Beyond Logic: Designing for the Flaws in our Cognitive Architecture

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Time flies like an arrow Fruit flies like a banana

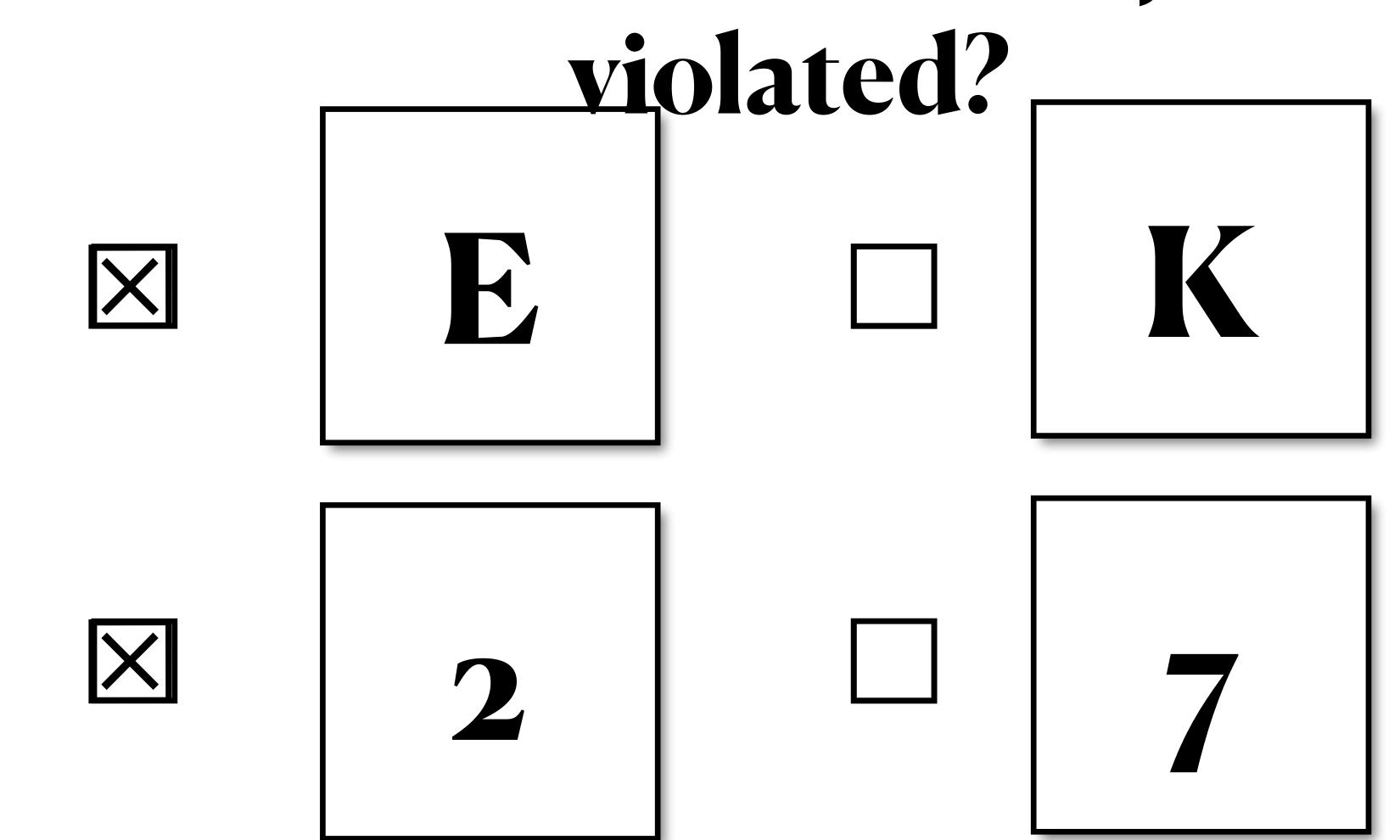
flies=flies



Contextual! (aka situated/emergent)

