <i>the teacher structures the curriculum so that students apply their learning to real-life problems</i> communicating learning in multiple modes <i>the teacher ensures that the curriculum incorporates rich and varied modes of making meaning, including new and old literacies</i>
Pedagogical elements					

Learning for effective teaching - *leaders of*

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Develop expert learners

teach students how to learn

the teacher develops student understanding of learning and expands their strategies for thinking, learning and working collaboratively

foster deep understanding and skilful action

the teacher helps students build rich conceptual knowledge and mastery of complex skills

explore the construction of knowledge

the teacher shows that knowledge is open to question and serves particular purposes

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What do we know about the nature of learning?

*What do we mean by the term learning?
Can you put your response into words?*

Learning is. . . .

Perhaps you can think of a visual image or analogy for learning

Learning is like. . . .



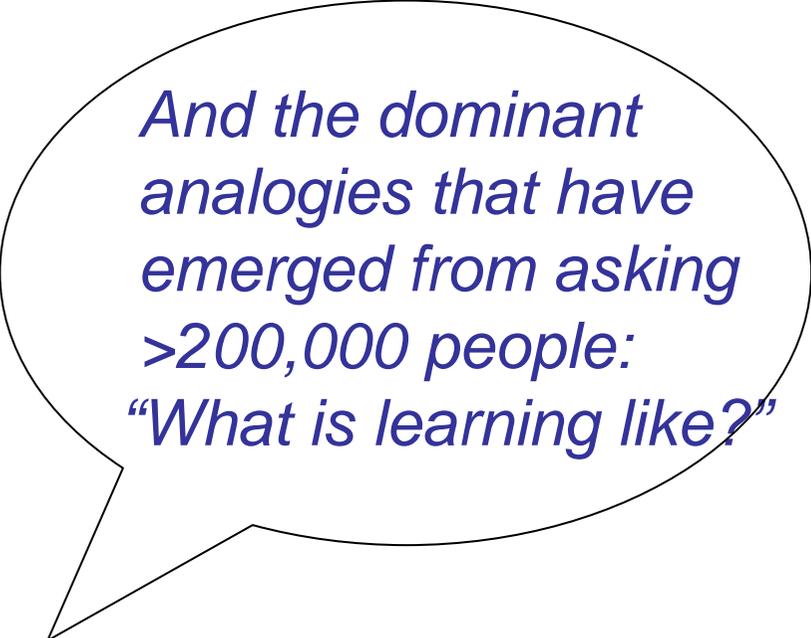
Learning is a complex

process.
Key Questions

WHAT do we know about:

- ***the nature of learning?***
- ***the process of learning?***

HOW can we enhance learning?

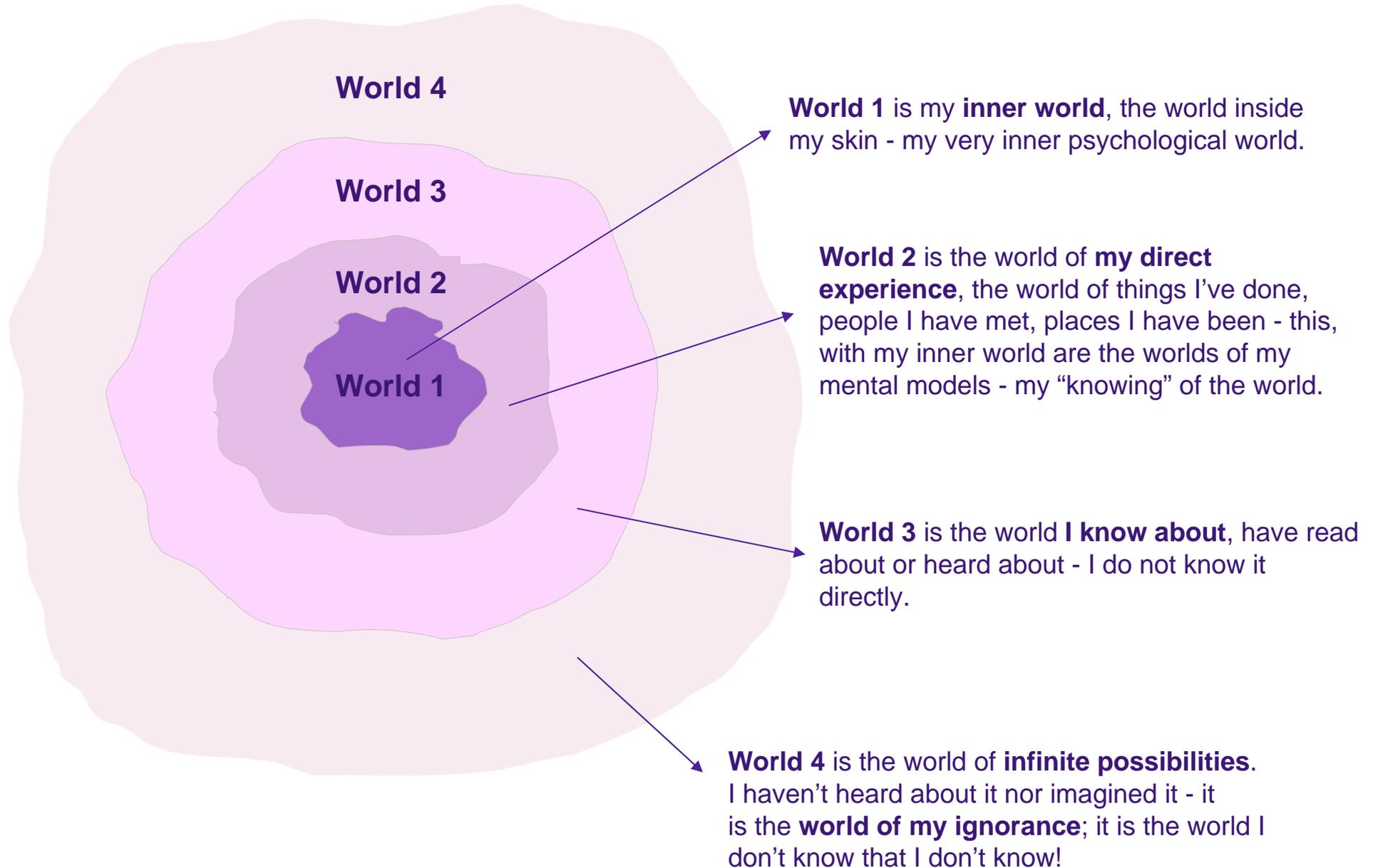


And the dominant analogies that have emerged from asking >200,000 people: "What is learning like?"

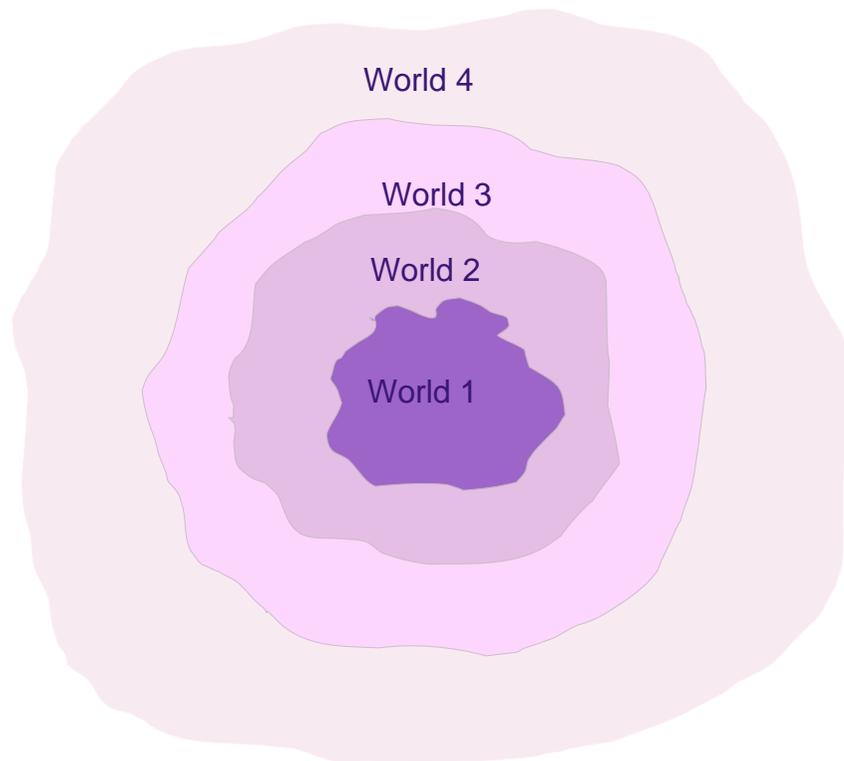
- **journey**
- **growth**
- **construction- reconstruction
creation - recreation**
- **transformation**
- **enlightenment**
- **empowerment**
- **enrichment**

The Nature of Learning - John Holt's model of the worlds we live in

adapted from "What do I do Monday?"



