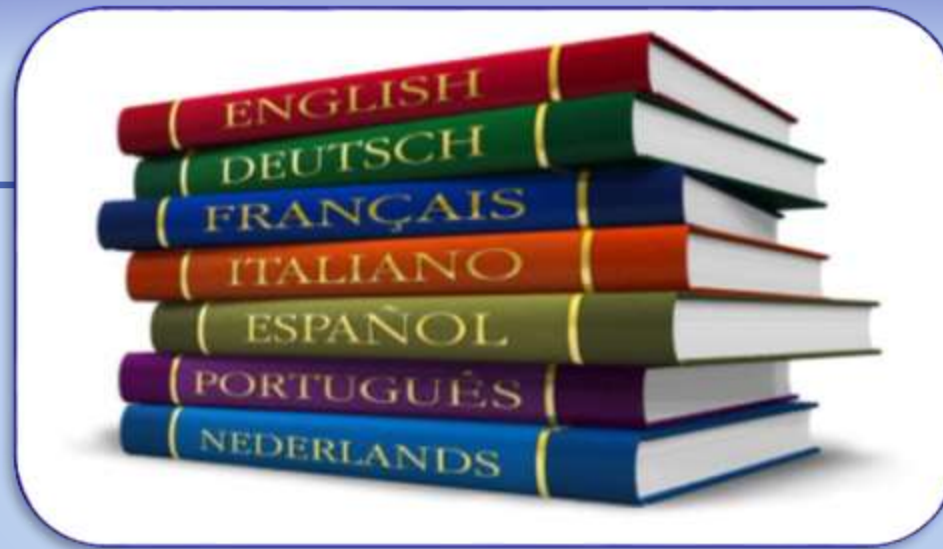


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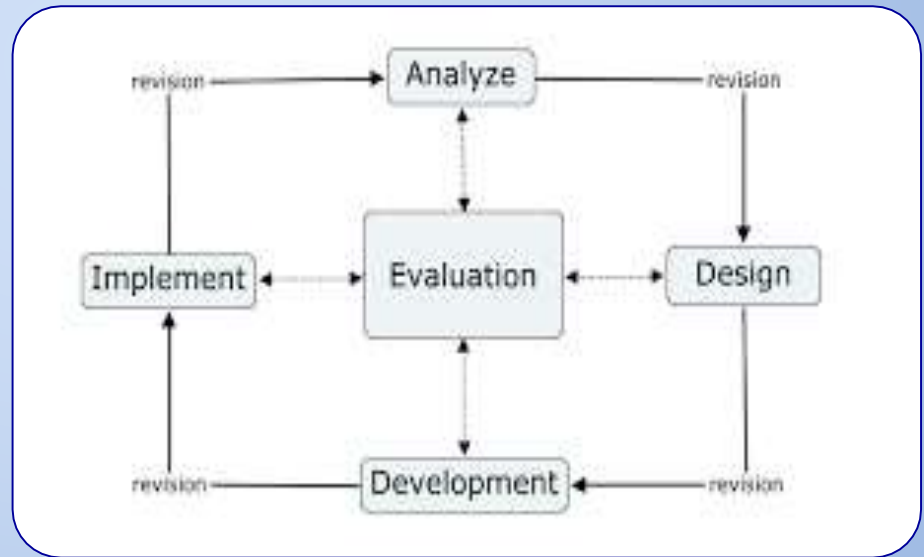
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Most important theories related to language learning.

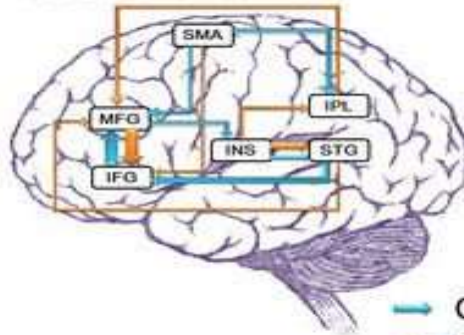
1. Behaviorist,
2. Cognitive,
3. Constructivism,
4. Chomsky's Universal Grammar
5. Schumann's Acculturation / Orientation in a new culture,
6. Krashen's Monitor

Language Learning Theories

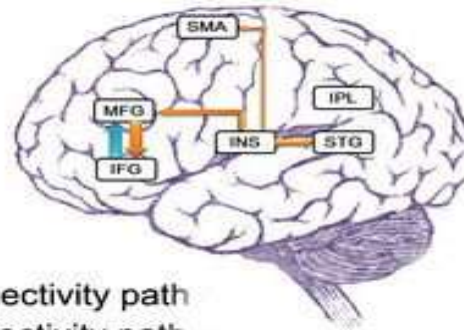


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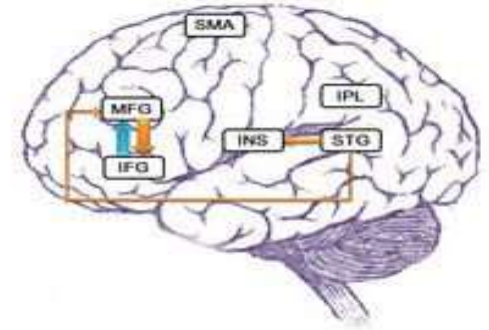
Successful learners