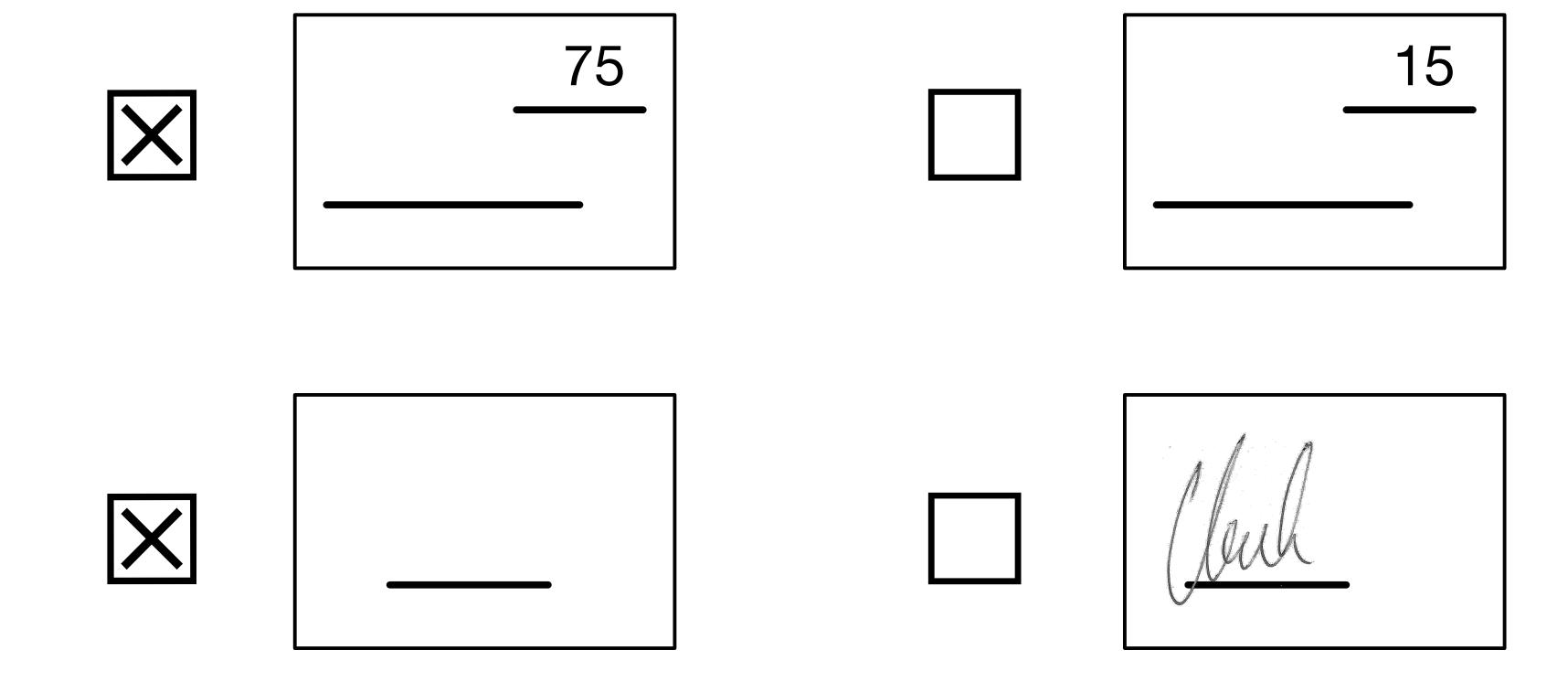
Given:
set of cards;
letter on one side,
digit on the other;
and a rule that must not be violated

Rule: if vowel, then odd. Which turn over to verify rule not

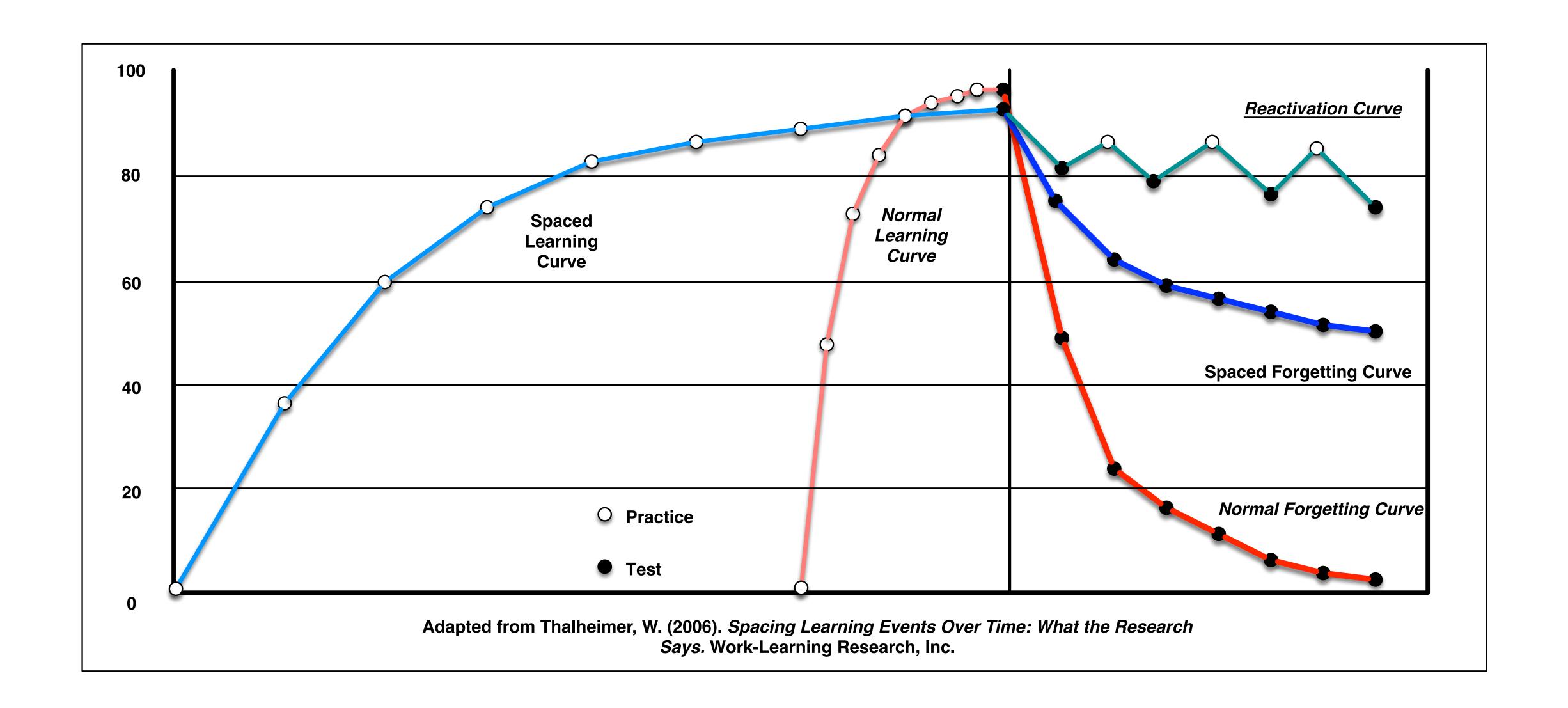


Given: set of checks; amount on one side, space for signature on the other; and a rule that must not be violated

Rule: if >\$25, then signature. Which turn over to verify rule not violated?