Natural, Powerful Human Learning



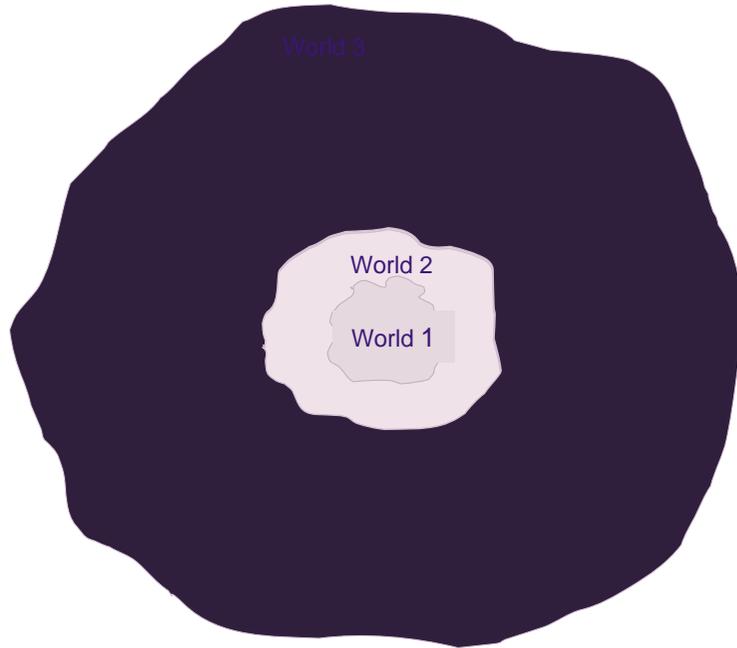
- *personally meaningful*
- *integrated*
- *coherent*
- *transformative*
- *transferable*

Knowledge in Education

'I have been convinced for some time that the "learning outcome" ofeducation should be more than what the western world typically means by "knowledge"; that it is to engage the whole "being" of people, their heads, hearts and life-styles, and is to inform, form and transform their identity and agency in the world.'

Thomas H. Groome, Sharing Faith, p.2

Unnatural Human Learning - 'knowing about' and 'knowing about what other people know' but NOT KNOWING!



- *non-meaningful*
- *disconnected*
- *incoherent*
- *non-transformative*
- *non-transferable*

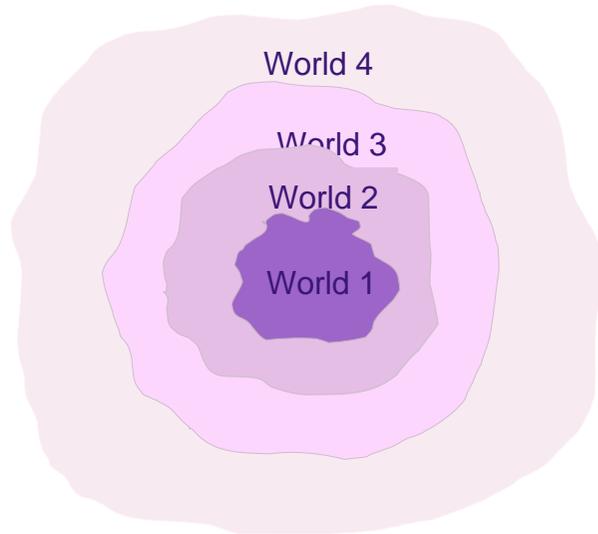
*They work to pass and not to know.
Alas they pass and do not know!*

Bertrand Russell

You can know the name of a bird in all the languages of the world, but when you're finished, you'll know absolutely nothing whatever about the bird... So let's look at the bird and see what it's doing —that's what counts. I learned very early the difference between knowing the name of something and knowing something.

Richard Feynman

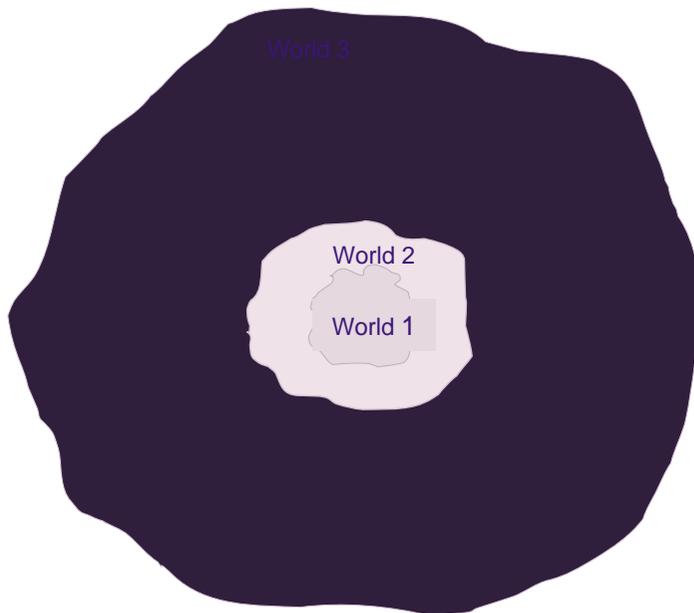
What learning do you value?



transformative

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NOT

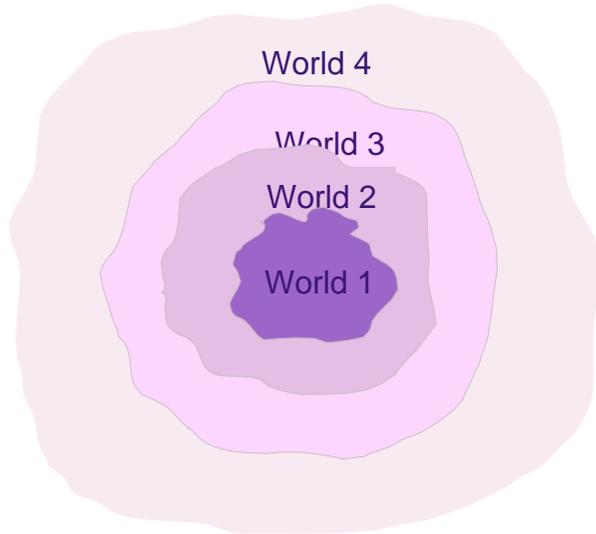


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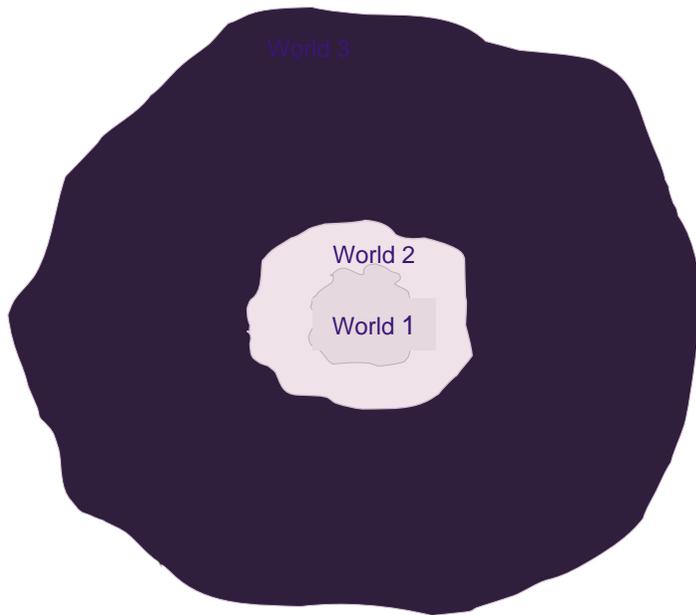
What are the factors that contribute to learning being...

transformative



OR

non-transformative



Factors which promote meaningful, transformative learning:

Intrinsic motivation

- learner purpose not teacher purpose
- relevance/interest
- challenge
- curiosity

Direct experience

- practical application
- vicarious experience; simulation; role play

Crisis/catastrophe

Sharing, having to teach someone else, dialogue

Teacher/mentor passion

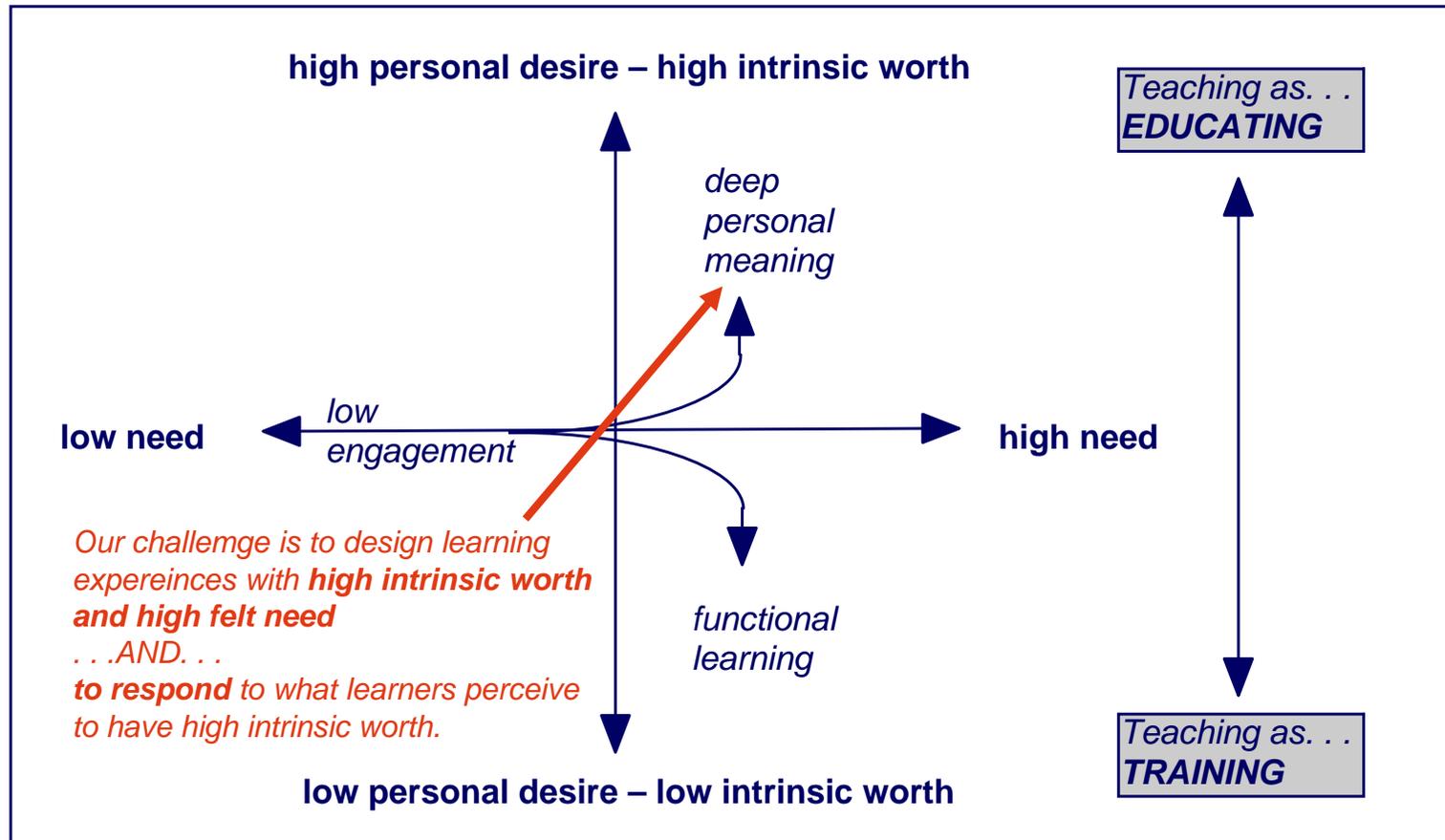
Strategies which **connect at the point of personal experience**

