

# effective use of **slideware** to help students create **mental models**

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What are some examples of **bad slide design**?

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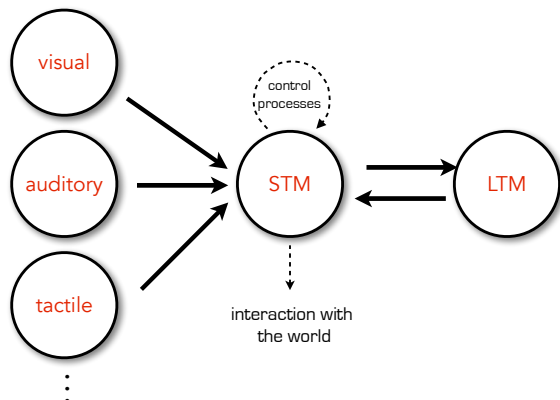
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- **recognize** the effective use of different forms of graphical representations
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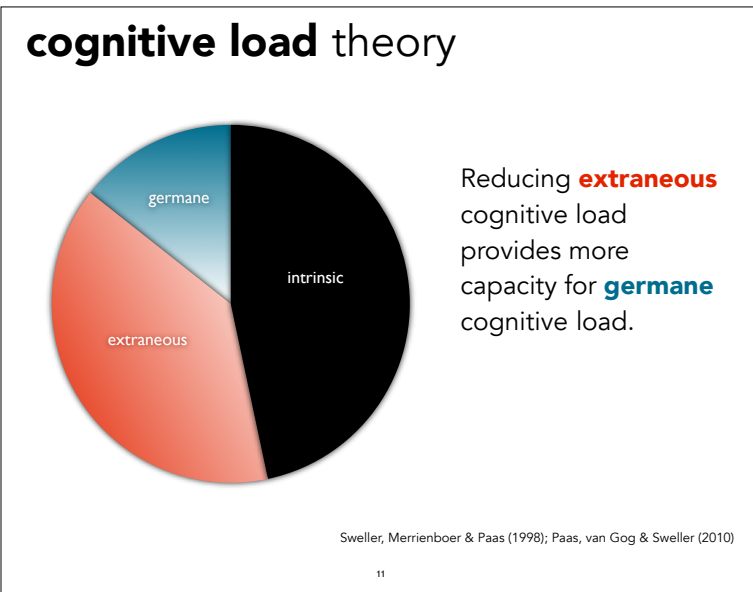
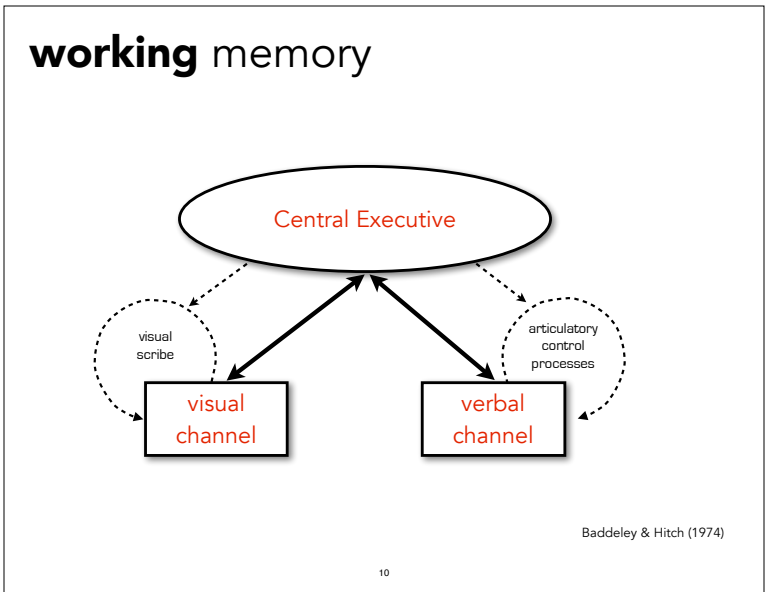
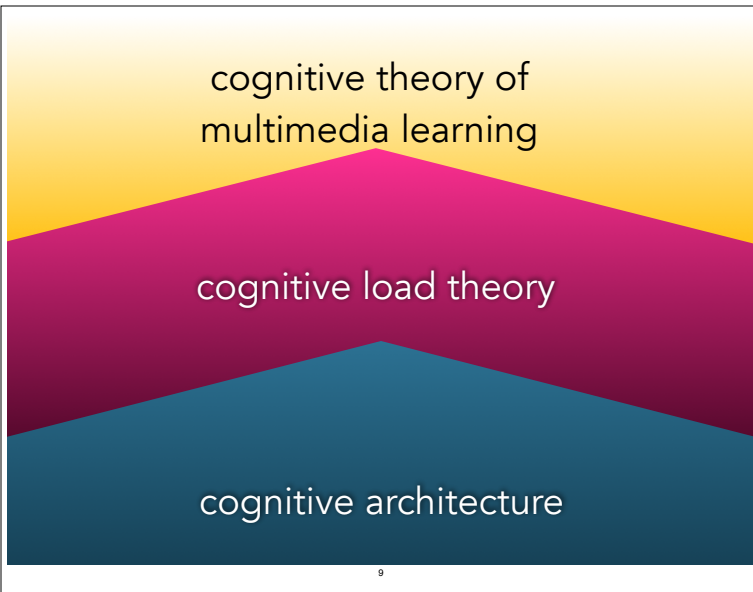
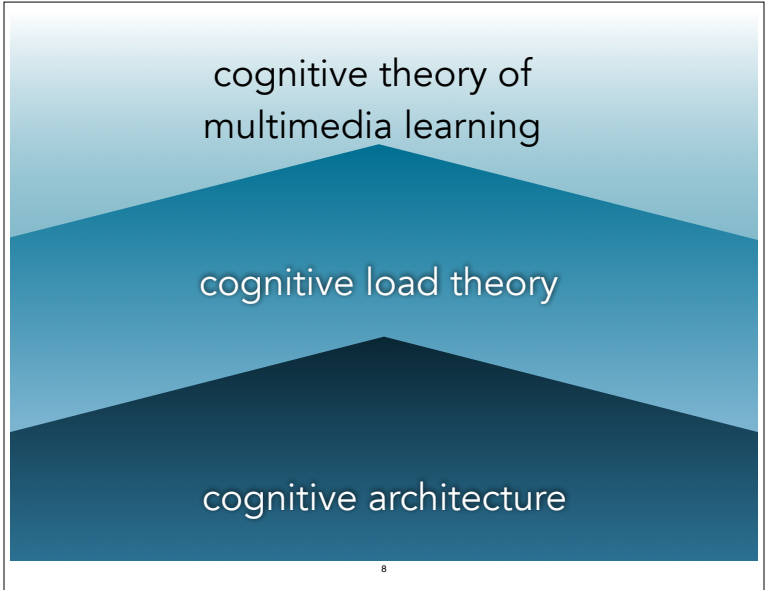
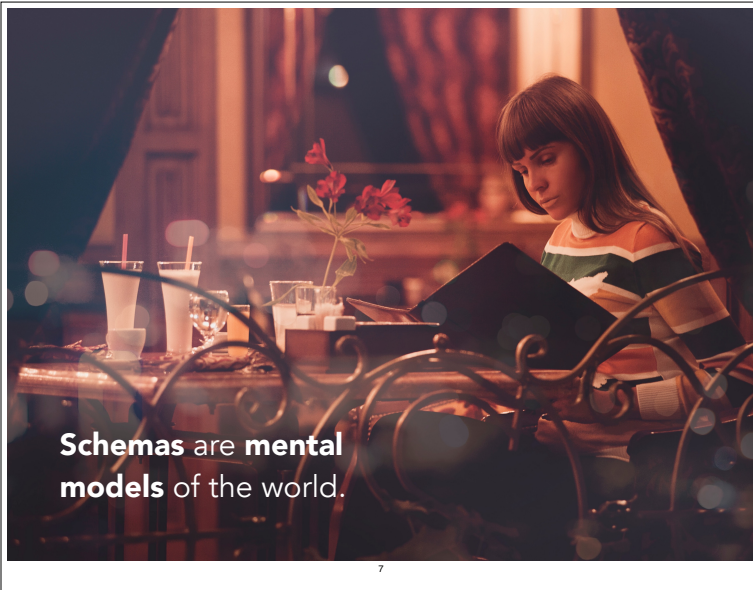
Atkinson & Shiffrin (1968)