Less successful learners



Non-learners



— Connectivity path
— Connectivity path

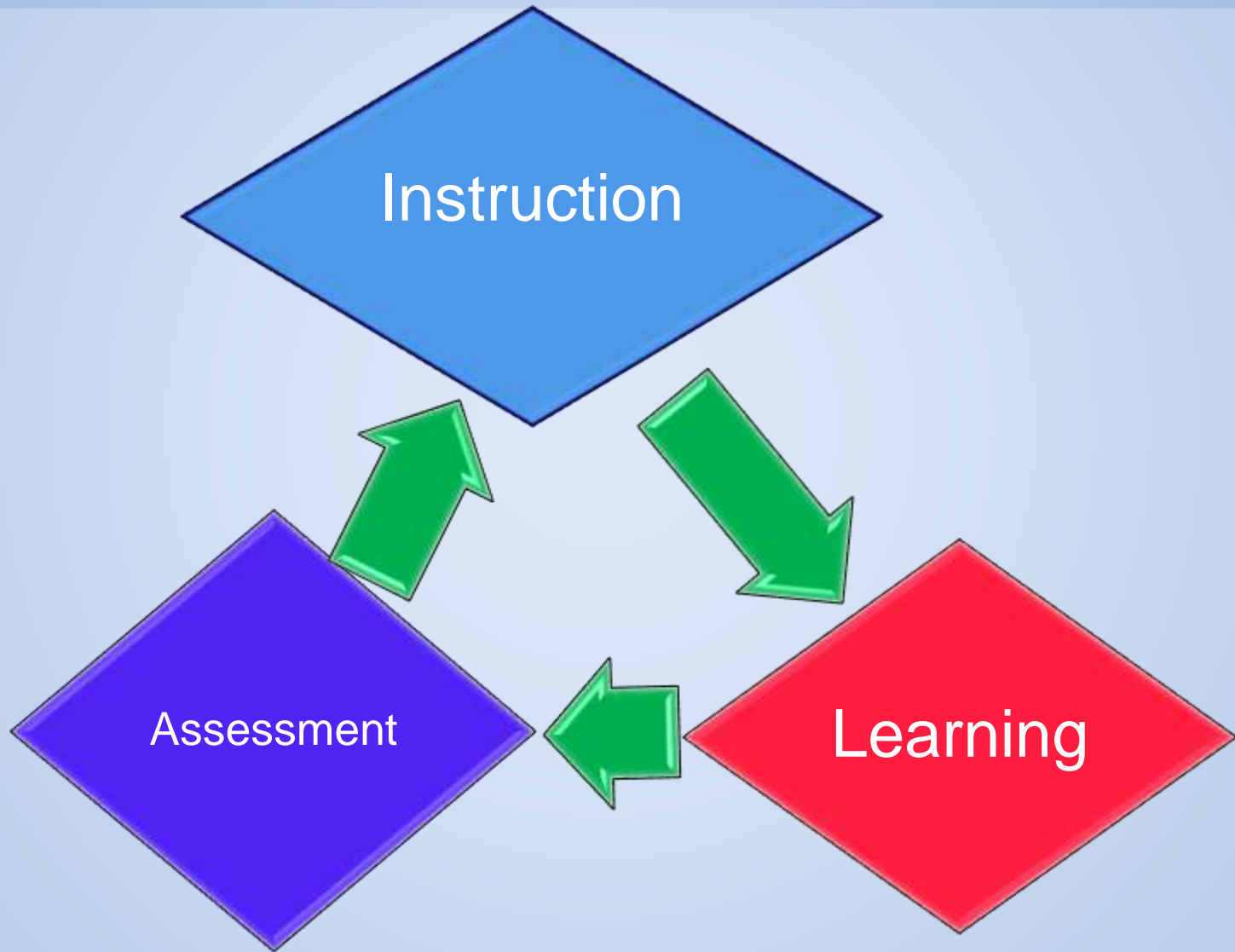
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Applying the Science of Learning

by Richard E. Mayer

- How people learn
- How to help people learn
- How to determine what people know