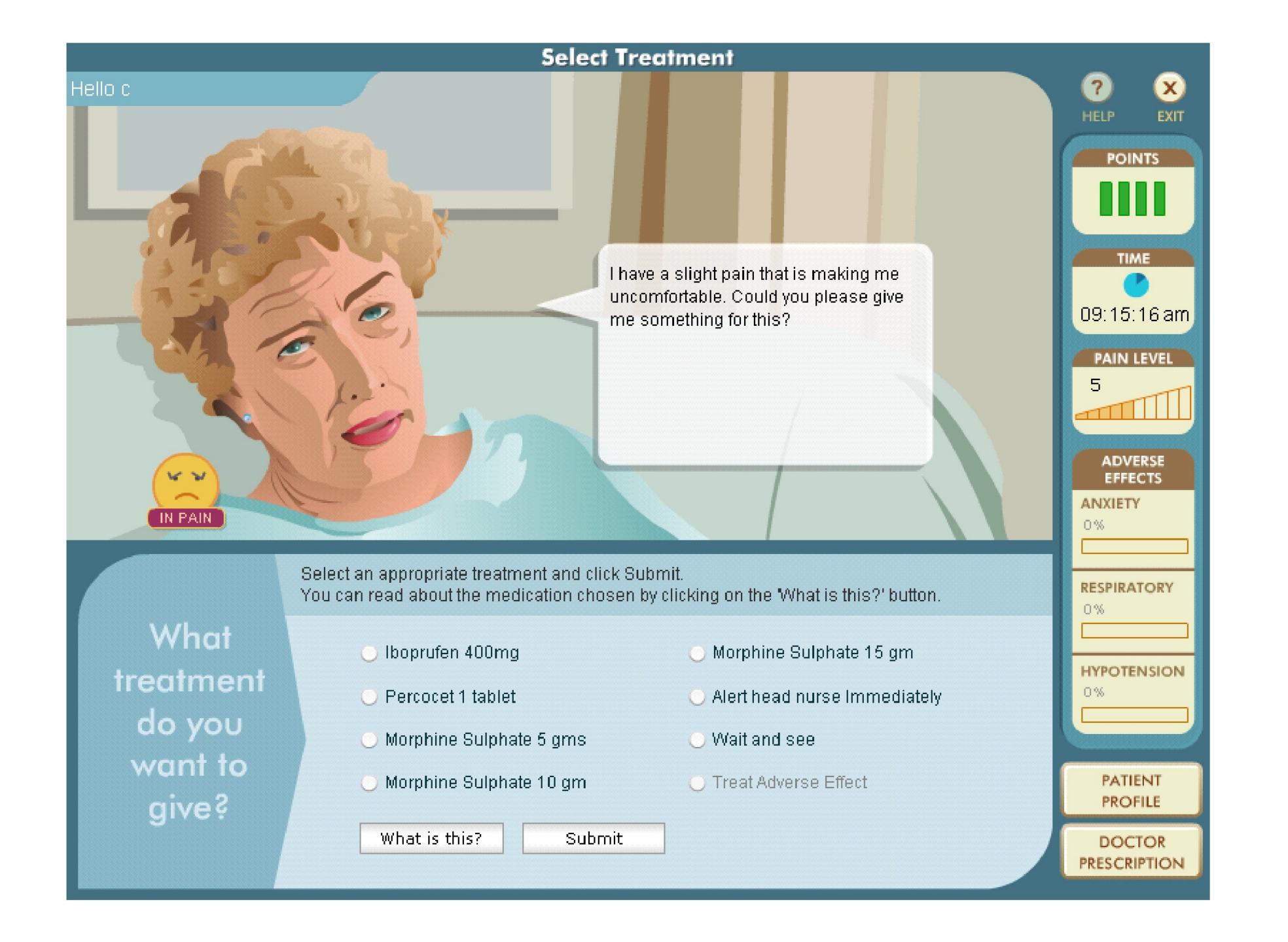
Concrete better

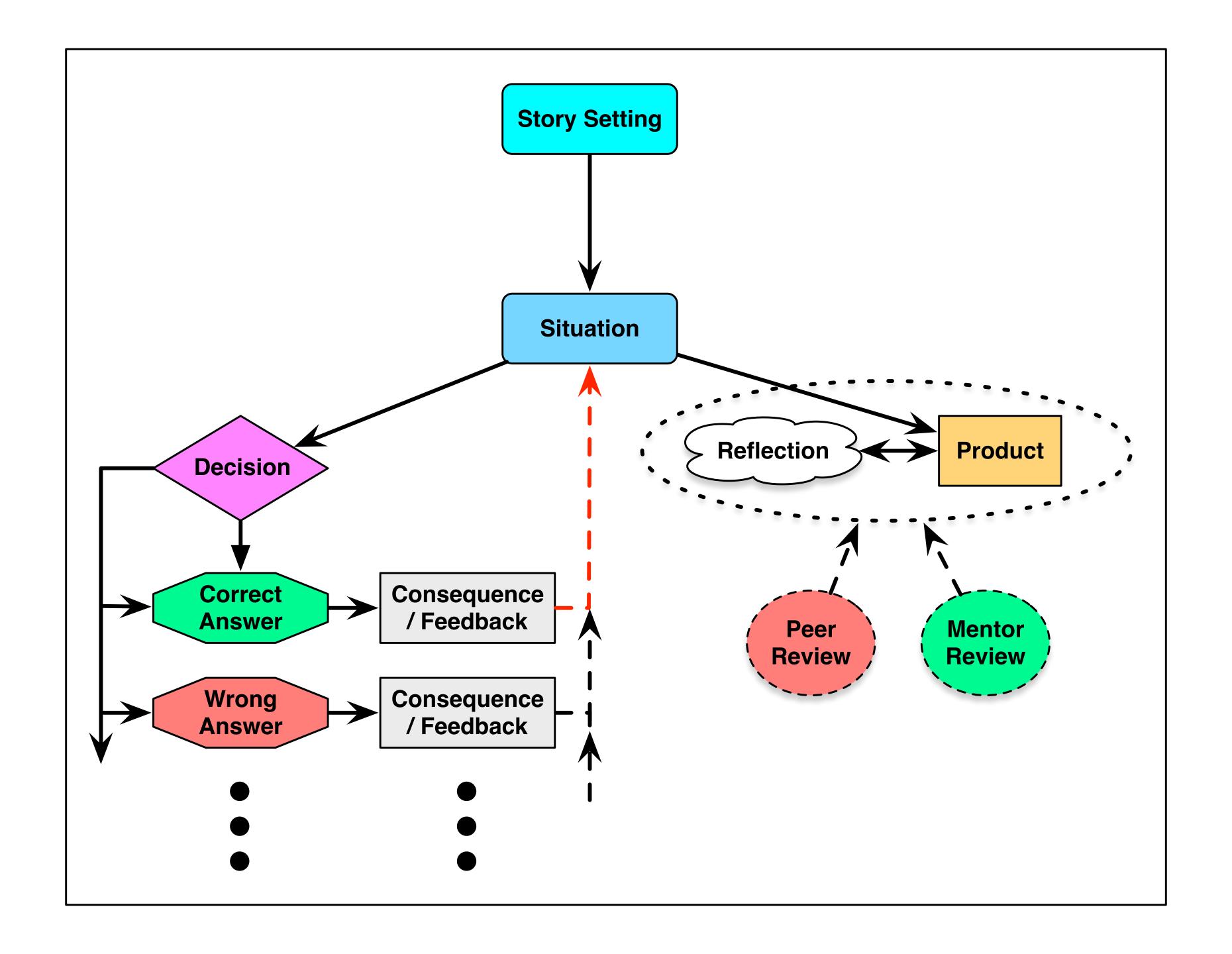