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can you reproduce the **symbol** I showed a minute ago?



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## multimedia principle



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Mayer & Moreno (2003)

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## modality principle

images



visual

words

dog

auditory

**Images** are represented by both a **visual** and **verbal** code.

Mayer & Moreno (2003)

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The **redundancy principle** refers to the fact that when text on screen is the same as the information being conveyed verbally information is encoded less effectively. People are busy reading the text instead of listening to the information that a person is trying to convey overwhelming both the visual and verbal channels, but people can't stop themselves from reading. Stop reading this. Seriously, stop reading this and pay attention to what I am saying. Fine, if you've gotten this far, please pat your head.

Mayer & Moreno (2003)

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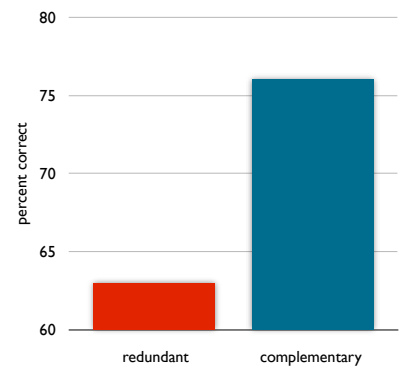


redundant



complementary

performance: **comprehension**



Fenesi & Kim (2014)

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## how do you use bullet points?

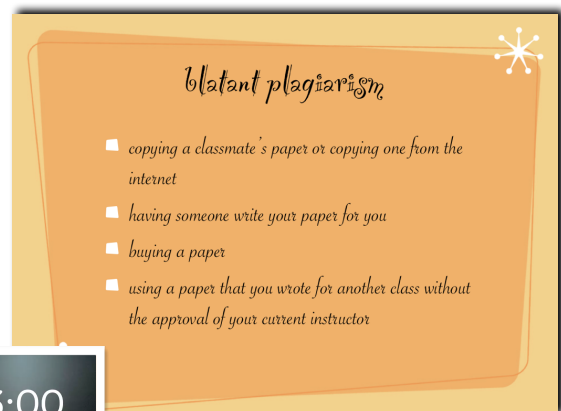
People remember **grammatical** sentences better than **lists of words**.



Dukewich & Nicolas (in prep)

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## let's **translate**



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## let's translate

*blatant plagiarism*

- copying a classmate's paper or copying one from the internet
- having someone write your paper for you
- buying a paper
- using a paper that you wrote for another class without the approval of your current instructor


Copying from a classmate or the internet is **plagiarism**.



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Recycling a paper without permission is **plagiarism**.



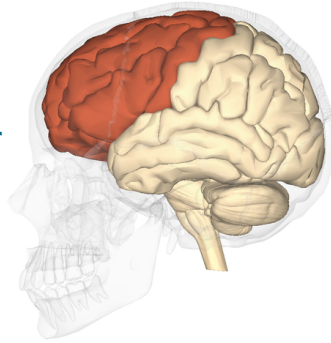
## decorative graphics\*



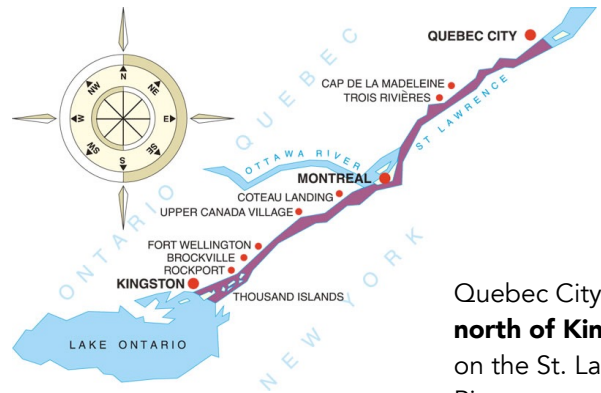
... can be **distracting**.

