Understanding Student Behavior and Creating Effective Learning Environments

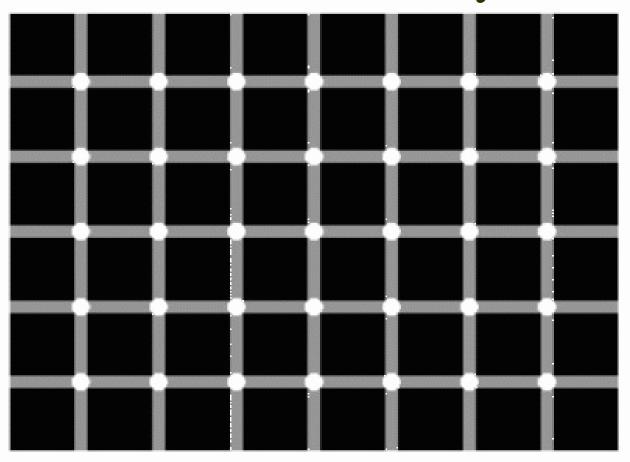
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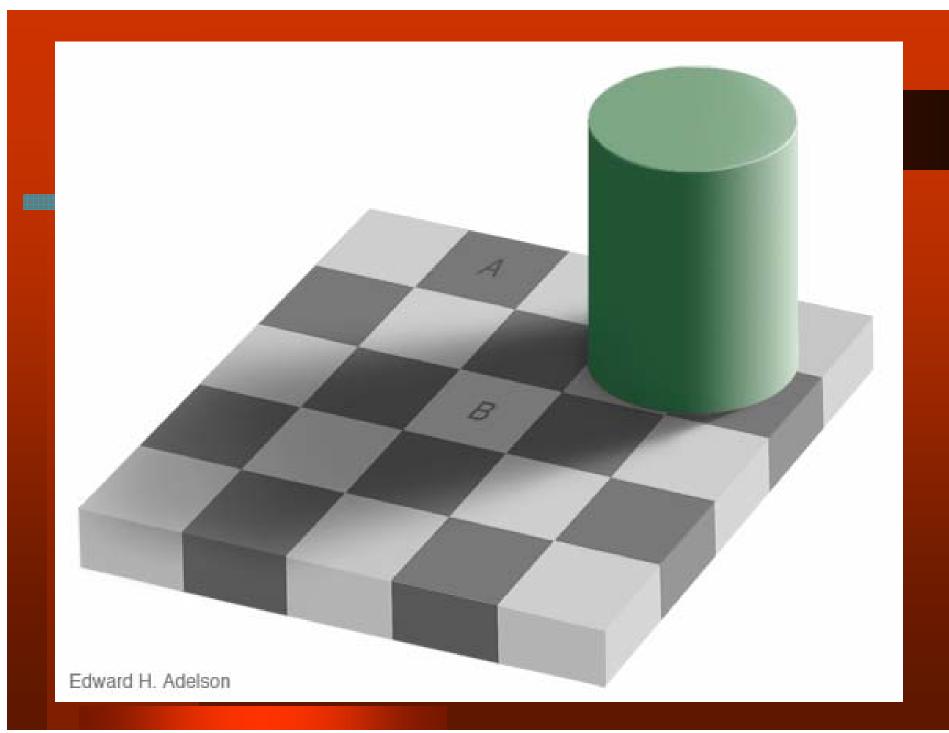
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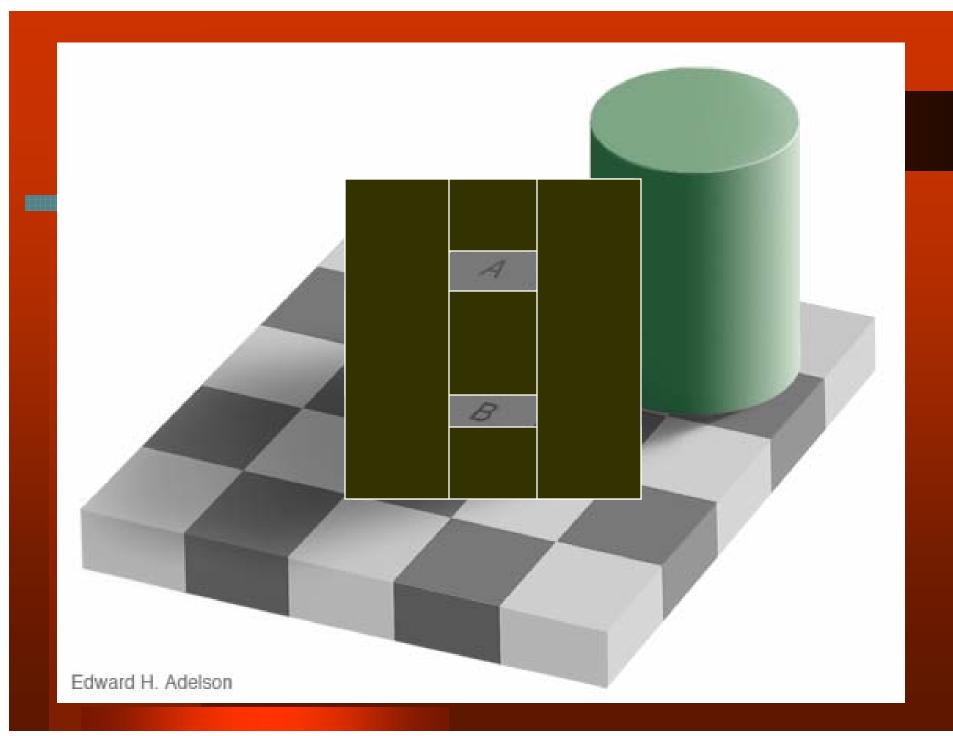
New Florida Ballot System



Example: White dots Gore and Black dots Bush

5 – Minute University





Penny

What one "thing" has worked well in your class over the past year?