Strategies which **stimulate emotions**

Strategies which **connect with, or challenge, inner belief system**

Metacognition - self knowledge as learner; repertoire of learning

The impact of aspects of motivation on the nature of learning



*Adapted from discussions with participants in the 'Principles of Effective Learning & Teaching Workshop'
Apple Innovative Technology Schools Conference, Wollongong, 1998*



Authentic assessment promotes powerful learning.

Authentic learning & assessment have:

- ***a real purpose & real audience for a:***
 - ***process***
 - ***product***
 - ***performance***
 - ***presentation***

It is characterised by being:

- ***personally meaningful***
- ***self created or constructed***
- ***assisted by 'teacher' mediation***
- ***negotiated & agreed guidelines & goals***

and has self, (peer) and expert evaluation of product & process

INSTRUCTIVIST vs CONSTRUCTIVIST PEDAGOGY

In recent years, approaches to teaching have become caught in an 'either - or' conceptualisation of pedagogical approach rather than a 'both-and' approach.

A true 'constructivist' approach focuses on ensuring meaning and understanding are constructed in the learner's mind.

At times, for certain students in certain contexts this might demand direct, explicit instruction or it might mean open exploration or it might require some approaches in between.

***Learner initiates,
chooses, directs
Teacher facilitates***

OR

***Direct, explicit
Instruction***

INSTRUCTIVIST vs CONSTRUCTIVIST PEDAGOGY

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Reframing . . . going beyond 'EITHER-OR' to 'BOTH-AND'

CONSTRUCTIVIST PEDAGOGY

**Learner initiates
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**Nudging, prompting,
Giving formative
feedback**

**Modelling &
Providing
'scaffolds'**

**Direct, explicit
Instruction**

It is not a matter of either direct, explicit instruction vs learner driven learning but rather a valuing of learner initiated, learner directed learning and the flexibility & skillfulness on the part of the teacher to be able to use a repertoire of strategies in response to the learner's needs.

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CONSTRUCTIVIST PEDAGOGY

**Complex, holistic,
authentic tasks**
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TURNING TO Strategies for Thinking

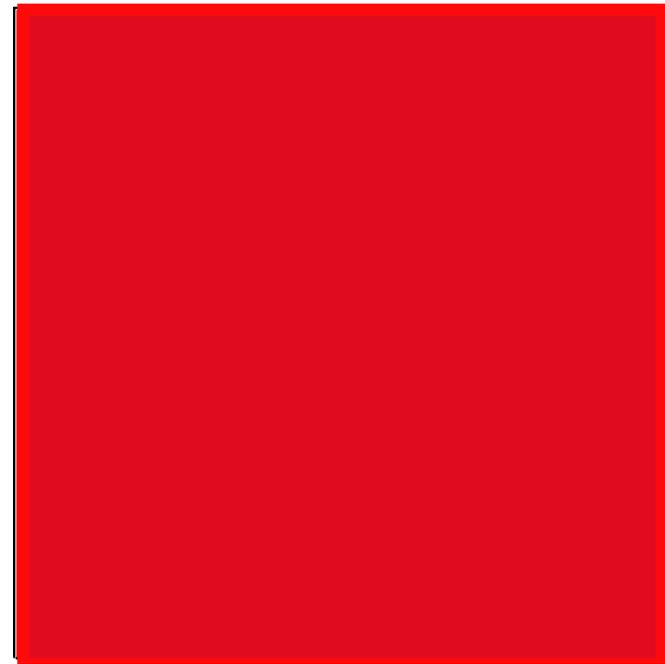
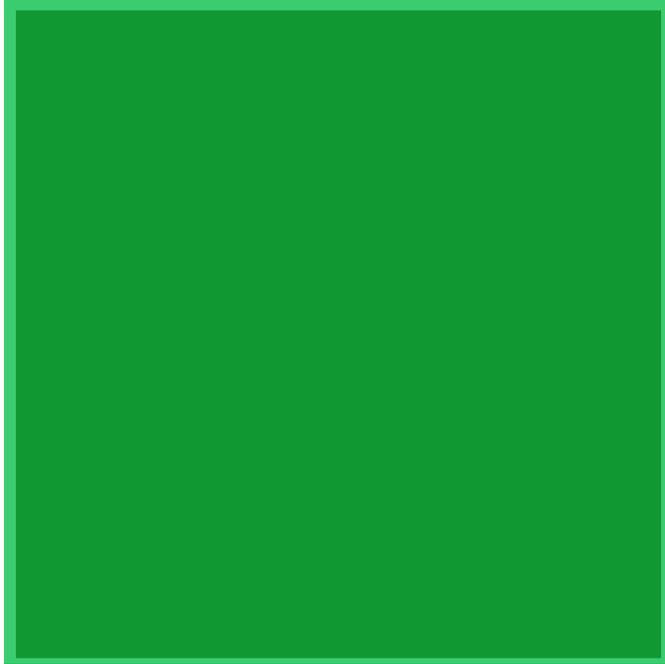
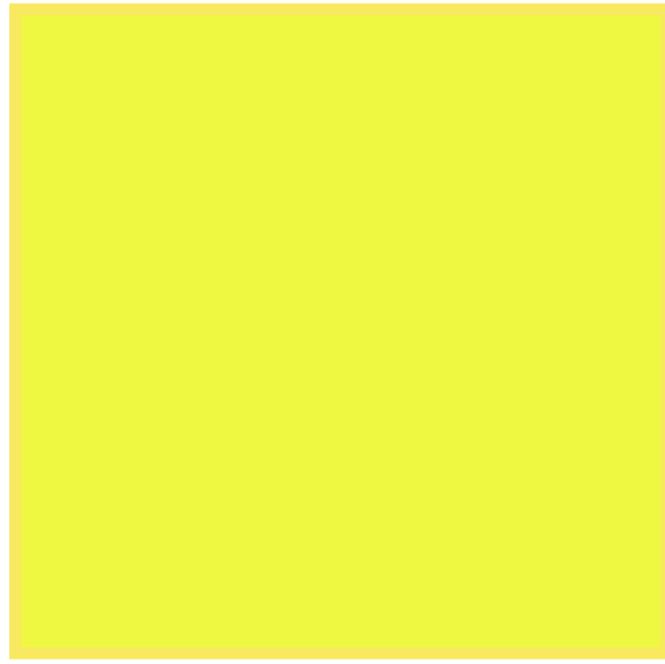
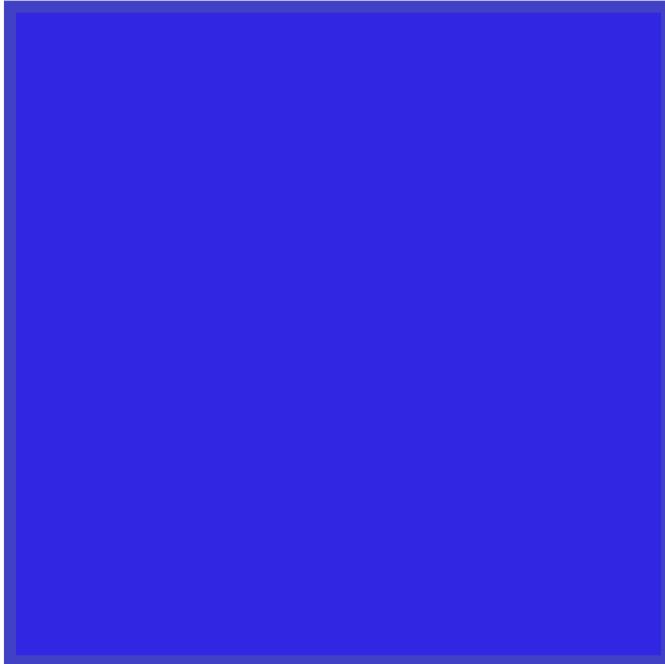
Developing deep knowledge about thinking