## representational graphics

The **frontal lobe** is involved in **higher-order** cognitive processes.

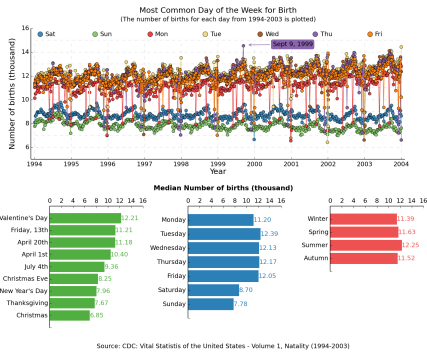
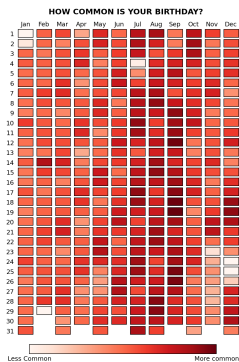


## representational graphics



Quebec City is **north of Kingston** on the St. Lawrence River.

## relational graphics



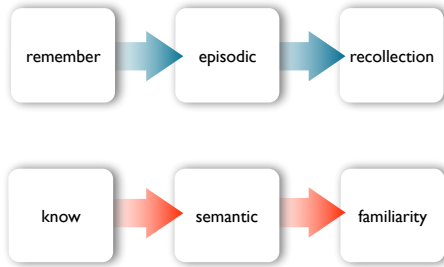
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- remembering
  - associated with episodic memory
  - experience of recollection
- knowing
  - associated with semantic memory
  - experience of familiarity

## organizational graphics



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organizational graphics

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## causes of suburbanization

### Push Factors

- congestion & population density
- pollution from industry & traffic
- perception: lower quality of life

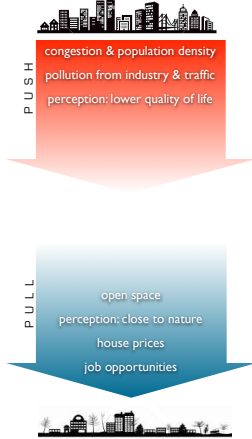
### Pull Factors

- open space
- perception: close to nature
- house prices
- job opportunities

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## organizational graphics



The causes for **suburbanization** included both **push** and **pull** factors.

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## organizational graphics

### Abstract Concepts



#### Flow

Linear  
Circular  
Divergent/Convergent  
Multidirectional

#### Structure

Matrices  
Trees  
Layers

#### Cluster

Overlapping  
Closure  
Enclosed  
Linked

#### Radiate

From a point  
With a core  
Without a core

### Realistic Concepts



#### Pictorial

Direction  
Location  
Reveal  
Process  
Influence

#### Display Data

Comparison  
Trend  
Distribution

Duarte (2012)

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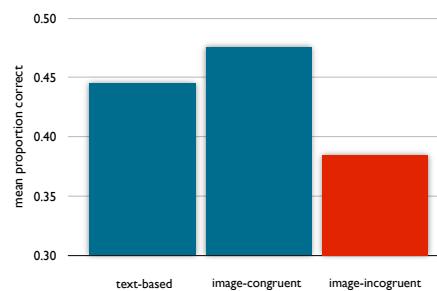
## coherence principle

REMOVE EXTRANEOUS MATERIAL,  
IN ALL FORMS.