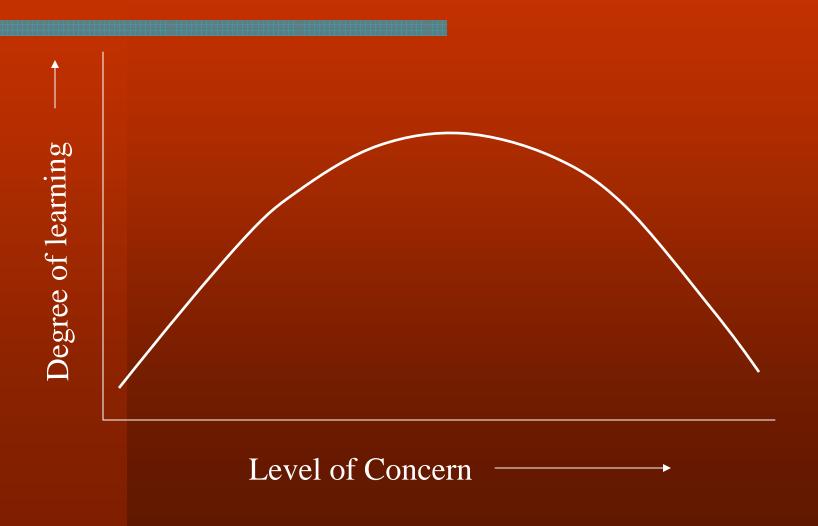
Encoding Specificity

Practice at recall and as close as possible to test situation.

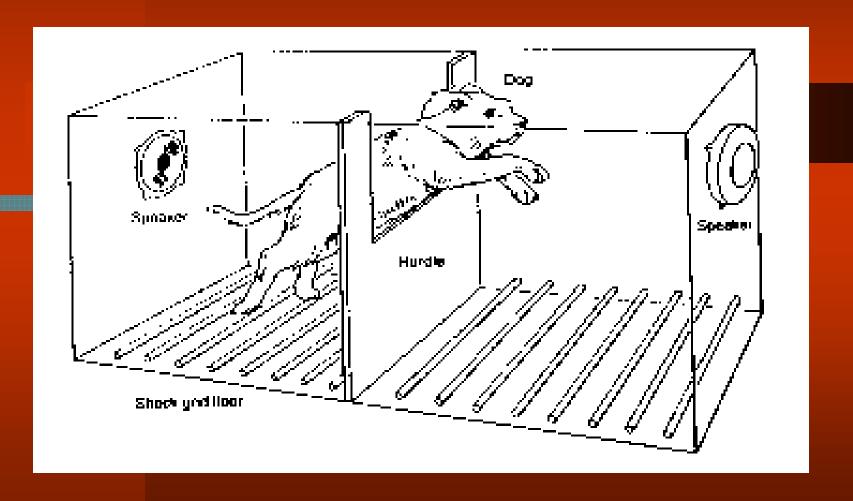
Stress and Confidence

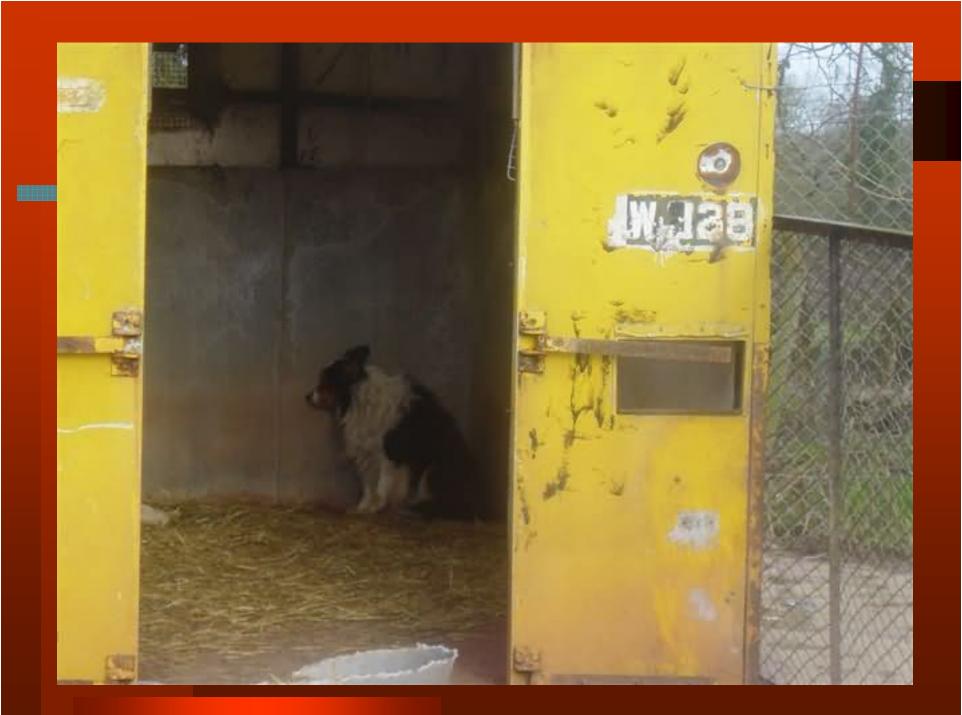
- Stress leads to the production of cortisol which reduces ability to perceive and to think clearly, interfering with short-term memory
- Confidence and good mood increases production of serotonin, adrenaline, and noradrenaline, which puts us in a good mood and facilitates learning