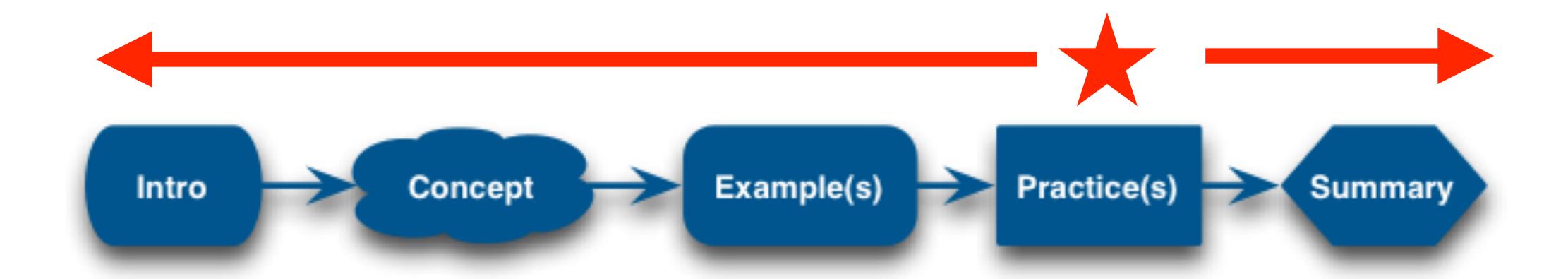


plunger plŭn'jer The plung was broken.