Science of Learning



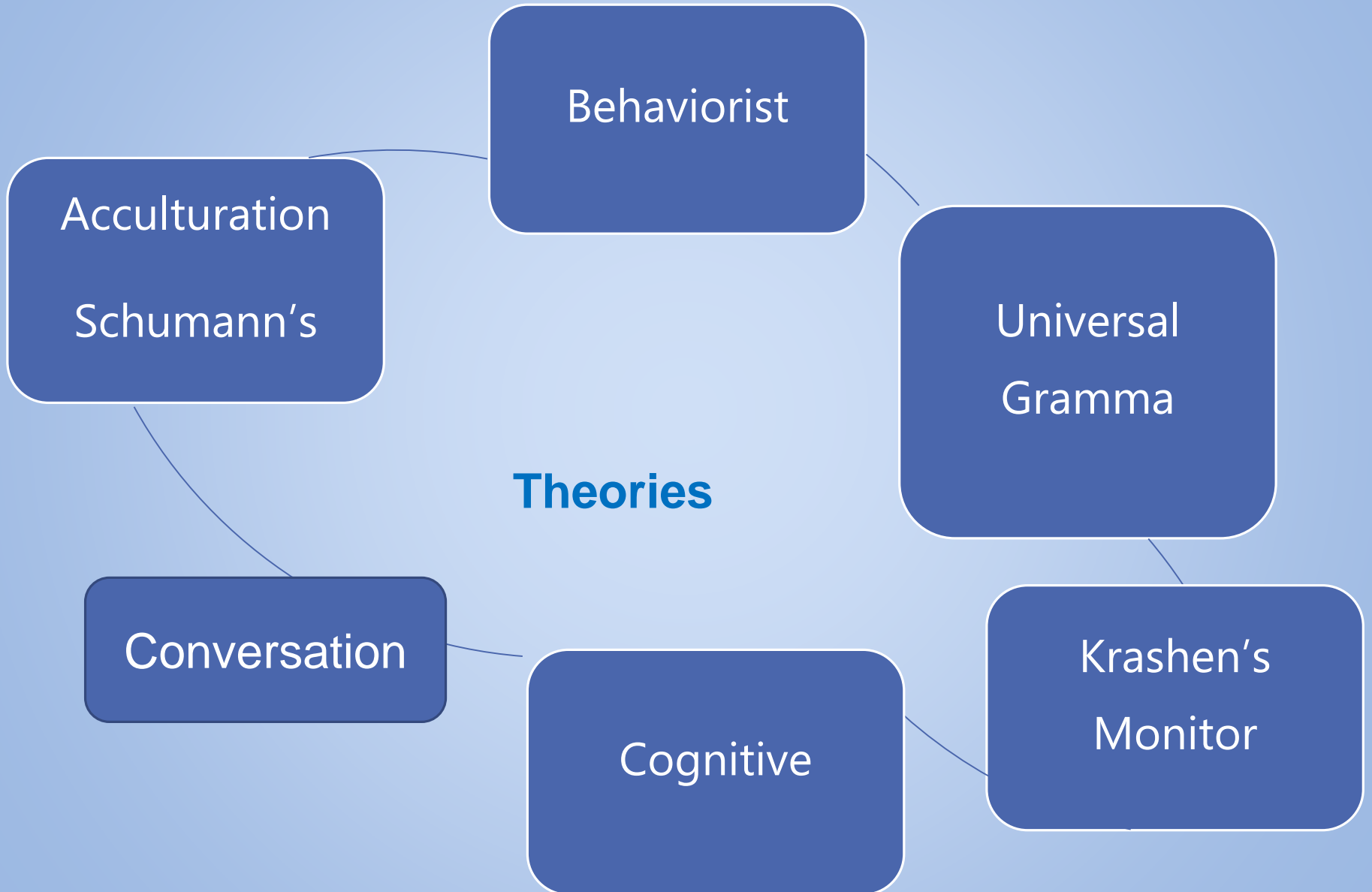
Science of Learning

Learning Theory

Educational
Practice



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Behaviorism

- Four characteristics of behaviorism:
 - 1) imitation, 2) practice, 3) reinforcement, and 4) habit formation
- Brooks (1960) & Lado (1964):
 - emphasizing mimicry and memorization (audiolingual teaching methods)

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Environment

Changes Behavior

Language Learning

Change in
Knowledge
Behavior

Language Learning

Universal
Grammar

The Theory of Universal Grammar

Chomsky believed that it was more than a coincidence that the majority of human languages follow similar rules and patterns when it comes to grammar.

He believed that, while differences exist between languages,

- they all share core common grammatical traits
- the globe share essential grammatical features

Innate Language
Chomsky

Language Learning

Krashen's
Monitor

Innatism

- Universal Grammar (UG) in relation to second language development
- Competence vs. Performance
- Krashen's "monitor model"

innate is a philosophical and epistemological doctrine that holds that the mind is born with ideas/knowledge, and that therefore the mind is not a "blank slate" at birth, as early empiricists such as John Locke claimed. It asserts that not all knowledge is gained from experience and the senses.

Language Learning

Acquire
foreign
language
same as
first

Language Learning

Cognitive style or "thinking style" is a term used in cognitive psychology to describe the way individuals think, perceive and remember information.

Conversation Strategies



There are three categories as related to:

- the Speaker,
- the Environment,
- the Listener



Three Communication Styles

Passive

Aggressive

Assertive

Language Learning

Orientation
Into
New Culture



A social interaction is an exchange between two or more individuals and is a building block of society.

Language Learning

Social
Interactions

Language Learning Theories

What does each language theory emphasize?

How will each language learning theory contribute to your teaching?

What language theory did your teachers use to teach a foreign language?

What language theory do you prefer? Why?

Will you use one or multiple language theories? Why?

Summary

- There is no agreement on a “complete” theory of second language acquisition yet.
- Each theoretical framework has a different focus and its limitations.

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