Levels of Concern vs. Degree of Learning

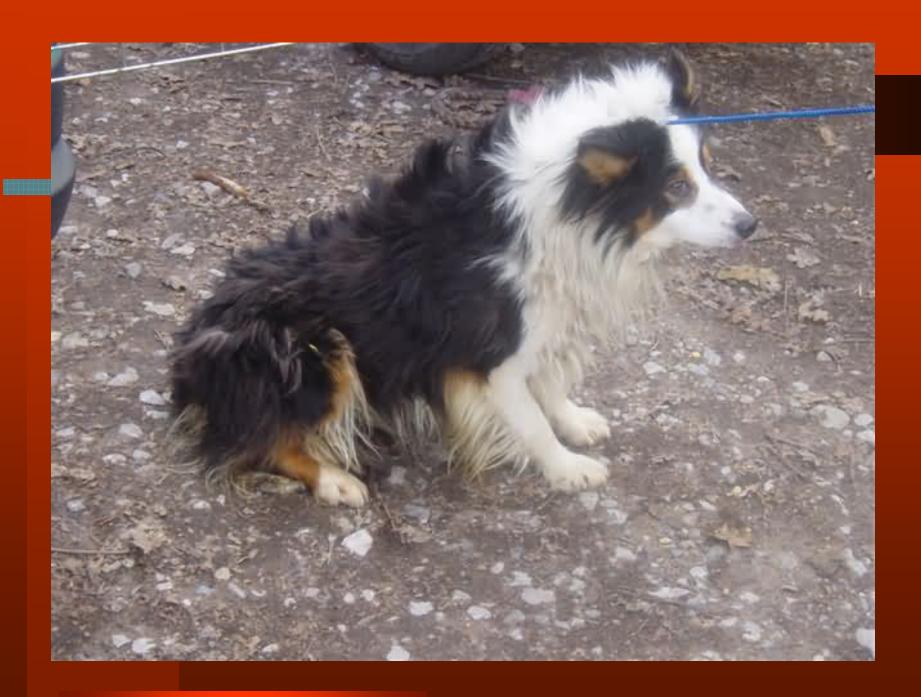


Learned Helplessness

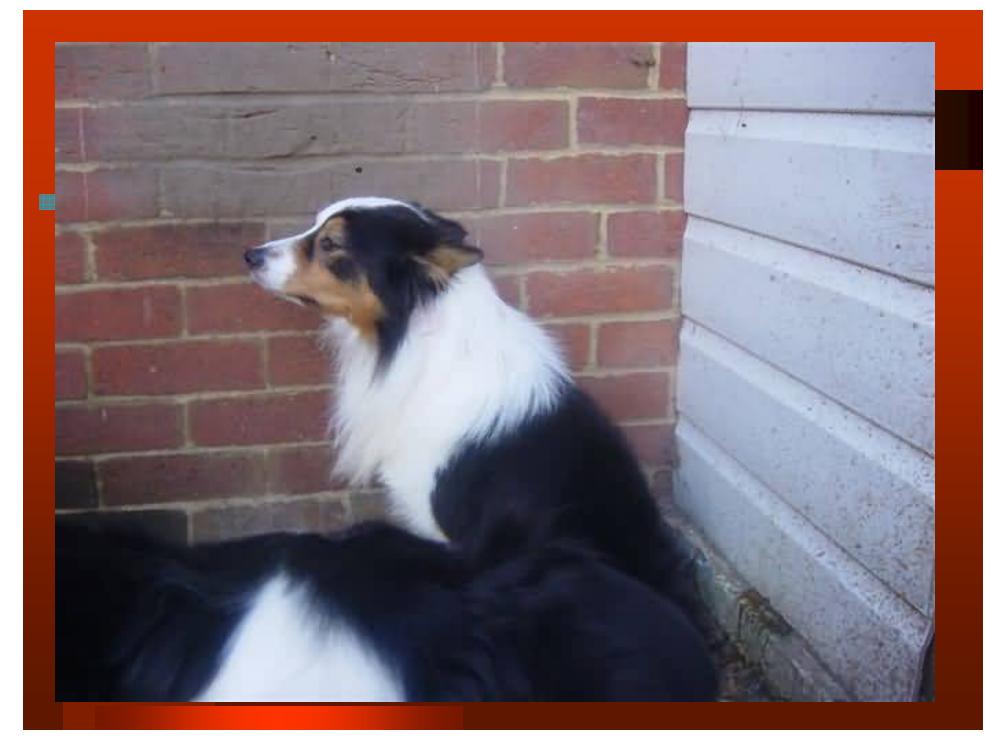


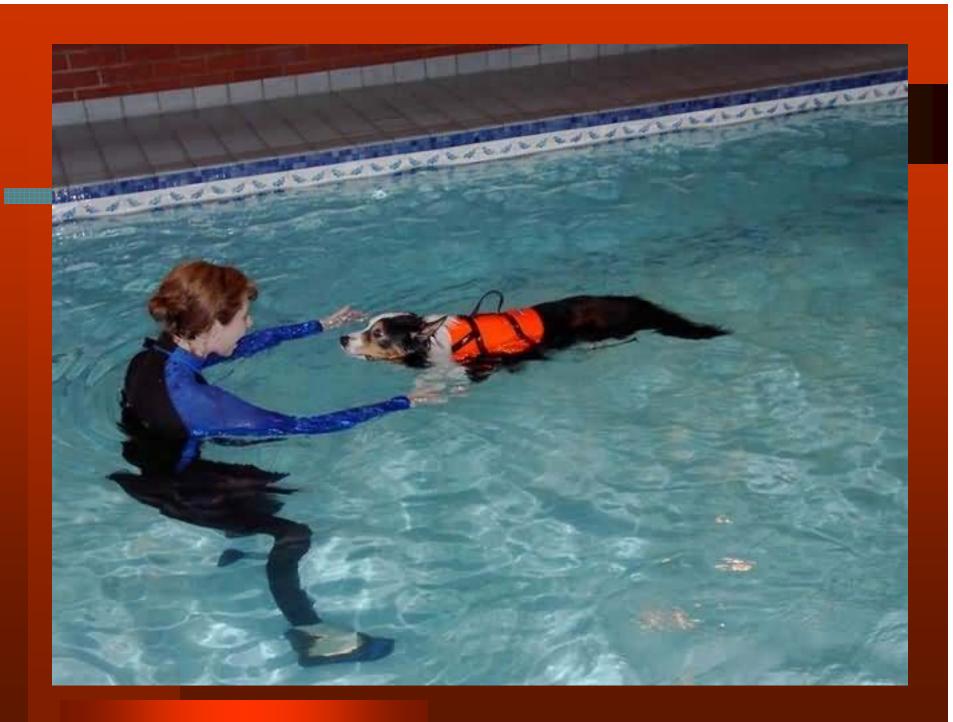












Attribution

Fundamental attribution error

-For others, overemphasize dispositional attribution