(8) Plunger means (a) c a pump part (c) a brown car







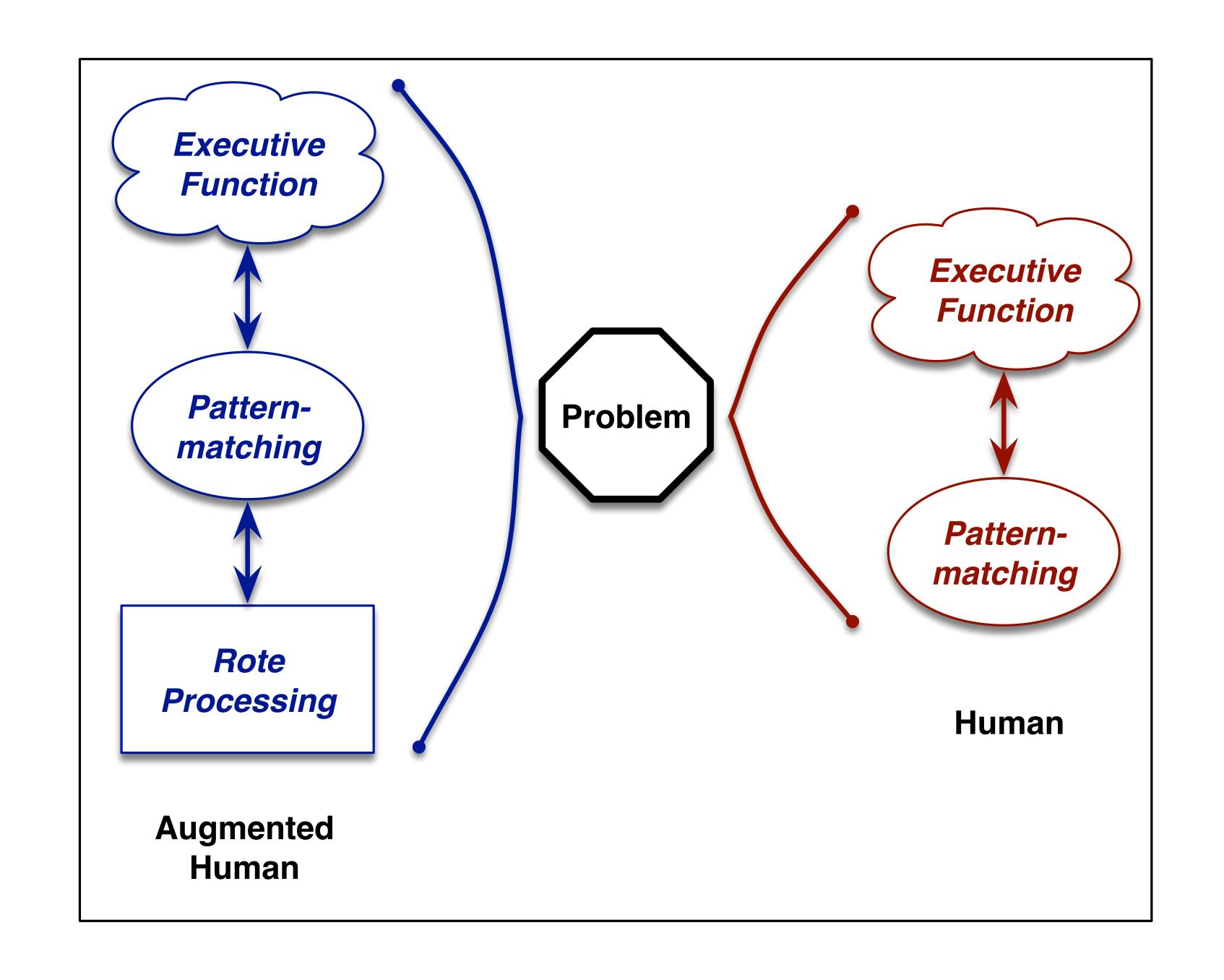
$$1288 \div 56 =$$

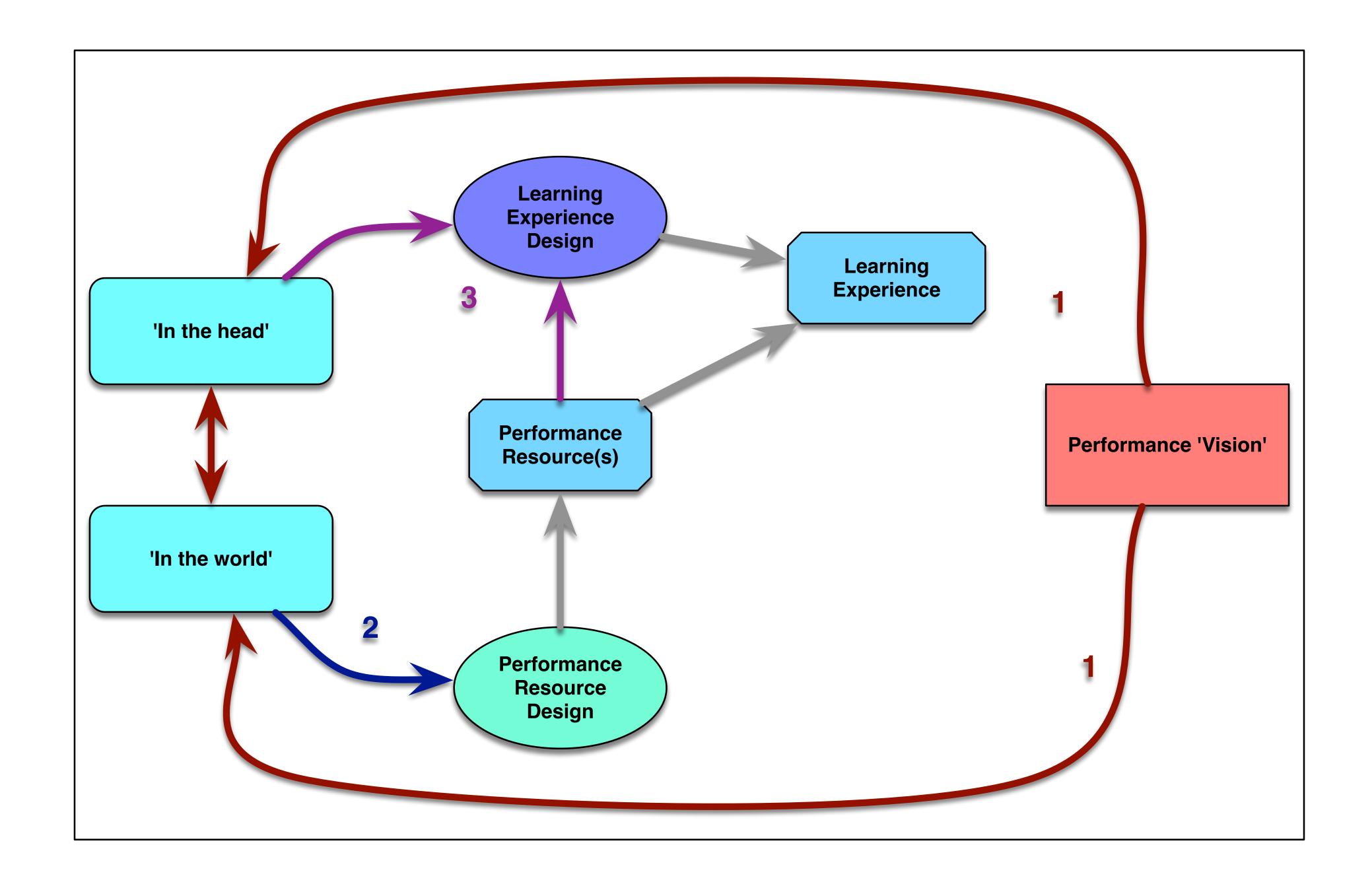
- A. I can do in my head
- B. I can do with pencil & paper
- C. I can do it with a calculator