Mayer & Moreno (2003)

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Tangen, Constable, et al (2011)

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# coherence principle

multimedia principle

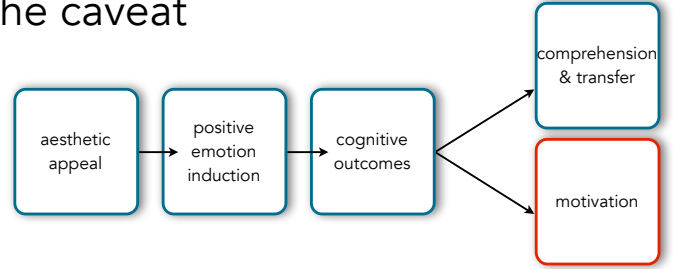


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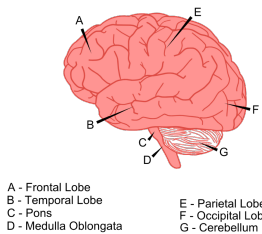
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# coherence principle: the caveat



Plass, Heidig, Hayward, Homer & Um (2013)

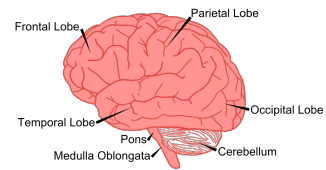
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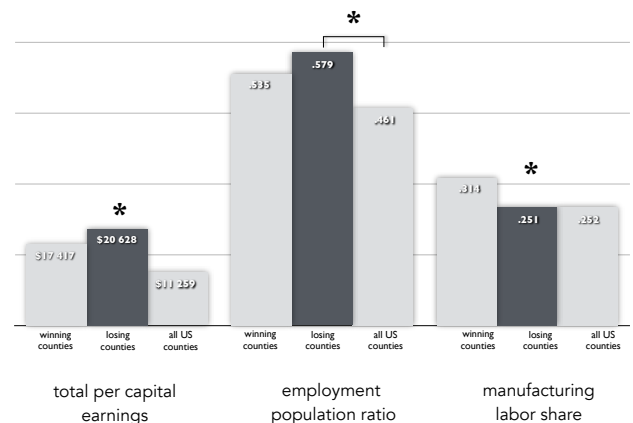
# how would you improve this?

Greenstone, Hornbeck and Moretti (2010)

TABLE 3  
COUNTY AND PLANT CHARACTERISTICS BY WINNER STATUS, 1 YEAR PRIOR TO A MILLION DOLLAR PLANT OPENING

	ALL PLANTS		ALABAMA		ALABAMA		ALABAMA		ALABAMA	
	Winning Counties (1)	Losing Counties (2)	All U.S. Counties (3)	Col. 1 - Col. 2 (4)	Winning Counties (5)	Losing Counties (6)	All U.S. Counties (7)	Col. 5 - Col. 6 (8)	Col. 5 - Col. 7 (9)	Col. 6 - Col. 8 (10)
<b>A. County Characteristics</b>										
No. of counties	27	73			16	19			-11	4.62
Total per capita earnings (\$)	17,418	20,628	11,259	-2.85	5.79	39,220	30,598	11,378	-28	37
% change, over last 6 years	078	096	037	-81	1.87	076	080	007	-28	37
Population	322,745	447,979	82,343	-1.61	4.53	357,553	364,342	83,400	-117	3.26
% change, over last 6 years	102	051	036	2.86	3.22	070	082	001	1.18	1.65
Employment/population ratio	033	079	051	-1.41	3.49	062	069	007	64	3.63
Change, over last 6 years	041	047	023	-68	2.54	045	038	008	39	1.37
Manufacturing labor share	014	031	028	2.35	3.12	061	027	031	1.60	1.17
Change, over last 6 years	-014	-031	-008	1.52	-84	-850	-040	-007	87	-3.17
<b>B. Plant Characteristics</b>										
No. of sample plants	18.8	25.6	9.98	-1.35	3.02	2.75	8.02	2.36	-1.14	.79
Output (\$1,000)	190,039	181,454	123,187	25	2.14	217,500	178,598	182,571	41	1.25
% change, over last 6 years	082	082	118	81	-37	-061	177	182	-128	-3.58
Hours of labor (1,000)	1,088	1,168	877	1.32	2.43	1,728	1,198	1,000	32	1.33
% change, over last 6 years	122	081	115	81	-14	140	025	144	85	13