For self, much more situational attribution

Serial Position Effect

Rest

Television

Tired

Awake

Dream

Lamp

Snore

Bed

Eat

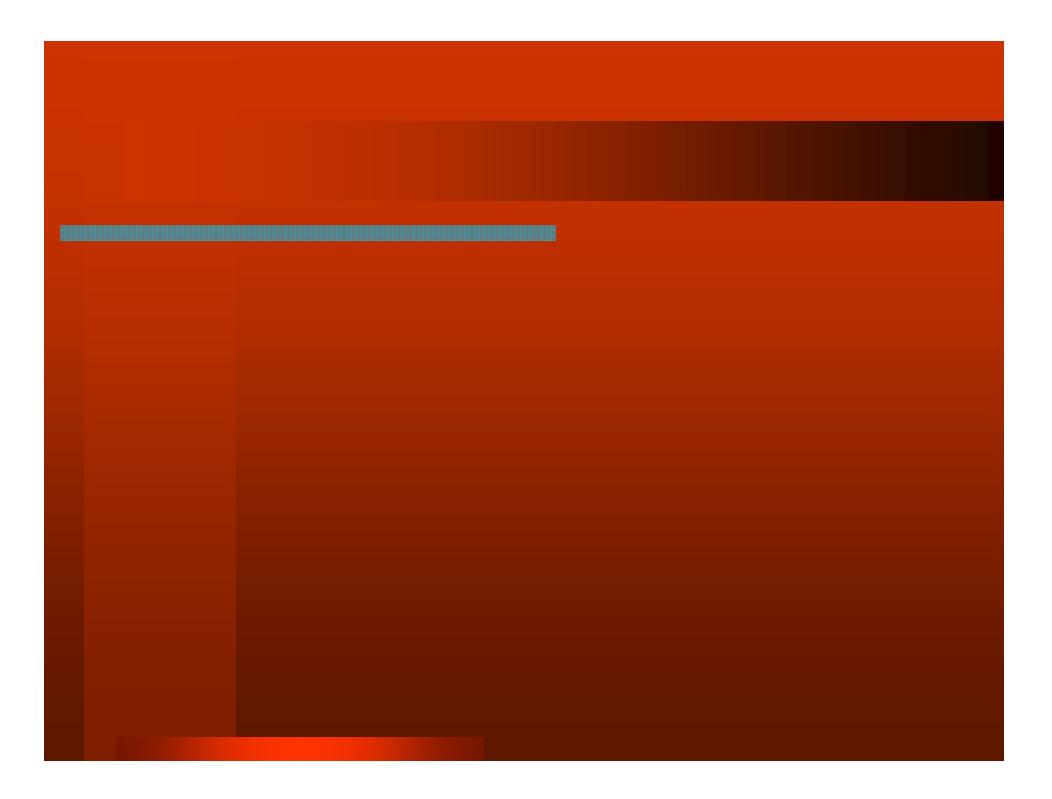
Slumber

Sound

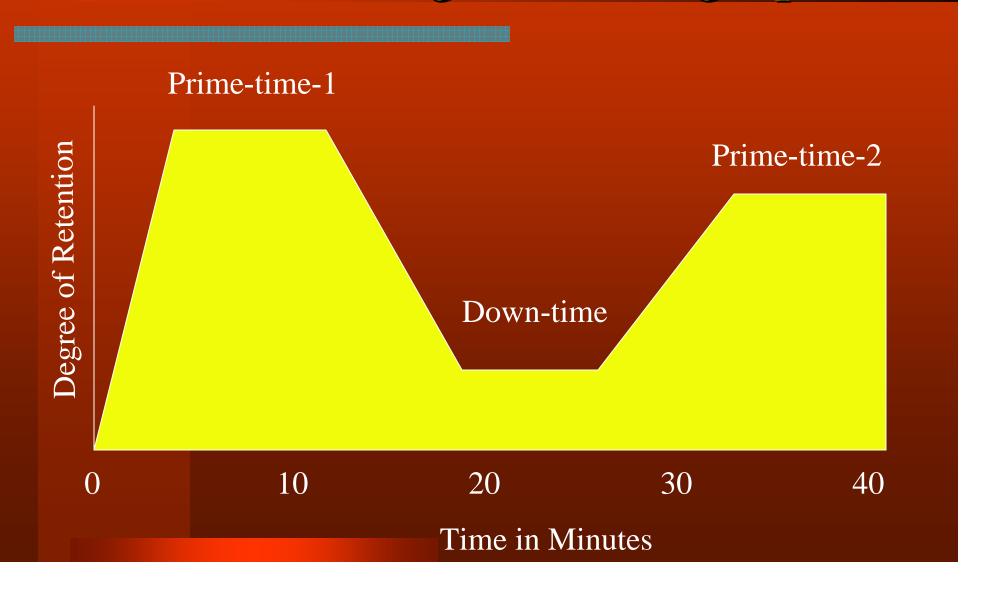
Comfort

Wake

Night

