

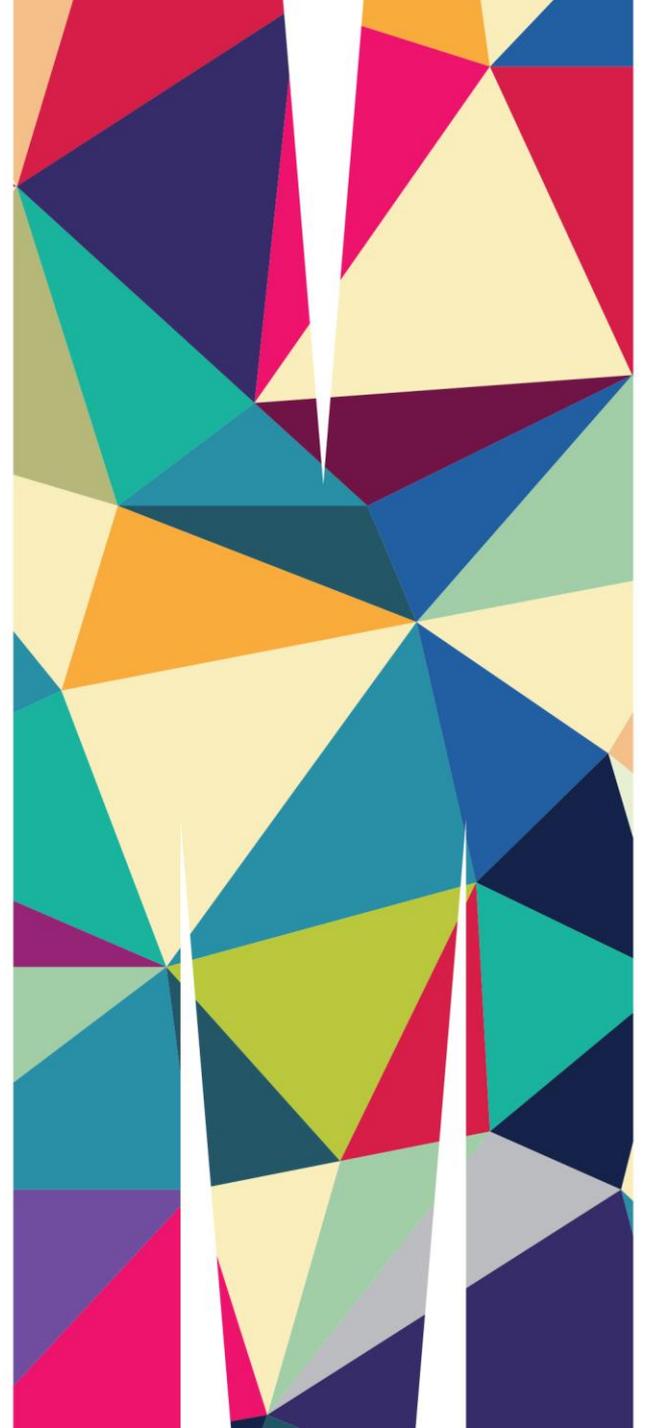


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Teaching Thinking to Develop Autonomous Learners

Level up your students' thinking with "The
Funnel"

An Sneyers



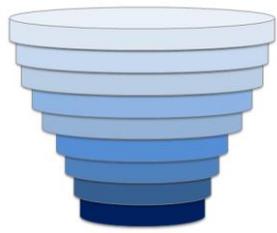
Have you ever had students who?

- find it difficult to develop a paragraph with examples and explanations
- find it difficult to pin point what specifically they should focus on next to improve their skills development?
- find it difficult to distinguish main idea from detail, so they just had a random guess instead?
- Respond to your questions in one-word answers only?