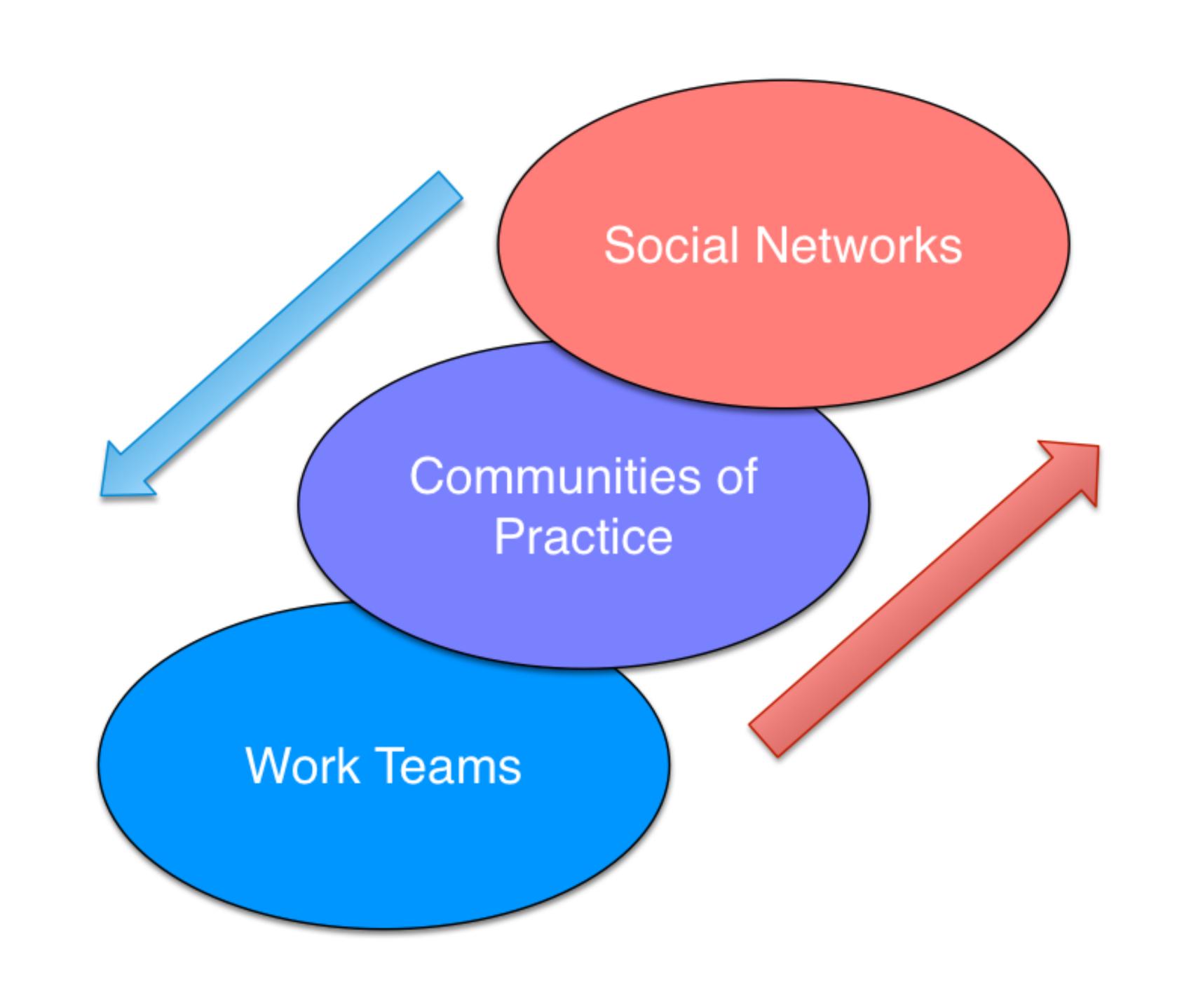
Distributed!