# 1 year prior to the opening of a million dollar plant



Greenstone, Hornbeck & Moretti (2010)

**Signalling** is a way to point at things you want people to **pay attention** to.



Mayer & Moreno (2003)

## signalling

All Plants					Within Same Industry (Two-Digit SIC)				
Winning Counties (1)	Losing Counties (2)	All U.S. Counties (3)	#Statistic (4)	%Statistic (5)	Winning Counties (6)	Losing Counties (7)	All U.S. Counties (8)	#Statistic (9)	%Statistic (10)
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No. of counties	47	24			16	19			
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Population	322,745	447,876	82,381	-1.61	4.45	337,955	504,842	83,430	-1.17
% change over last 5 years	-0.60	-0.64	-0.86	-0.66	-3.59	070	052	051	1.18
Employment/population ratio	535	579	461	-1.41	3.49	462	569	467	44
% change over last 5 years	1.01	1.14	0.99	-0.74	3.54	045	038	028	3.07
Manufacturing labor share	314	251	292	2.35	3.12	296	227	231	1.60
% change over last 5 years	-0.14	-0.01	-0.68	1.32	-0.01	-0.00	-0.40	-0.07	0.87

pay attention to this

now this

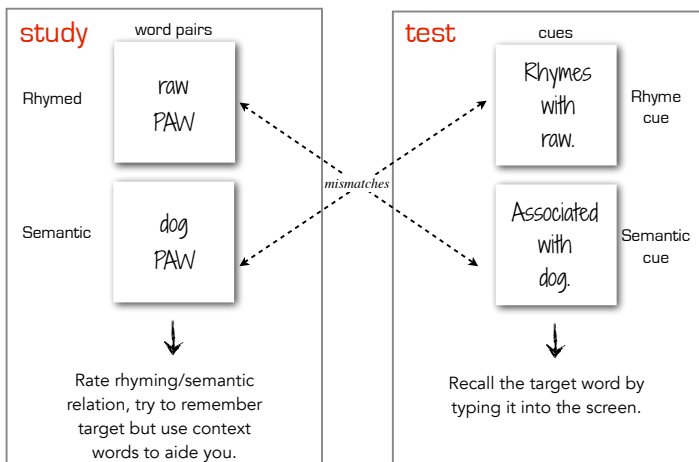
look over here!

builds can also serve as **reminders** of what you want to say

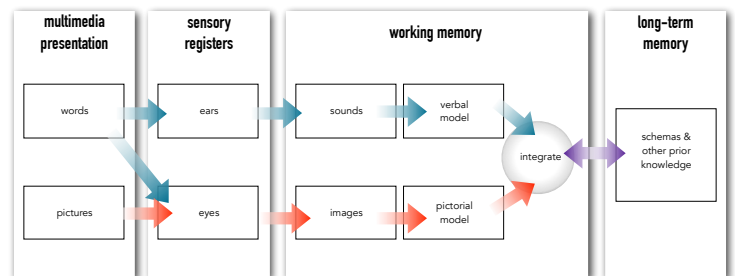
## Thomson, Smilek & Besner (2012) - Expt 1

- **study phase:**
  - participants presented with word pairs
  - capitalized = recall target
  - two conditions:
    - rhymed ex. *raw-PAW*
    - semantic ex. *dog-PAW*
  - rate rhyming/semantic relation strength
  - “try to remember target, use context word”
- **test phase:**
  - participants give cue, asked to recall target
  - two conditions:
    - rhyme cue: “rhymes with raw”
    - semantic cue: “associated with dog”
  - recall target word
- **study x test fully crossed to produce match/mismatch**
  - ex. match: study (rhyme) + test (rhyme)
  - ex. mismatch: study (rhyme) + test (semantic)

## signalling: builds & animations



## summary



Mayer & Moreno (2003)

These principles are  
**guidelines**, not rules

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