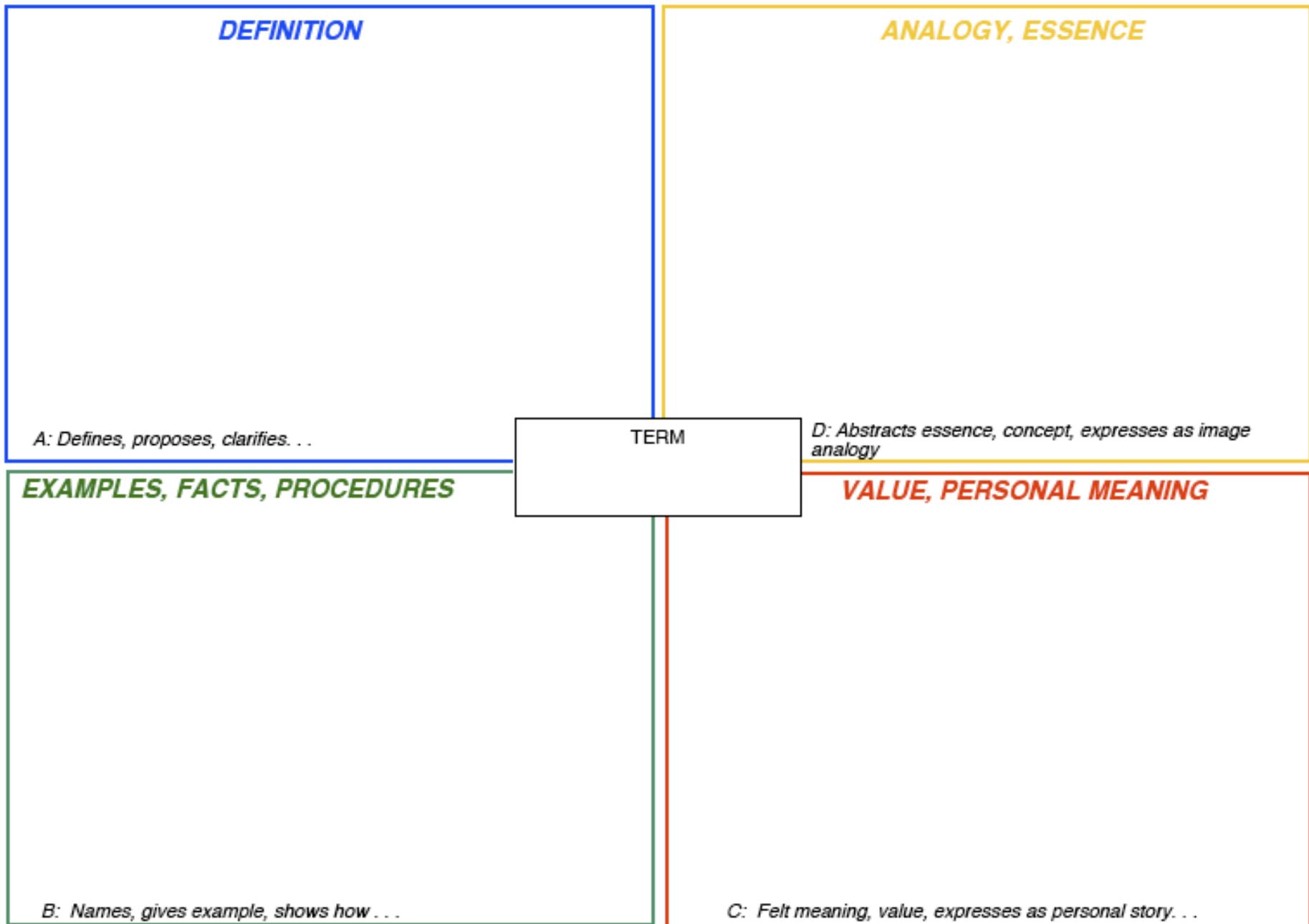
Strategies for thinking, learning

How do we process differently?



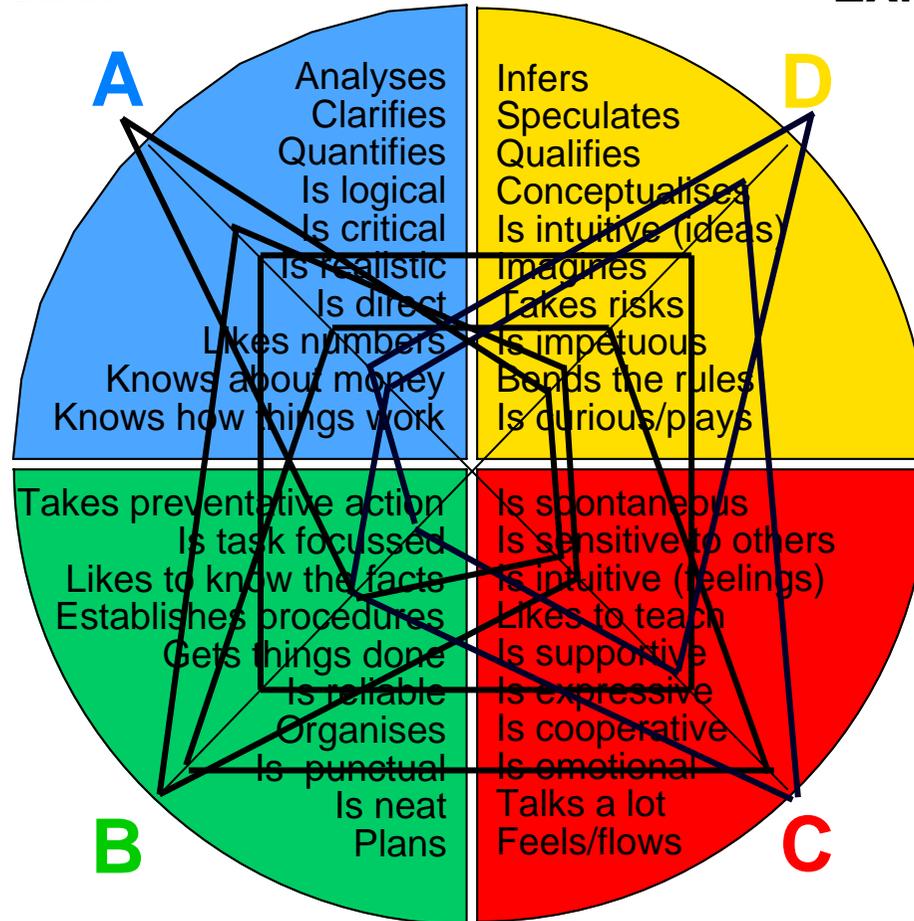
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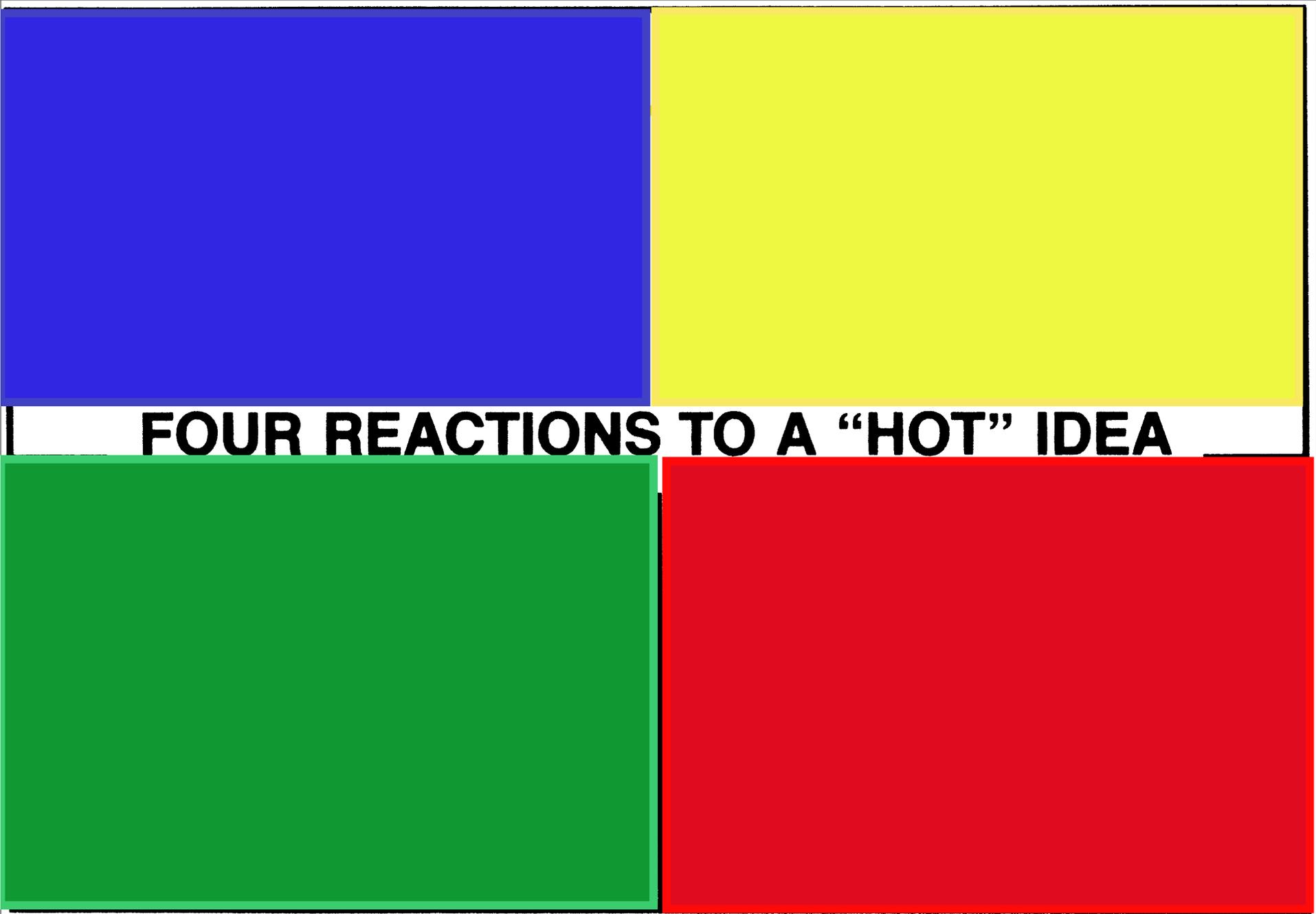
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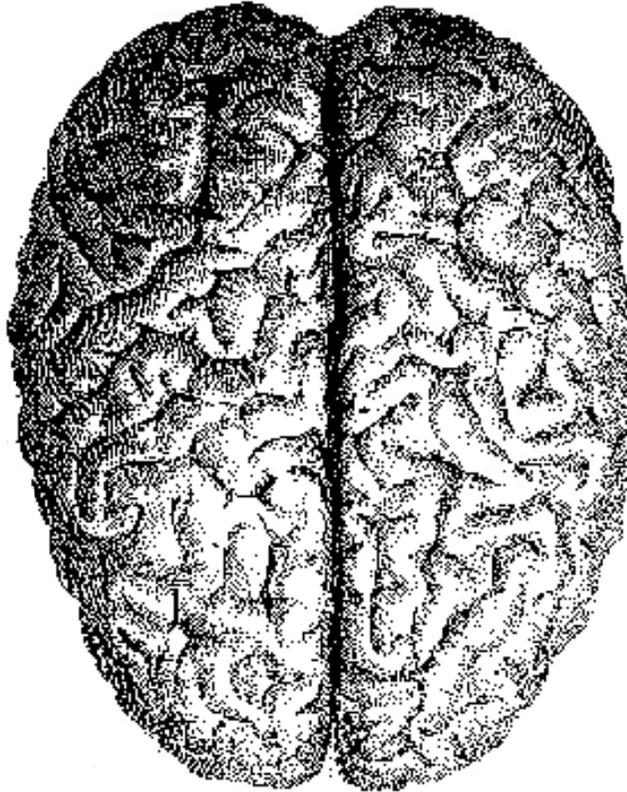