The problem

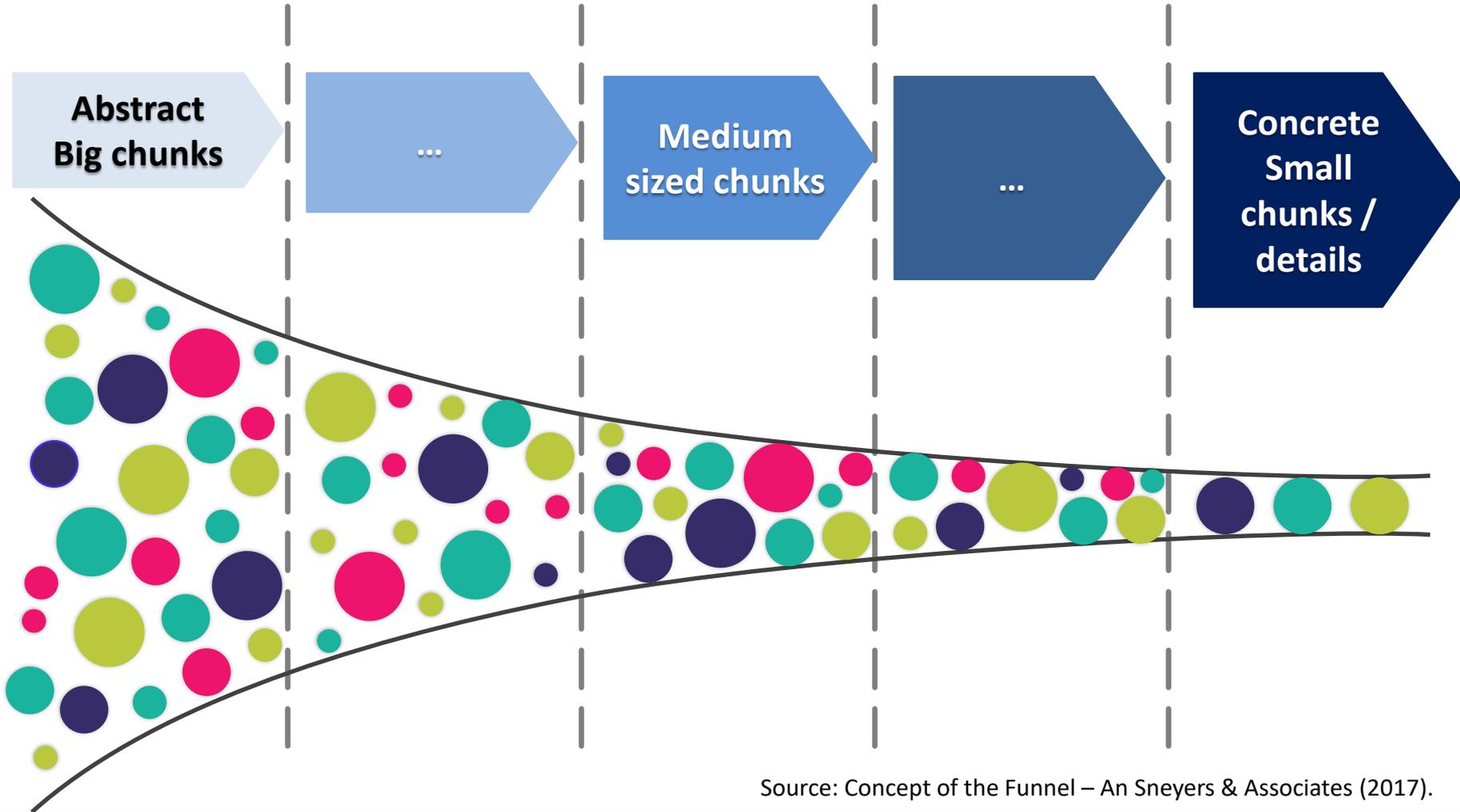


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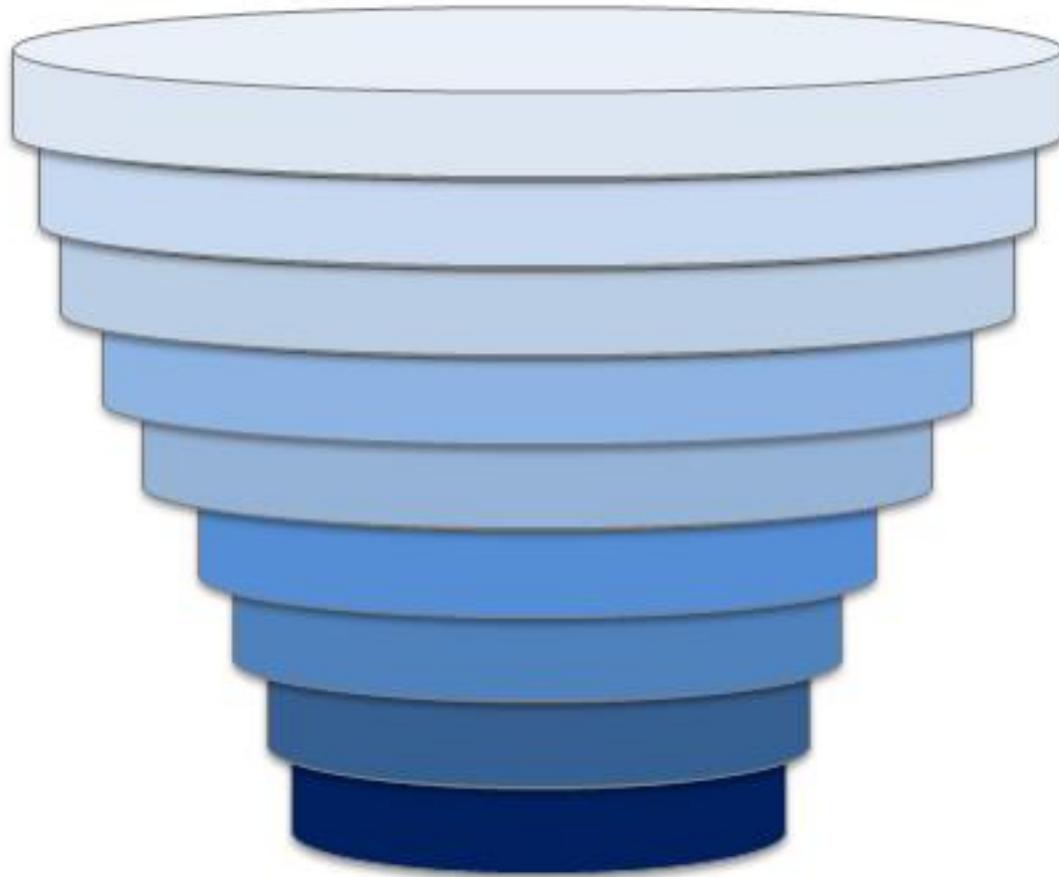
The funnel