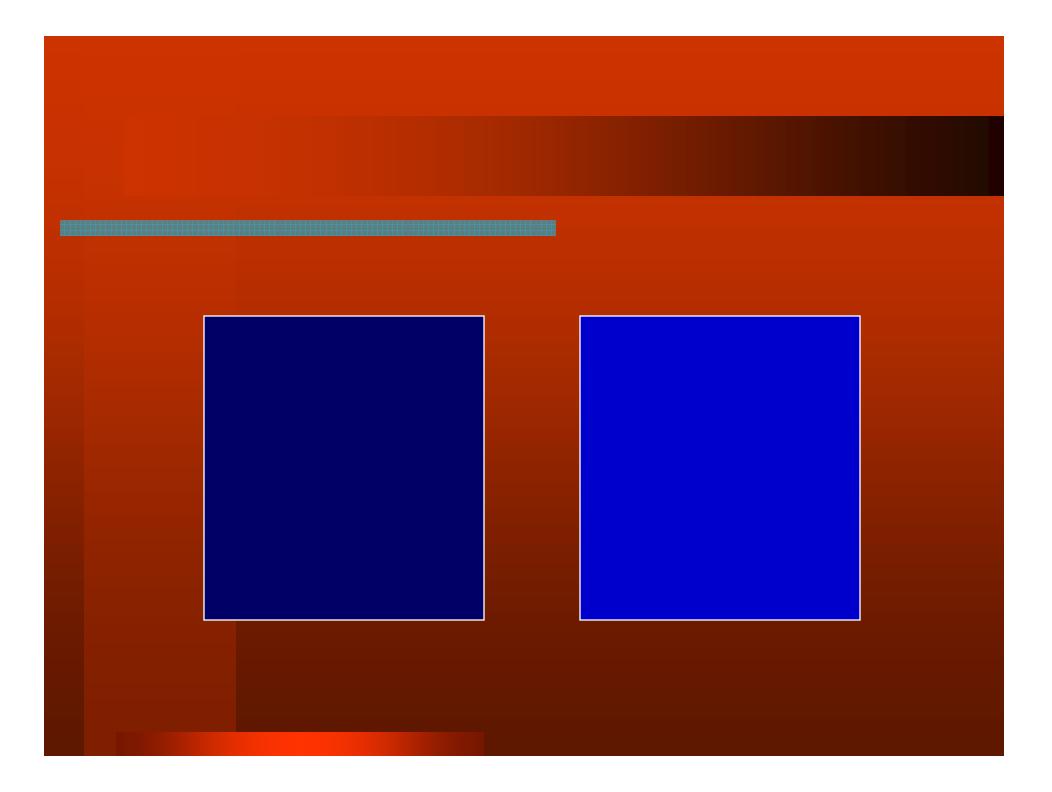


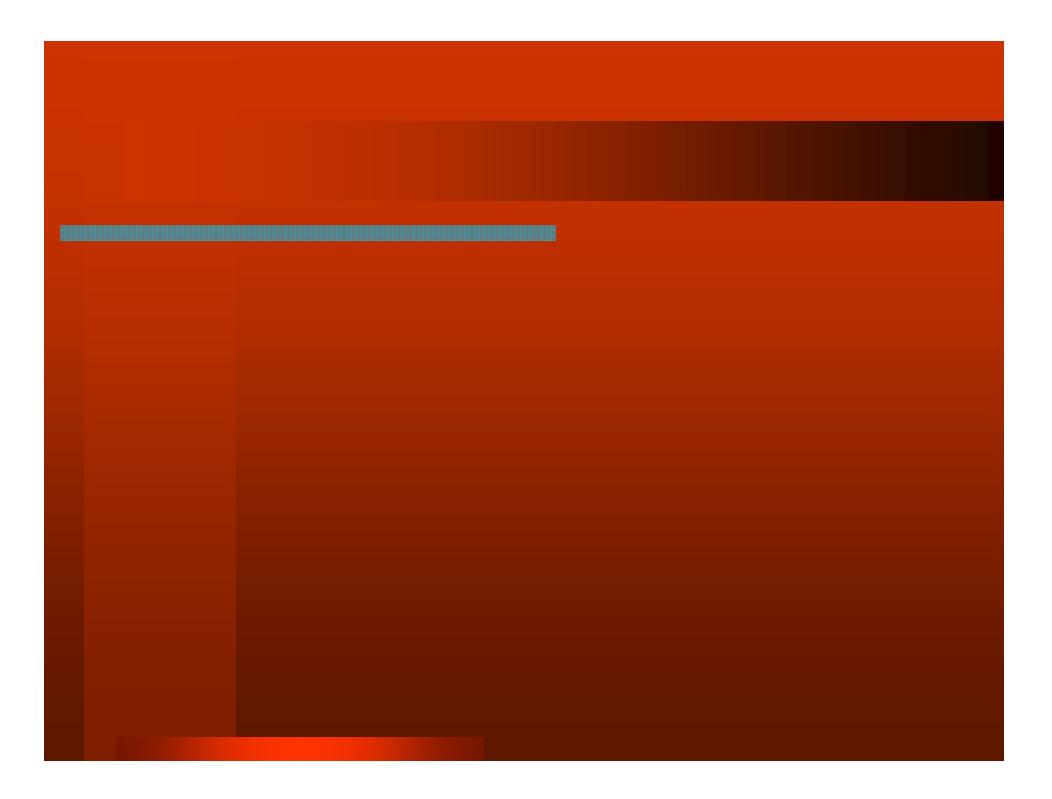
Retention During a Learning Episode

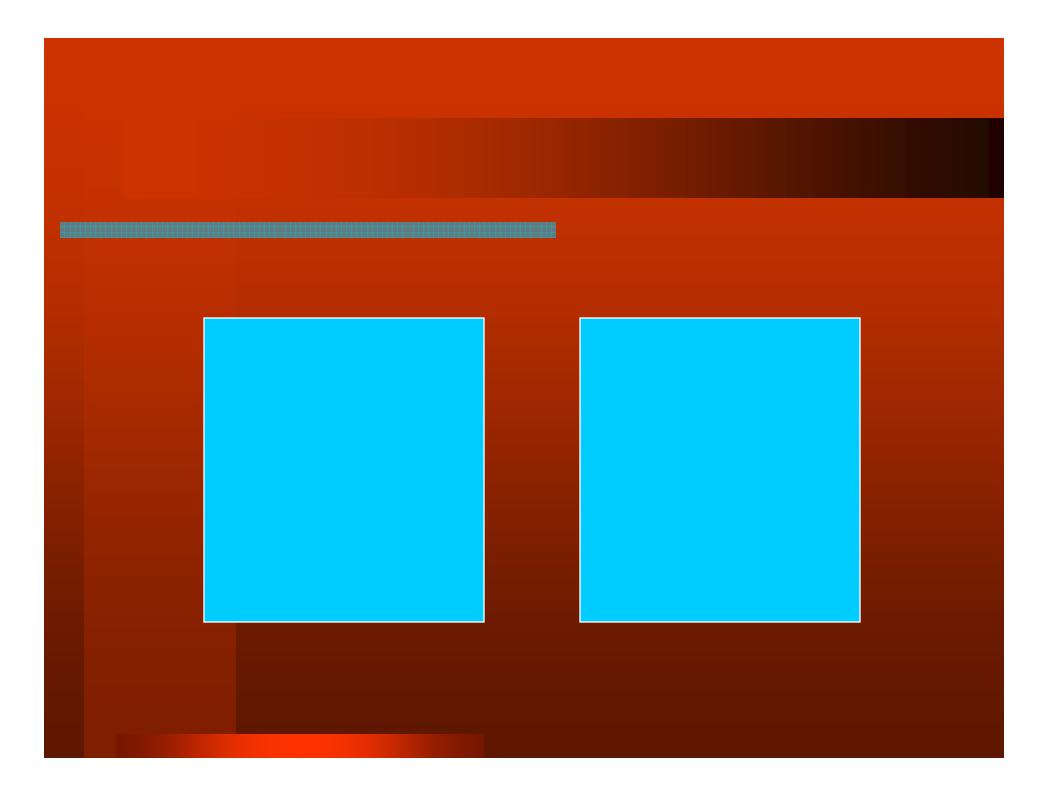


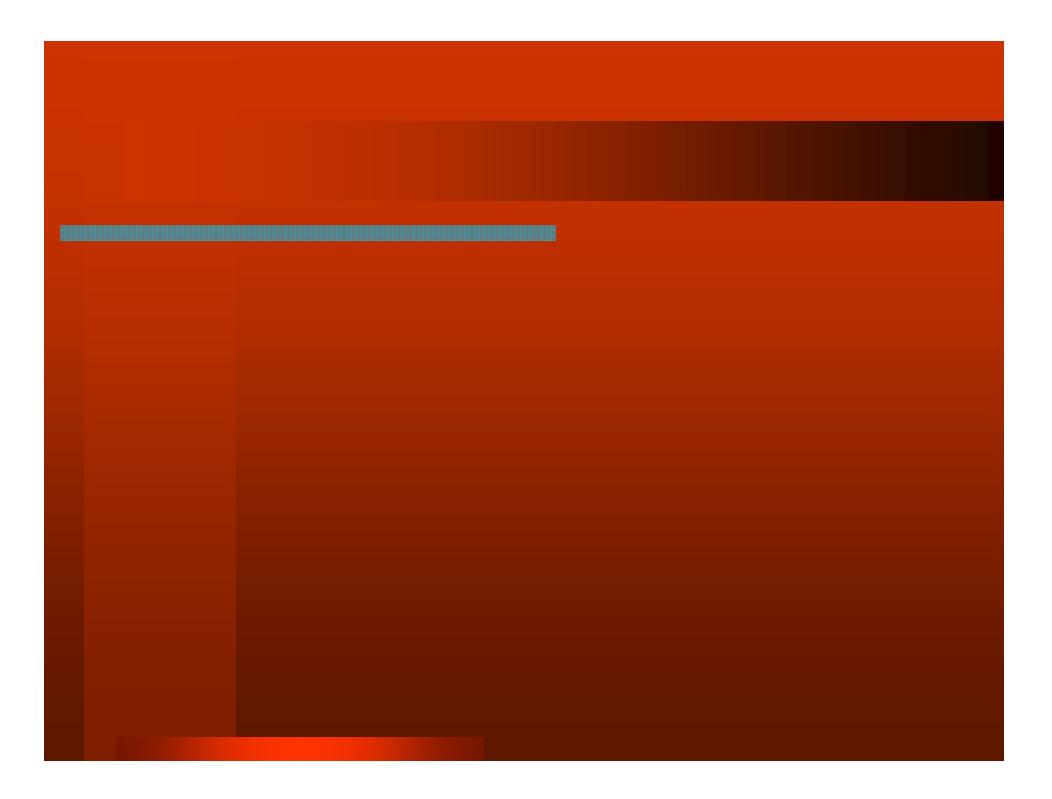
Experimental Neurosis

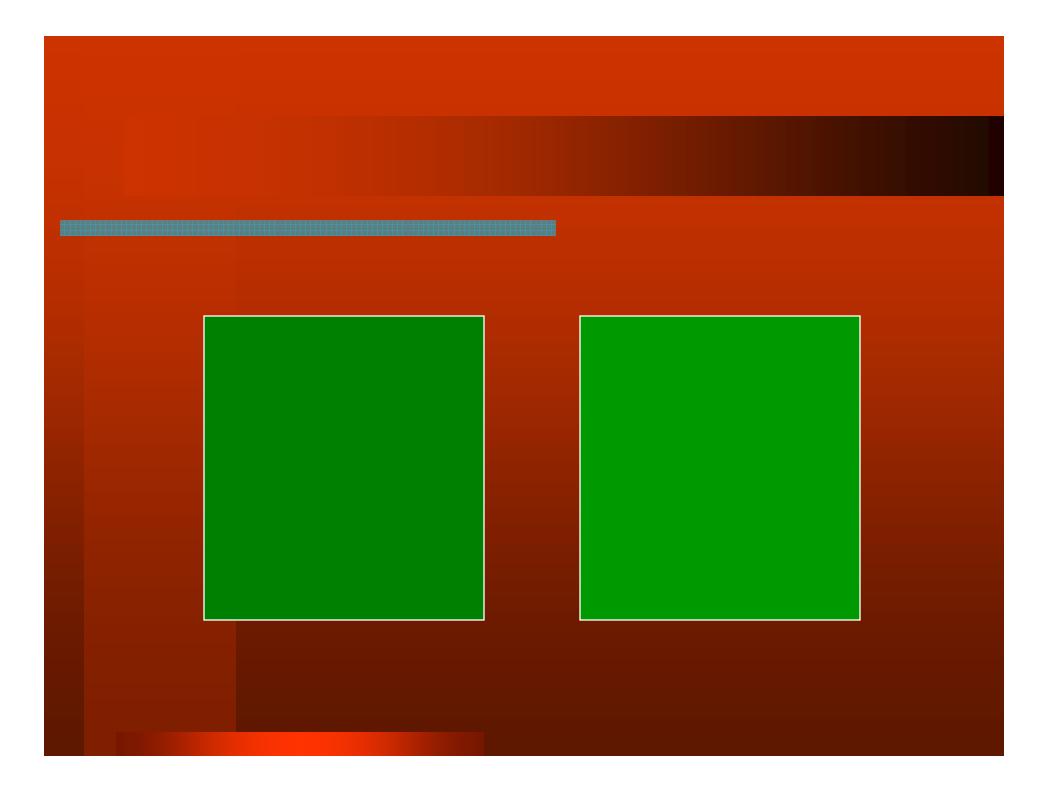