FOUR REACTIONS TO A “HOT” IDEA

Languages of our brain/mind system....

Analytical

- abstract symbolic
word, musical notation, $x + y = 3$



Holistic

- *image language*

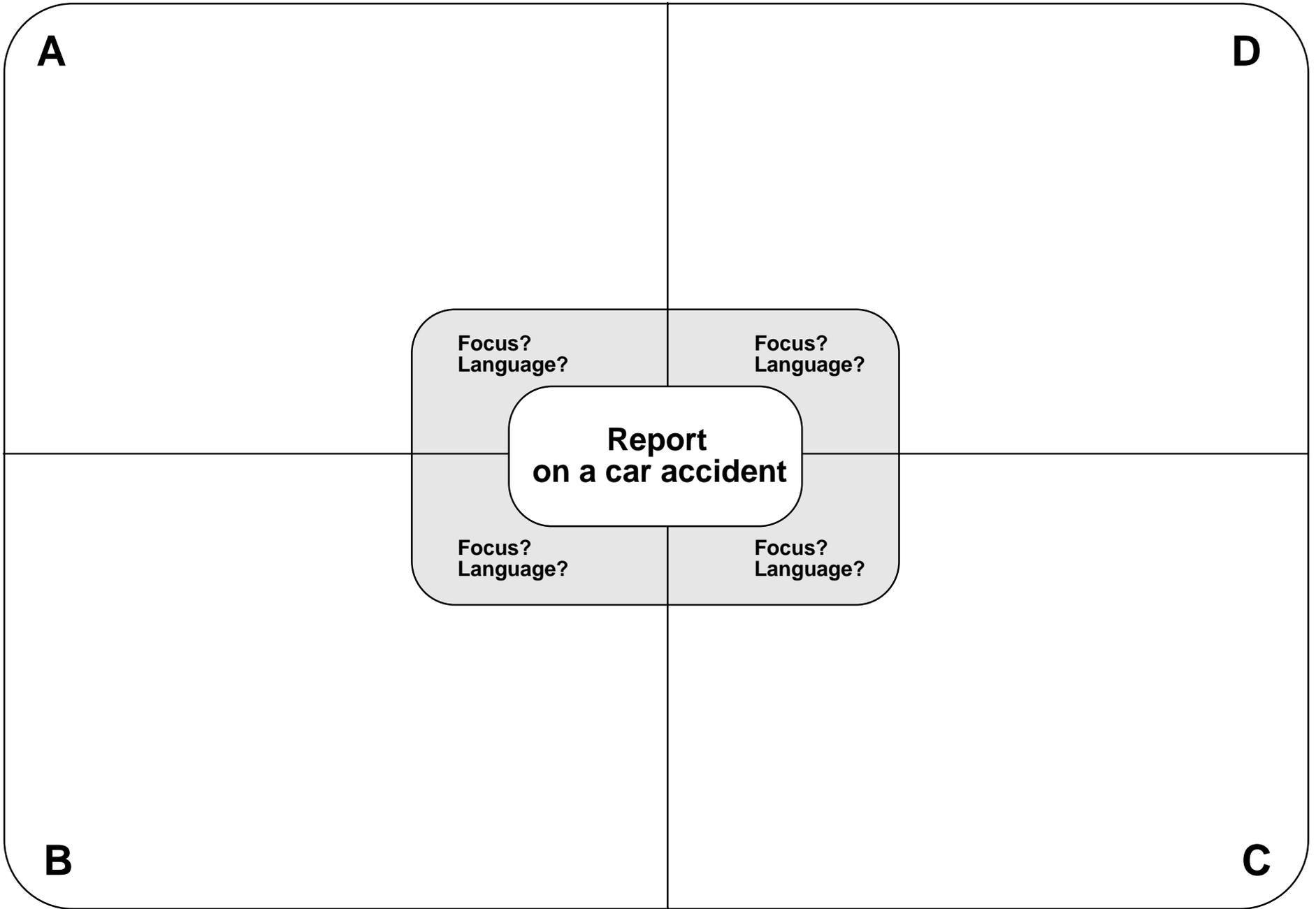
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Particulate, linear