Different levels of abstraction



Source: Concept of the Funnel – An Sneyers & Associates (2017).

The funnel



Chunking up

What is this an example of?
Why do we do that?



(Chunking laterally)



What else?



What is an example of that?

Chunking down

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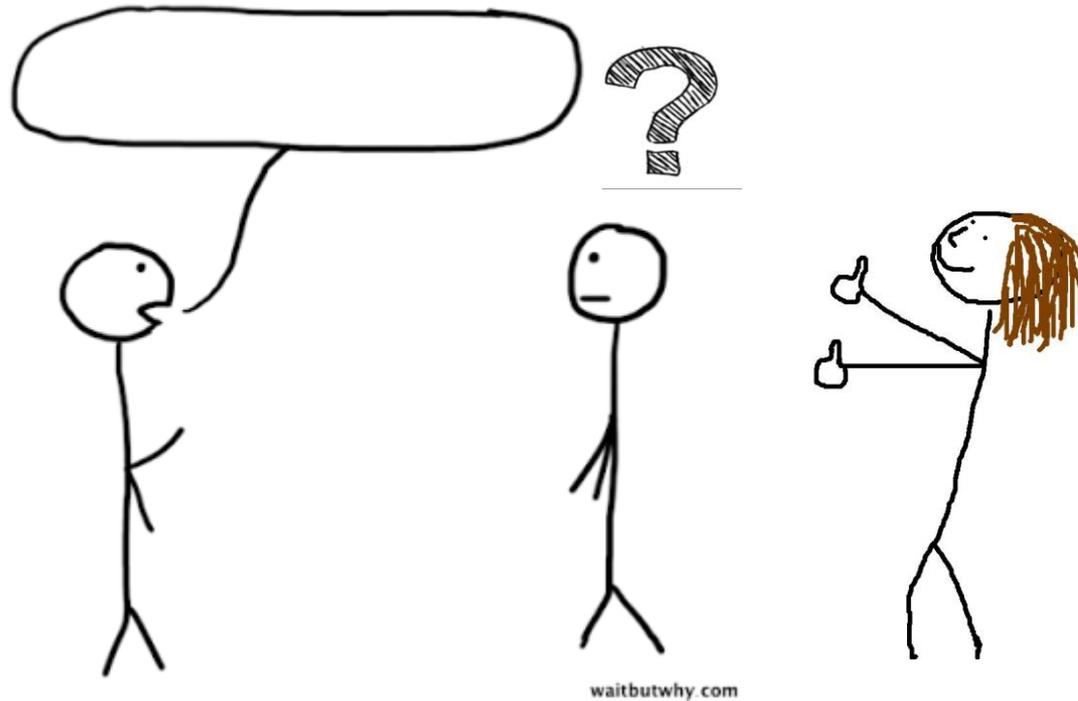


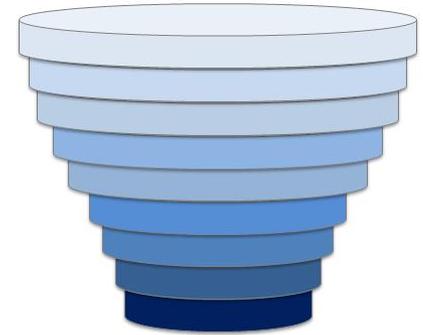
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Source: The Coaching Institute (2016). Advanced Skills Face to Face Training

The funnel

How could you use this in your class?



How I've used it:

- Constantly (!) referring to it
- Essay planning: introduction – body paragraphs
- Identifying main ideas and details in reading/listening
- Structuring presentations
- Getting sts to be more specific with learning strategies and asking for help in their journals
- Getting students to elaborate on one-word answers

How could you now help students who....?

- find it difficult to develop a paragraph with examples and explanations
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Need more support? Got questions?



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For a 15 minute audio class on “Empowerment Questions”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFtsFS8O5KQ>

Any questions? Drop me a line or come and speak to me. Happy to share!

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