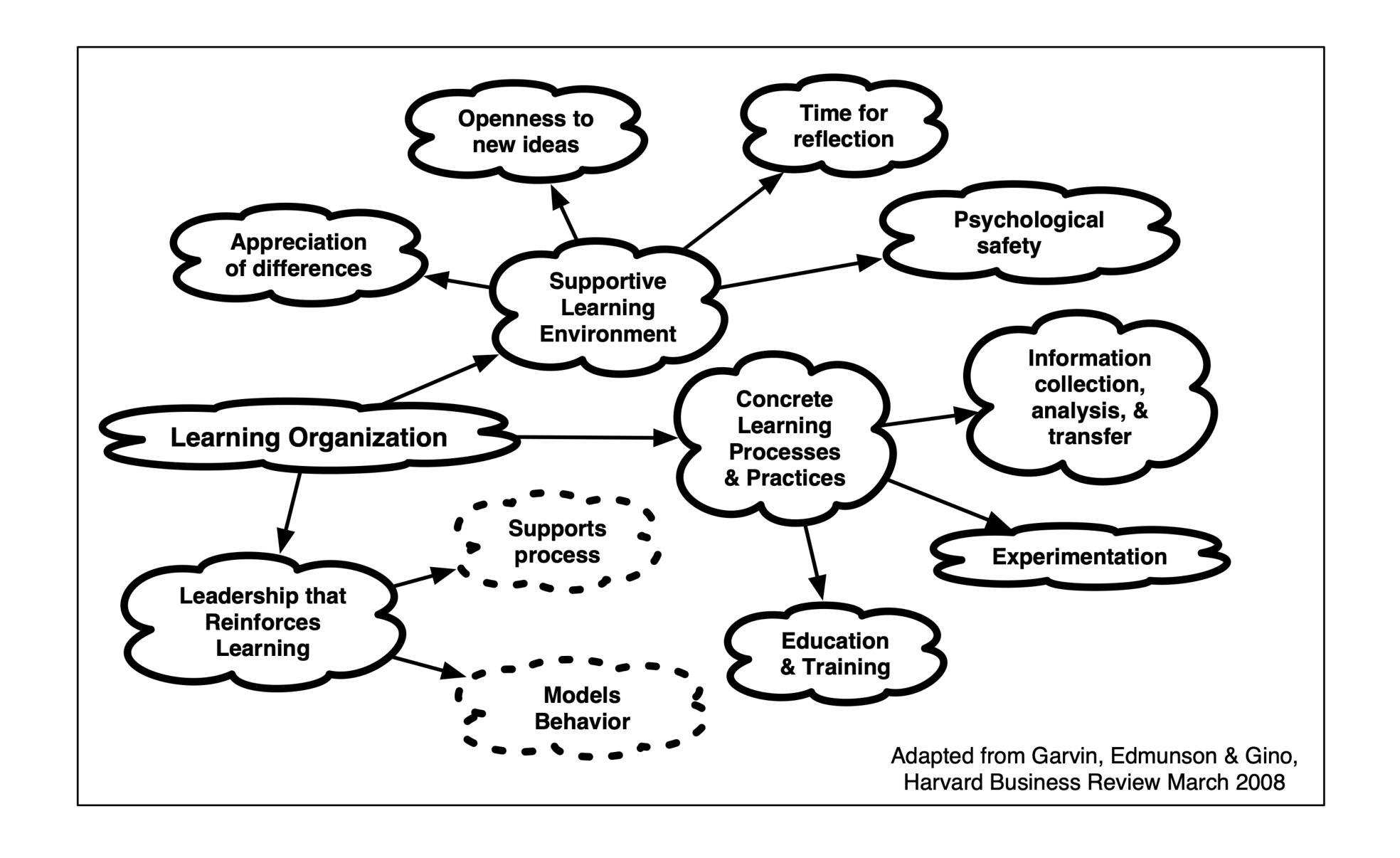
| Well | Poorly |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Pattern-matching | Arbitary |
| Meaning | Rote |
| Language | Abstract |
| | Quantity |
| Motion | Accuracy |
| Social | |
| Biologically Primary | Biologically Secondary |