- stepwise
- analytical
- serial processor

Global, random

- holistic
- intuitive
- parallel processor



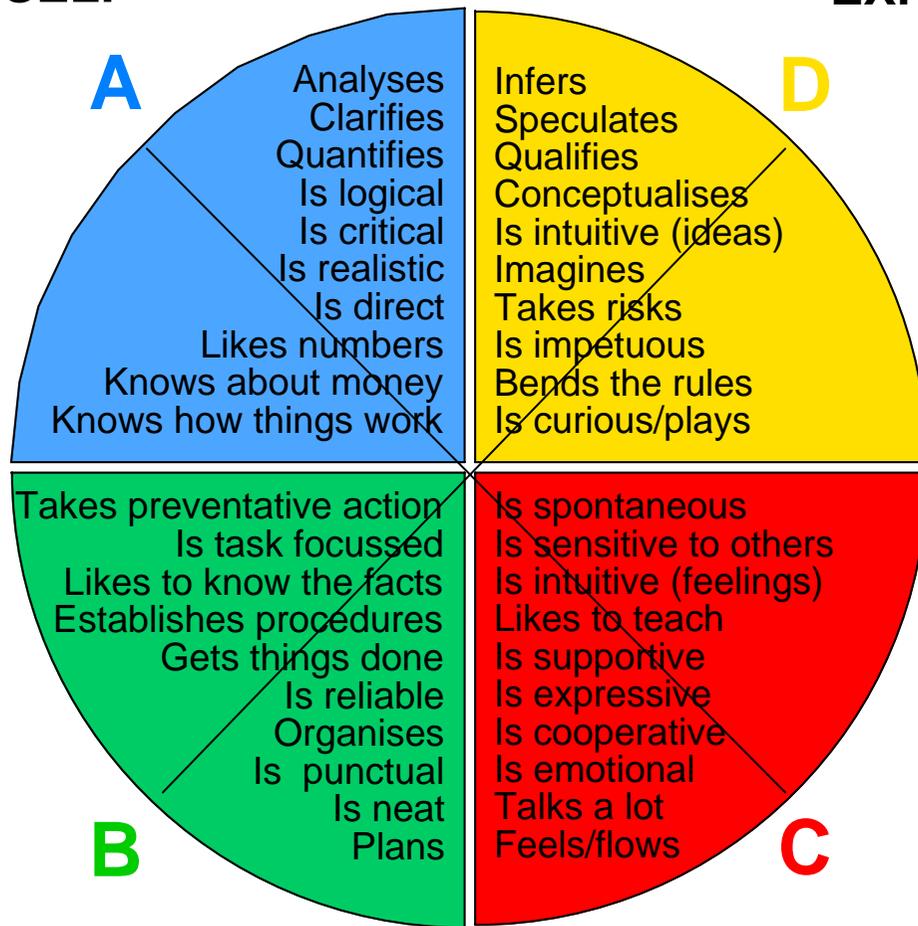


**EXAMPLES OF FOUR REPORTERS VIEWS
OF THE SAME ACCIDENT**



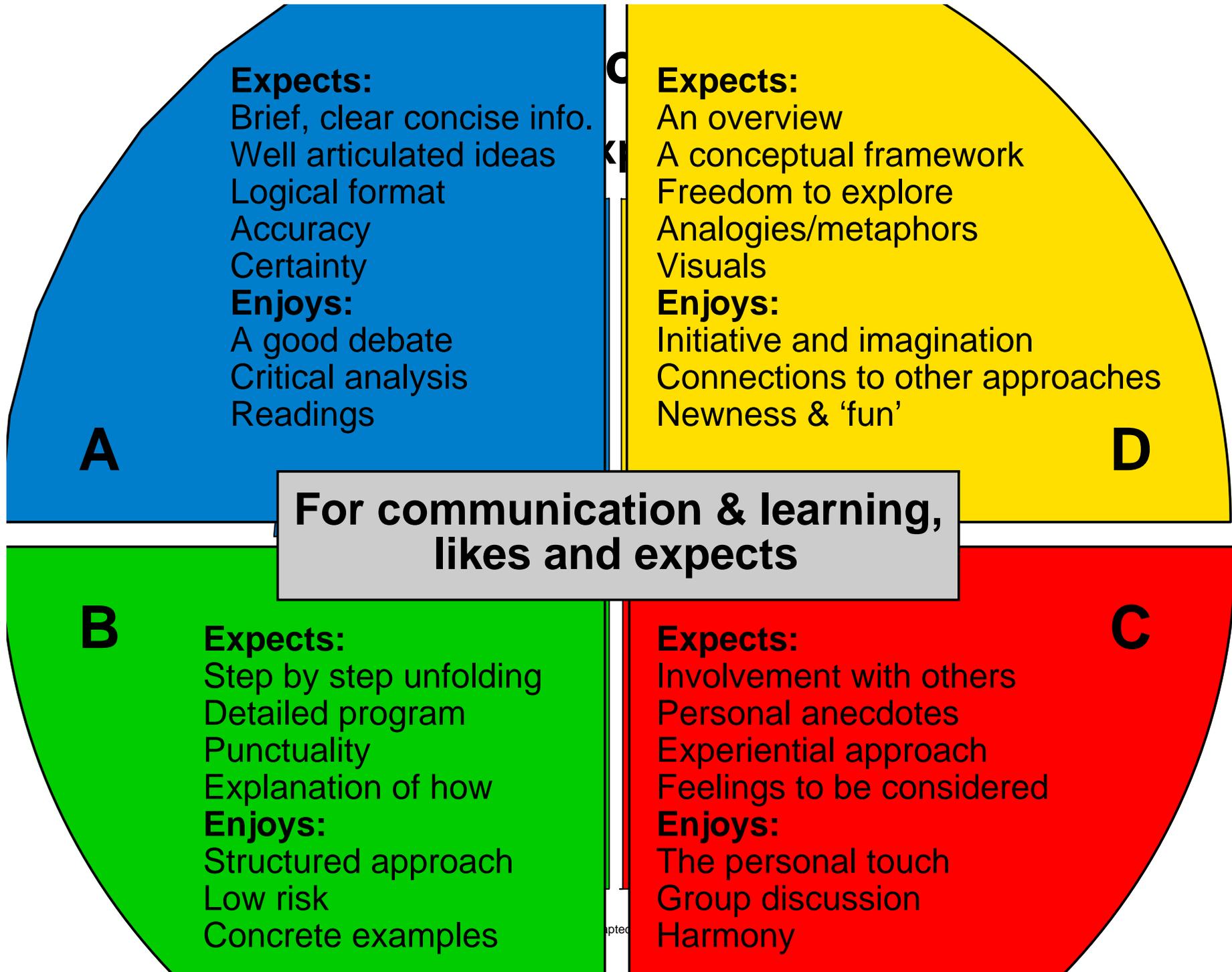
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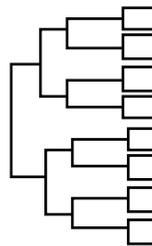
Left mode

CAT

Words

5 - five

*Symbols
Numbers
"Counts"*

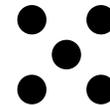


*SequentialLinear
"Cause & effect"*

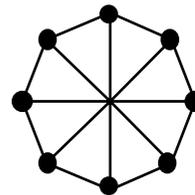
Right mode



Images



*Patterns
"Fiveness"
"Estimates"*



*Simultaneous
Patterns Connections
Integrated*

The whole is more than the sum of the parts.

The multiplier effect NOT an additive effect.

$$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 12$$

whereas

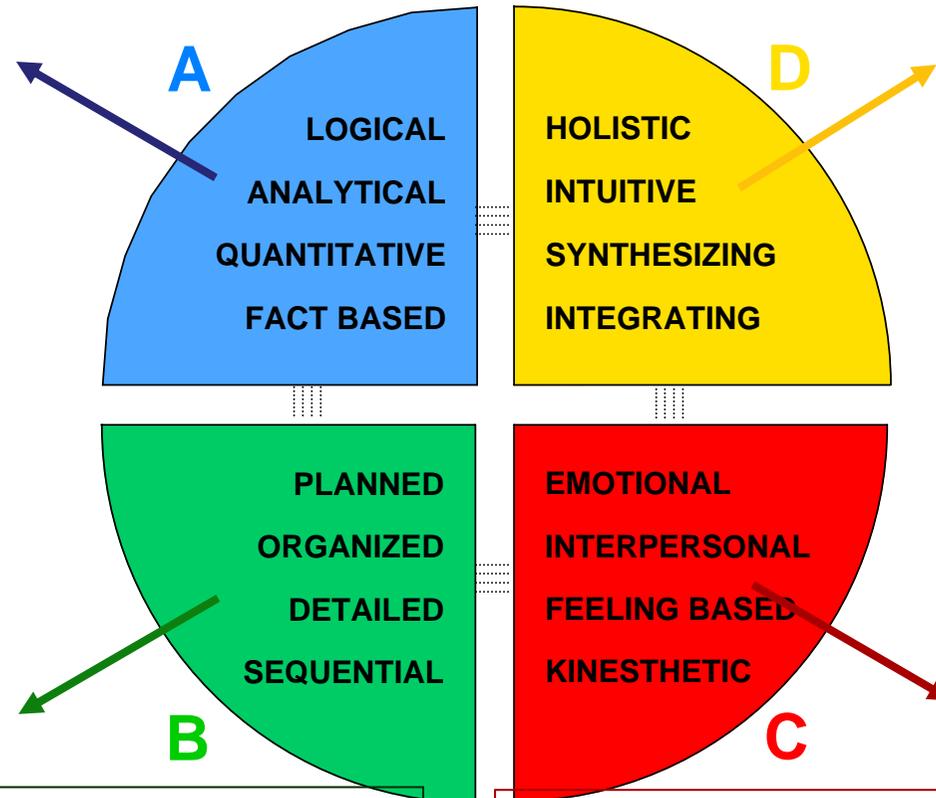
$$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81!$$

Defines, clarifies, proves, states
PROPOSITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

KNOWS WHAT - KNOWS WHAT THEN

Grasps essence, meaning, pattern
CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE

KNOWS WHY – KNOWS CONNECTIONS



Facts, specific examples, procedures
FACTUAL, PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE

KNOWS THE FACTS – KNOWS HOW

Experiences, stories, gut feelings,
PERSONAL STORY KNOWLEDGE

KNOWS RELEVANCE TO ME & OTHERS

A: Defines, proposes, clarifies, classifies. . .

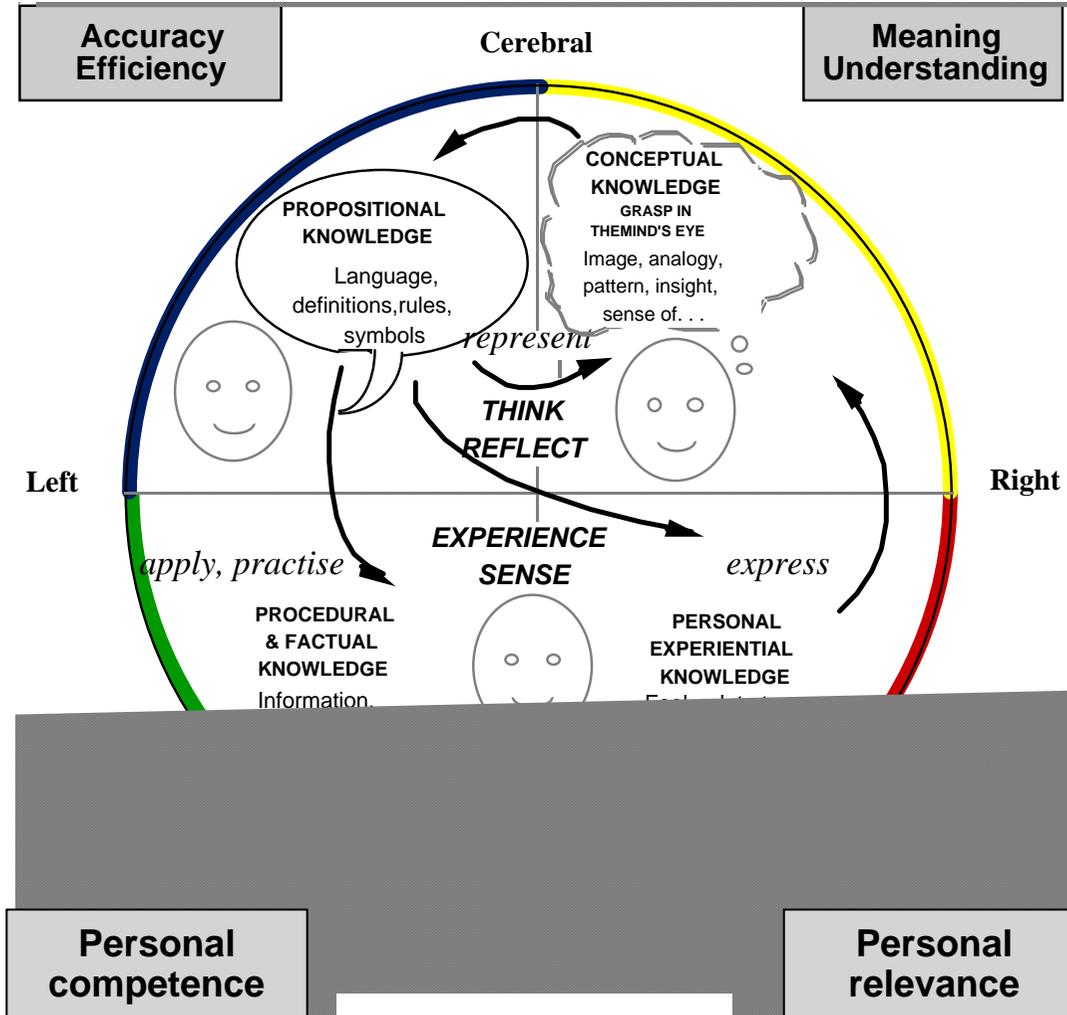
D: Abstracts essence, concept, expresses as image, analogy . . .