Color blocks example

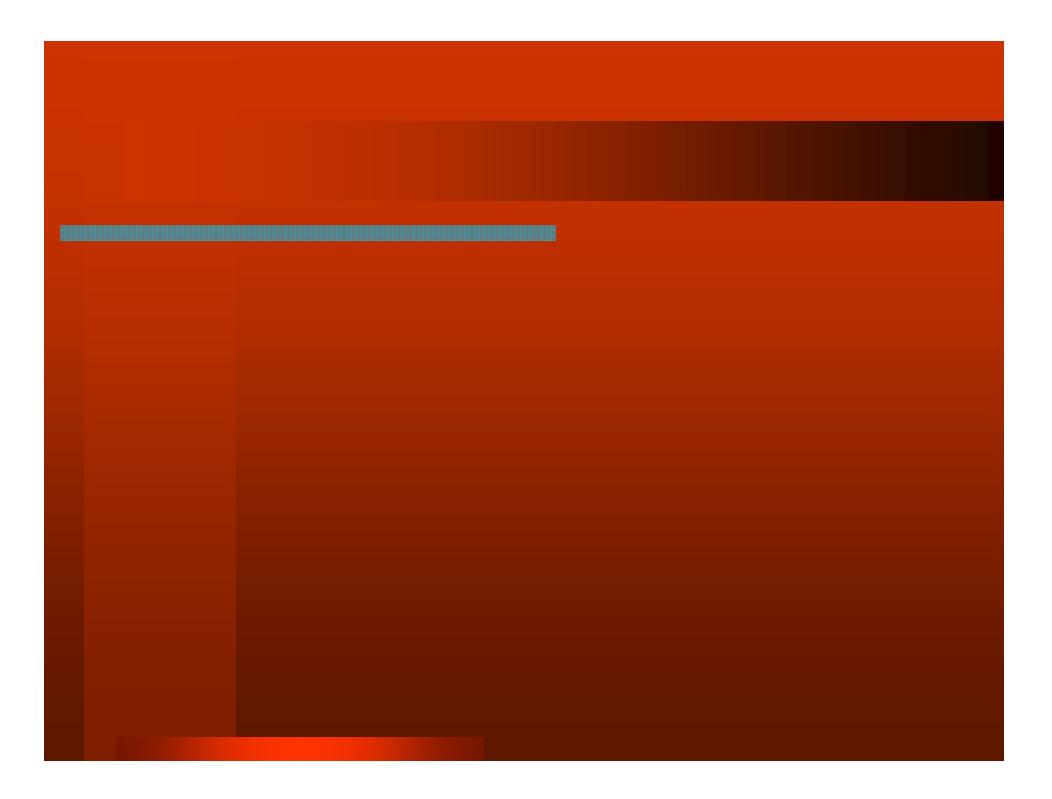


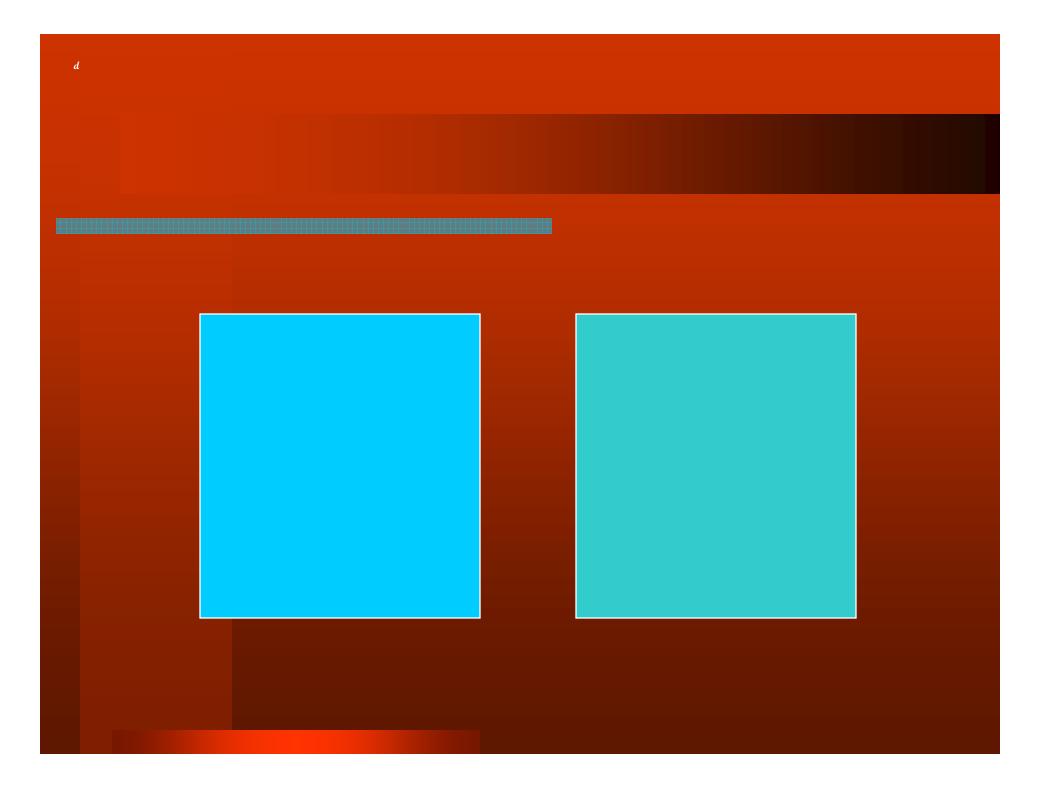


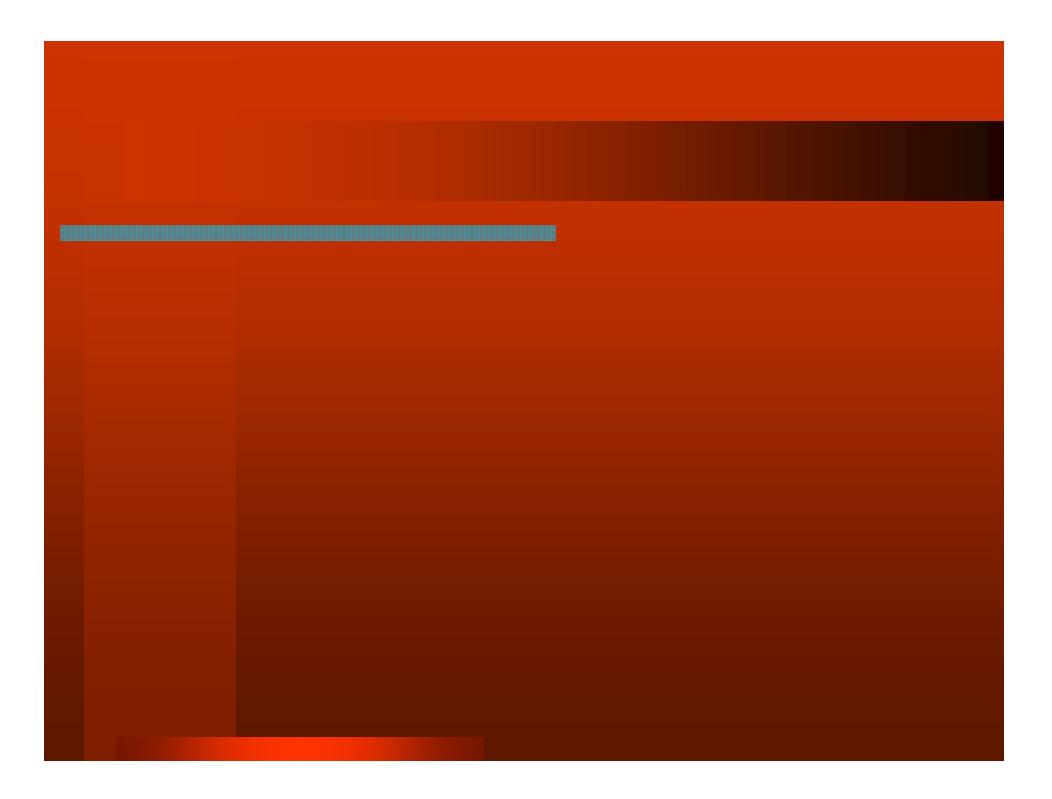


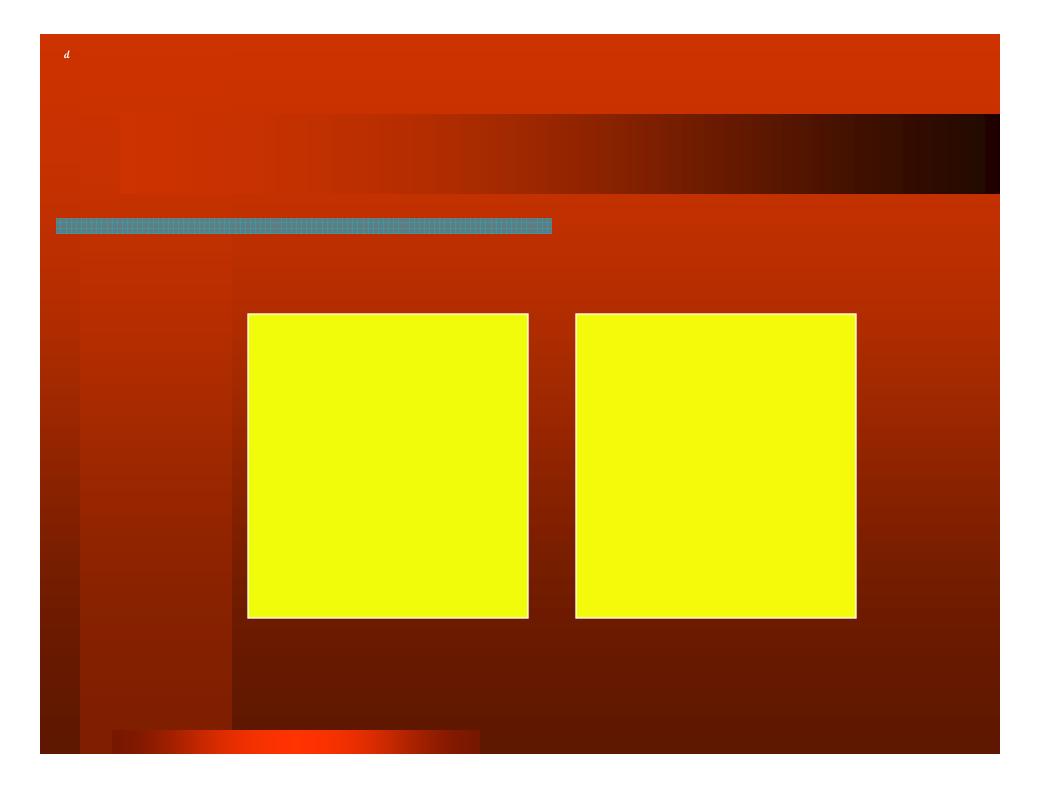


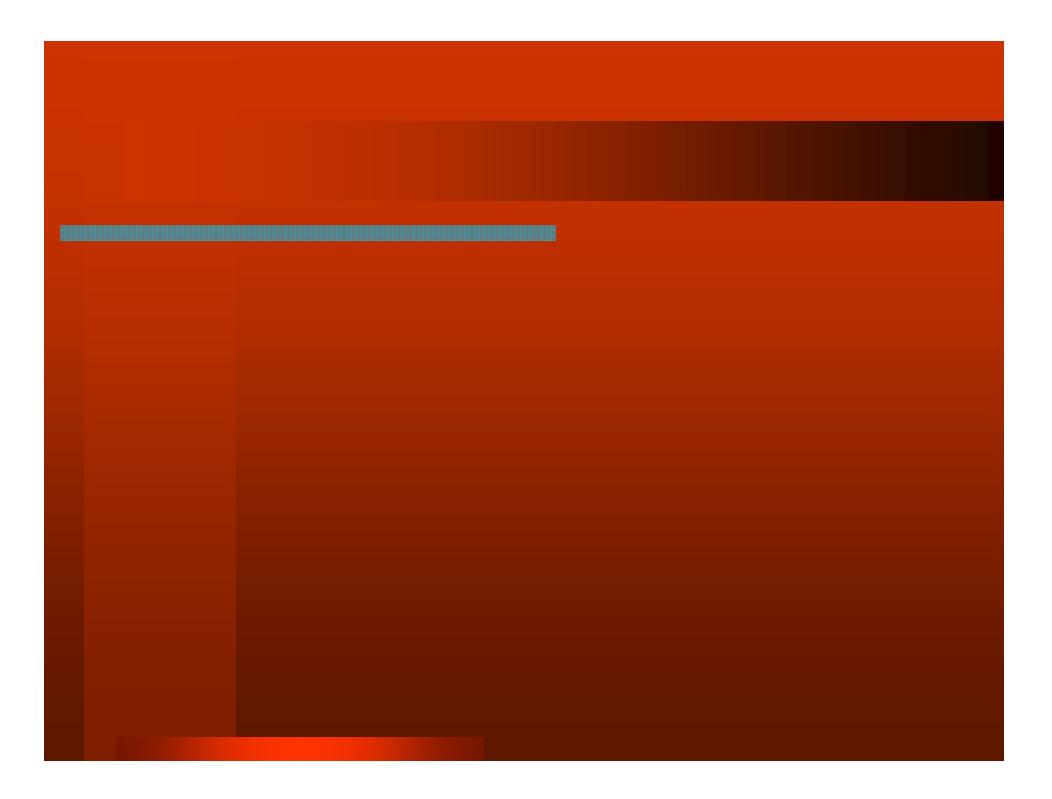












While on a walk a few days ago, John was hit by a car in the middle of the afternoon just two blocks from his house.

What is the minimum number of words needed to capture the most important information above?

Teach in a Continuously Mindful Way

Students come to us with a wide variety of current personal situations, but also with a LOT of individual past personal experiences. All of this impacts the learning process. It is what makes each person unique, but the uniqueness is also what makes teaching so challenging...and rewarding.



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