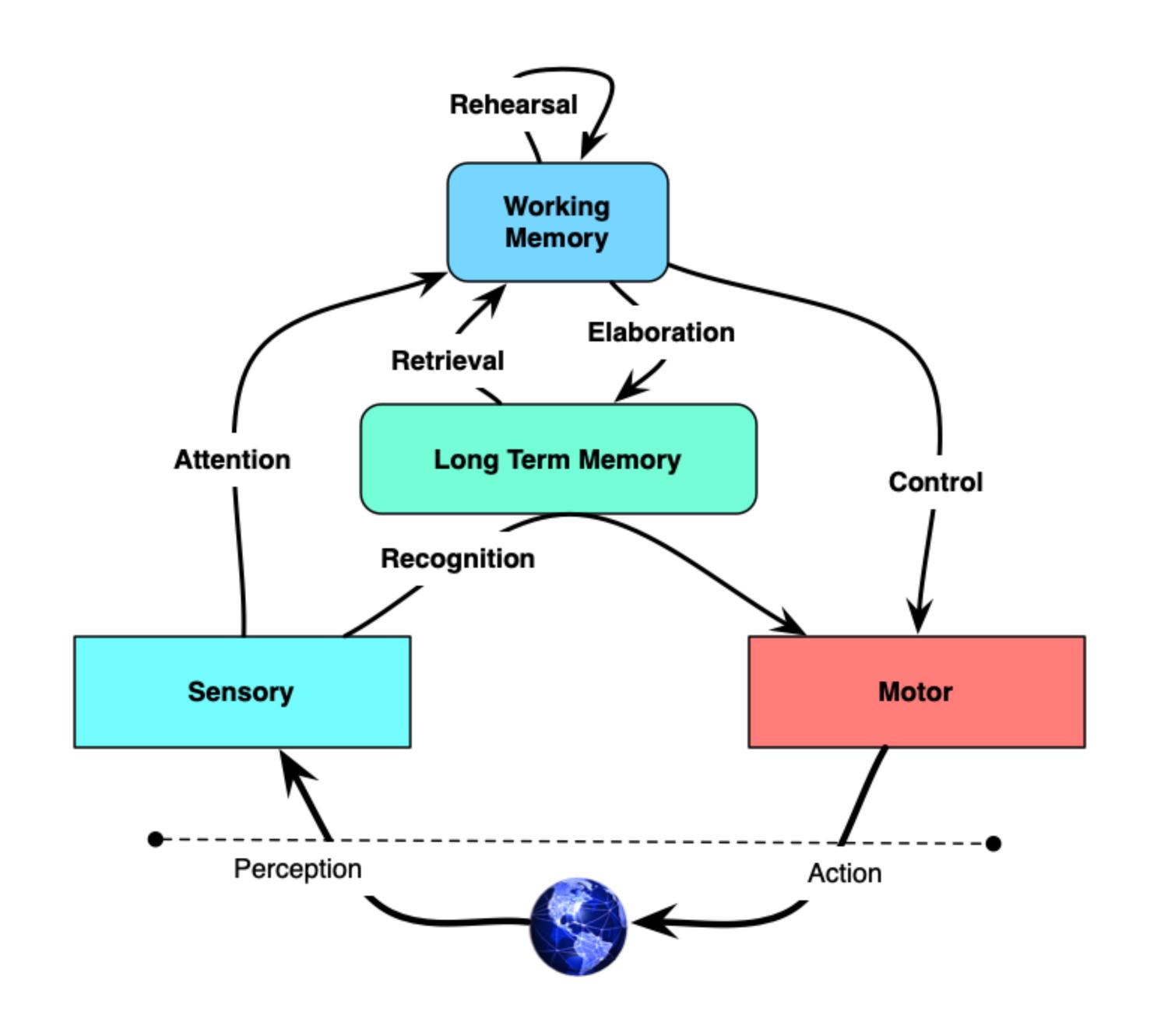
| Cognitive Limitation | Support |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Sensory Store | Capture |
| Attention Limits | Notifications |
| Working Memory Limits | Calculators |
| Rehearsal Limits | External Representations |
| Recall Limits | Lookup/Search |
| Skip/Forget Steps | Checklists |
| Previous Biases | Lateral Prompts |
| Premature Evaluation | Data |
| Intuition/Fatigue | Templates |
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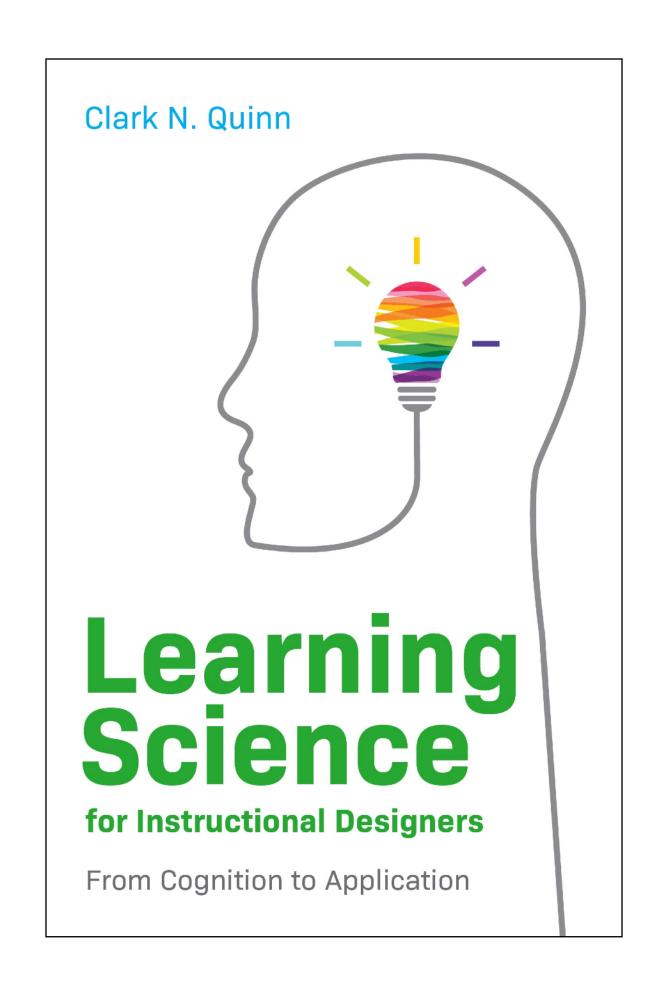












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