TIGER

B: Names, gives examples, describes how . . .

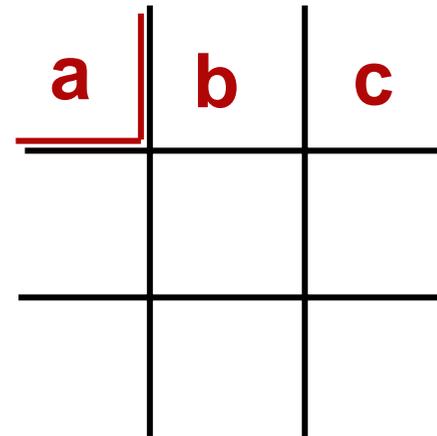
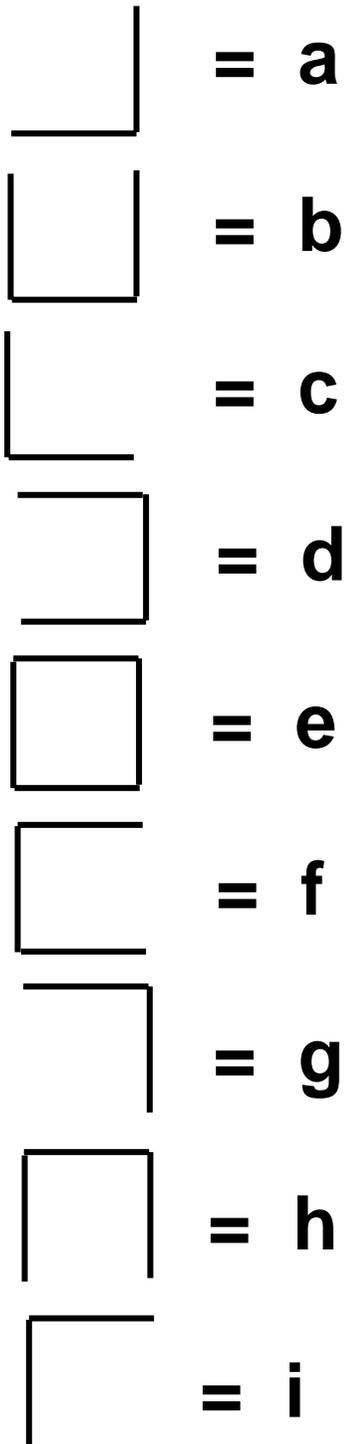
C: Felt meaning, value, expresses as personal story . . .

INTEGRAL LEARNING



Human learning is deepened and amplified by integrating our multiple ways of knowing.

Teach to ENGAGE and INTEGRATE all modes of processing regardless of personal thinking style.



A chair is an object designed to support one person in a sitting position and it either has a back or is designed to support the back.

Categories of chairs:

- Barber's chair*
- Dentist's chair*
- Desk chair*
- Rocking chair*
- Squatter's chair*

Essence of chair

Definition

Language is words and/or symbols

A

Concept

Language is image and metaphor

D

**WAYS OF KNOWING
"chair"**

Language is facts and details such as labels, and description

B

C

Language is personal story

Examples

Experiences

This chair has four legs, it's made from Tassie oak. . .

Could also be instructions for building a chair

My favourite chair is a "sleepy hollow" chair I bought in an old antique shop in Bendigo and then had done up. When I was a kid we had a sleepy hollow chair at home and it was everyone's favourite. Being one of six I didn't hold out much hope of ever owning that one so I bought my own.

STRUCTURE OF THIS SESSION

WHY the title?

Ways of thinking--> Ways of knowing

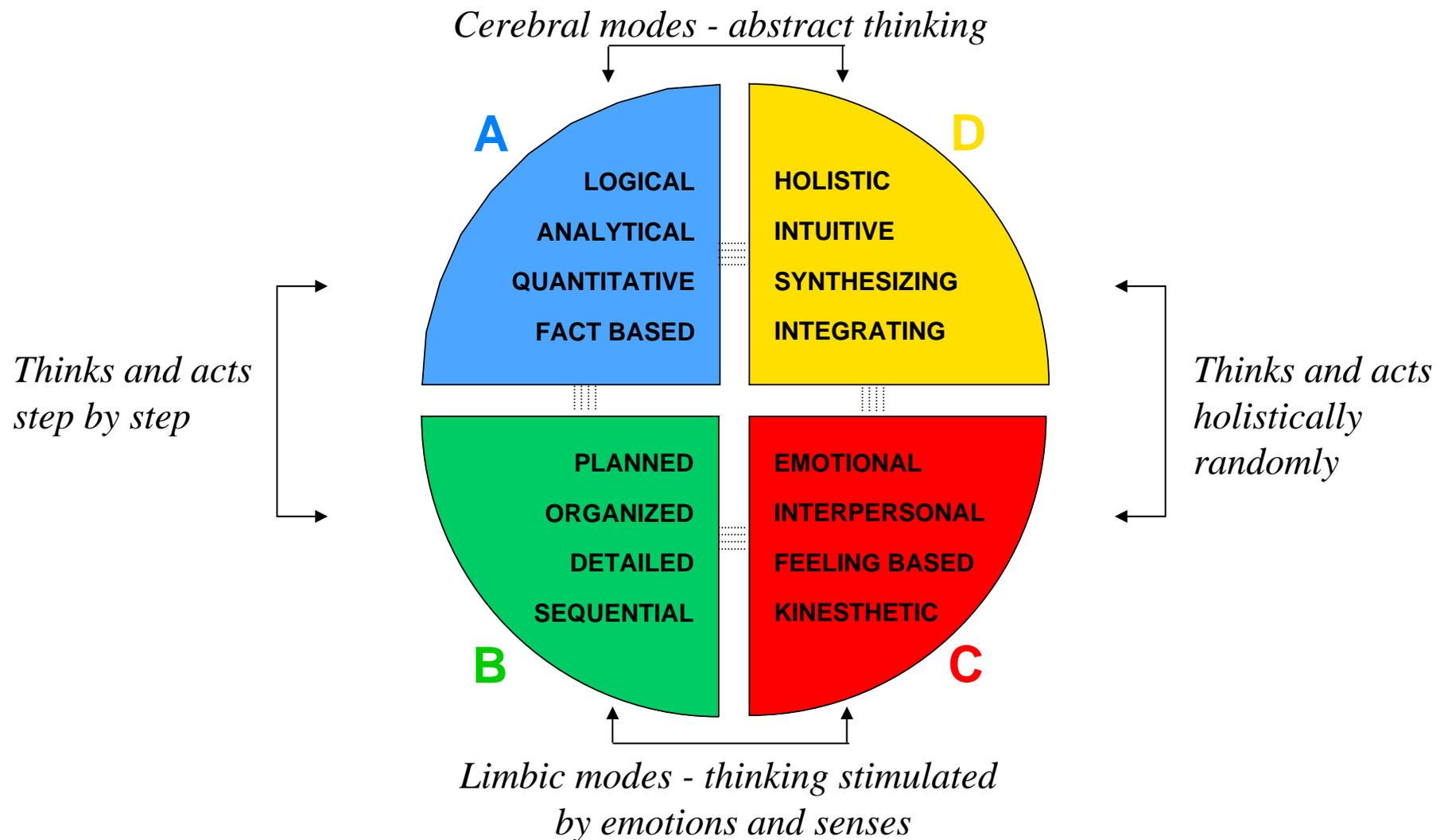
Integral Learning Model

Designing for Effective Learning

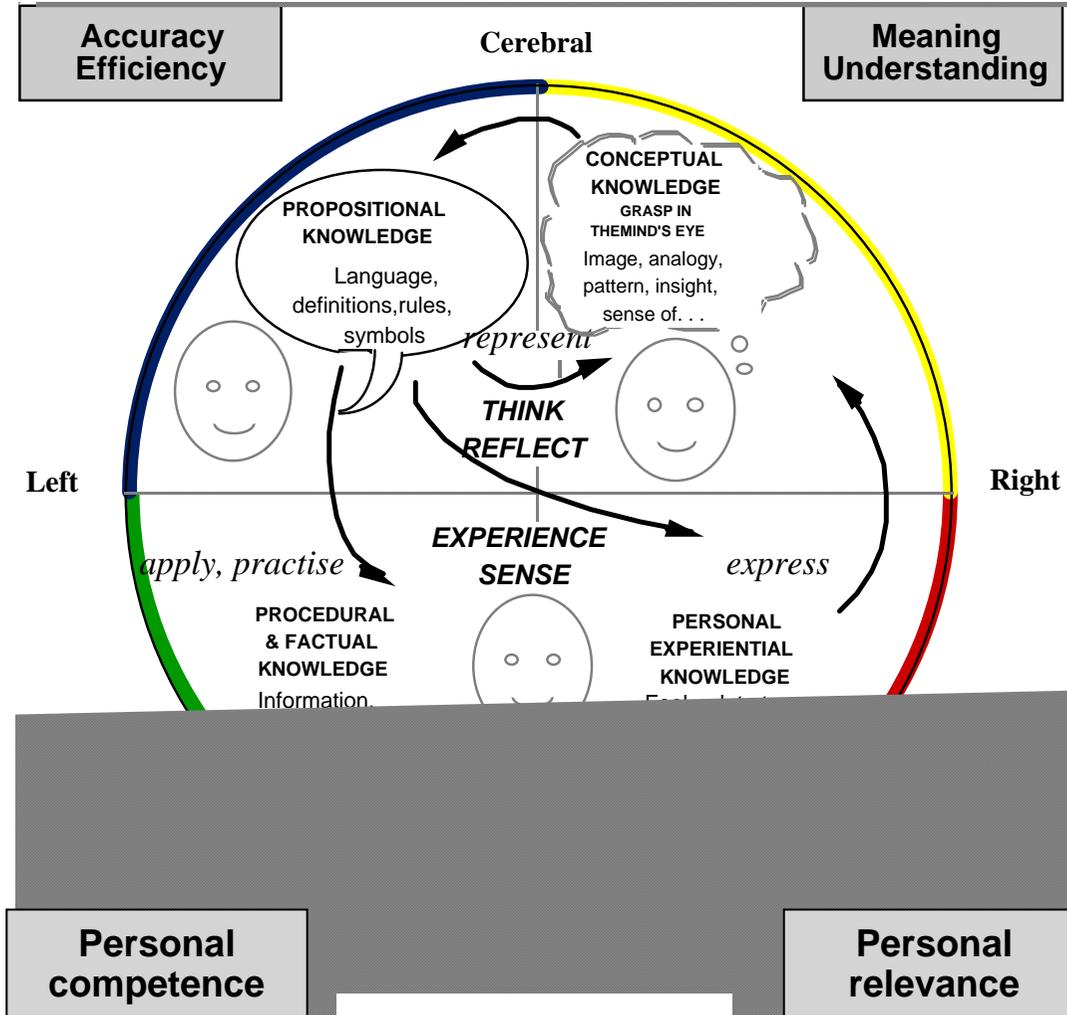
Mu dictionary - Four ways of knowing

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Ned Herrmann's Whole Brain Processing Model



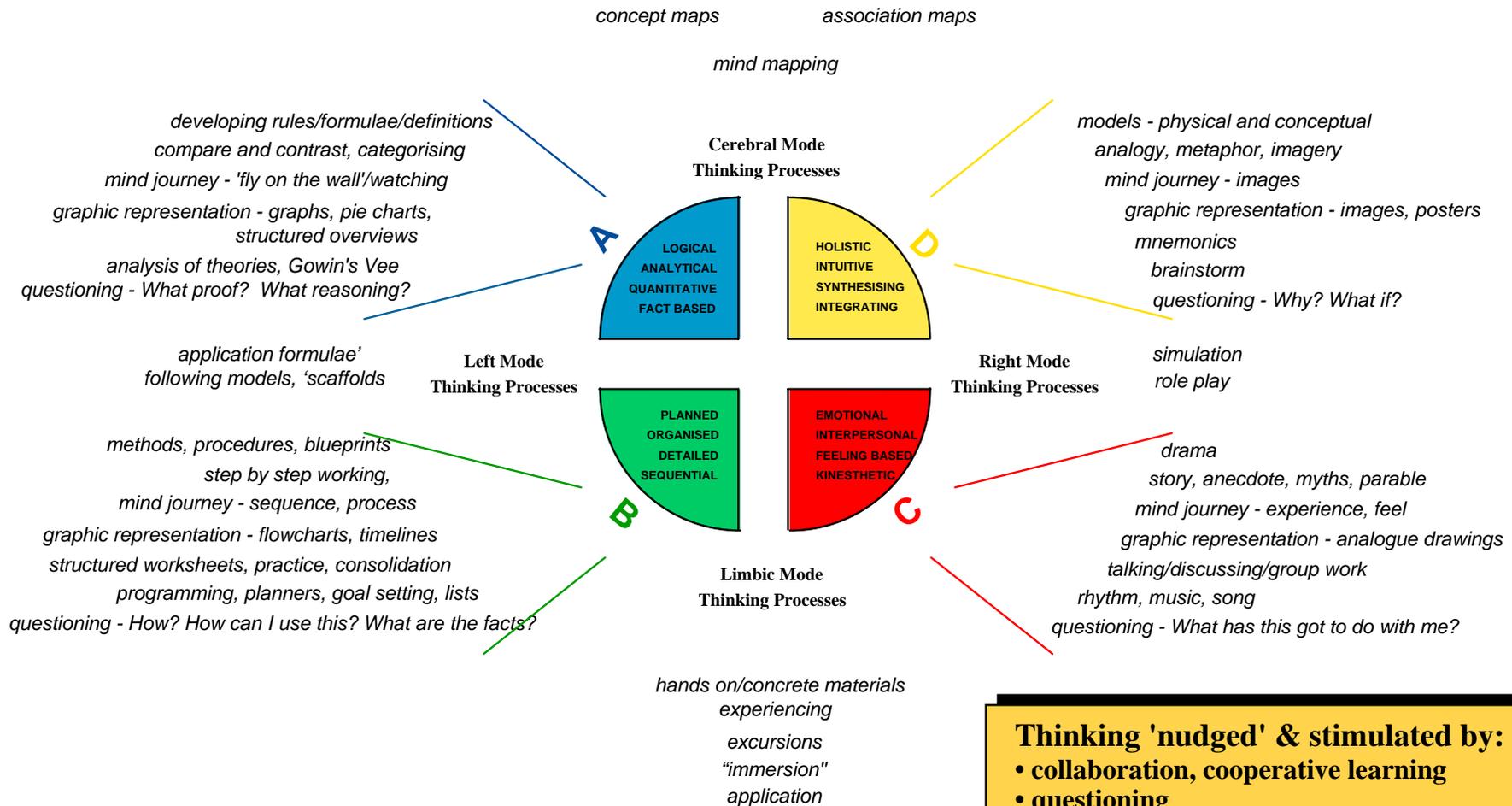
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Strategies to Promote Integral Learning



Thinking 'nudged' & stimulated by:

- collaboration, cooperative learning
- questioning
- posing problems, challenges
- design process
- games
- predict -observe-explain
- teaching, re-presenting eg multimedia

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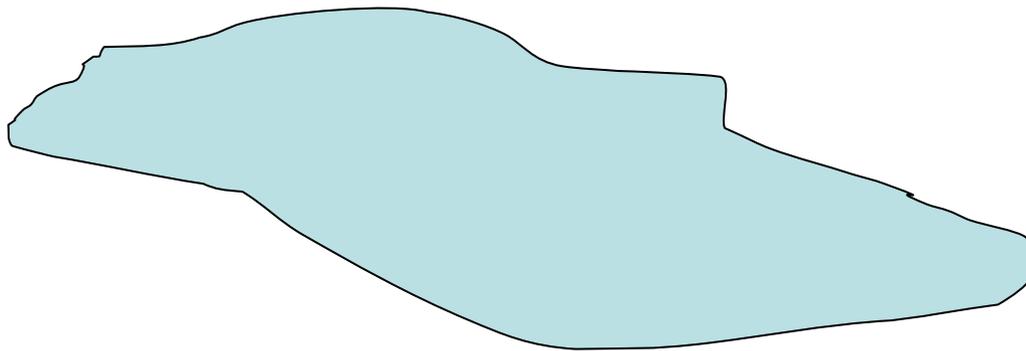
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Two students are discussing how they can determine the area of an irregular garden shape to order mulch.

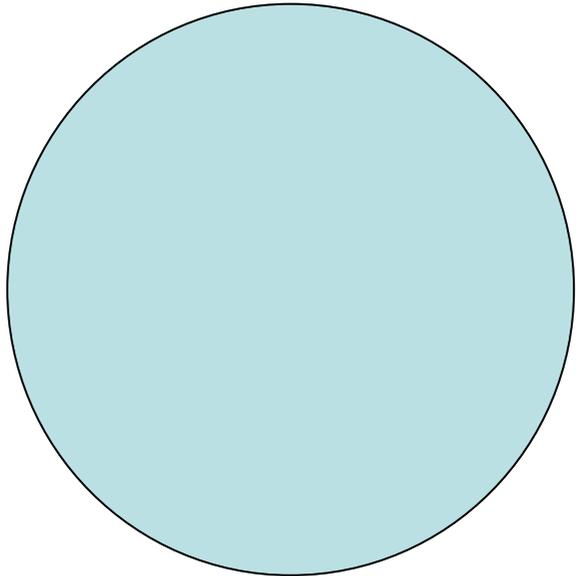
One suggests they could use a trundle wheel to determine the perimeter and then turn it into a regular shape and calculate the area. The other student isn't so sure that would work.

What do you think?

Prove your answer through **images** and **calculations**.



IMAGE



These two shapes have the same perimeter. Which has the greatest area?

Proof: The perimeter is kept constant at 16. As the shape changes the area is changing. The first student is not correct.

