

# Learning to Fail:

## The Theories Behind the Positive Power of Failure

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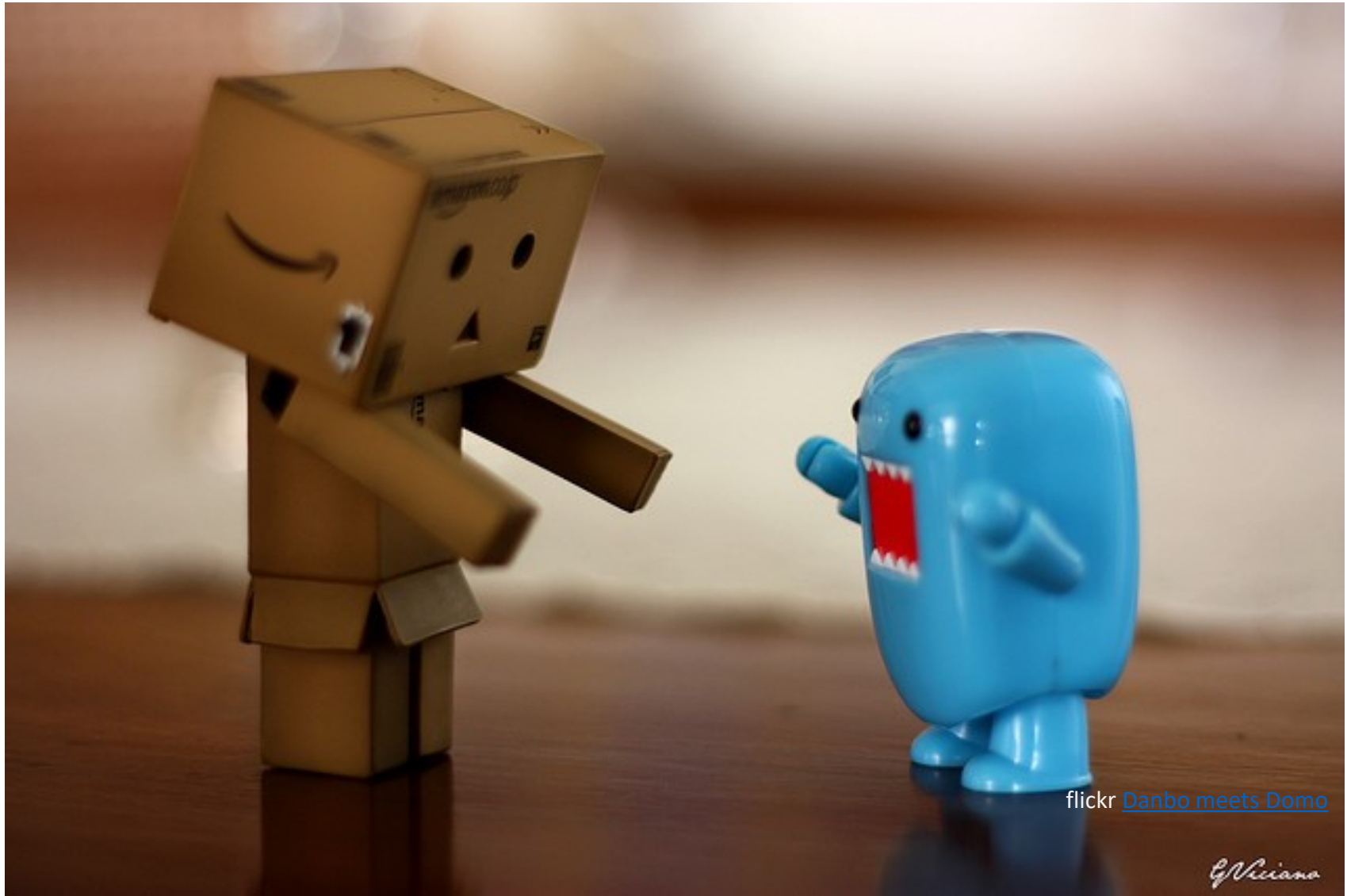
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# Failure: Friend or Foe?



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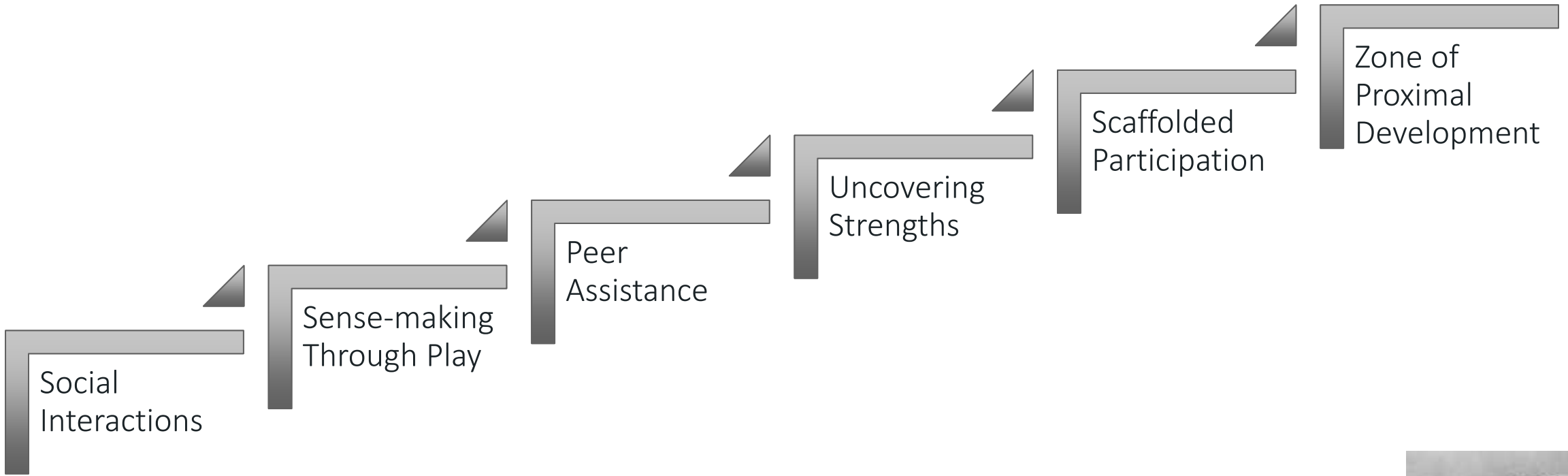
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# Failure & Memory

## Life is Hard

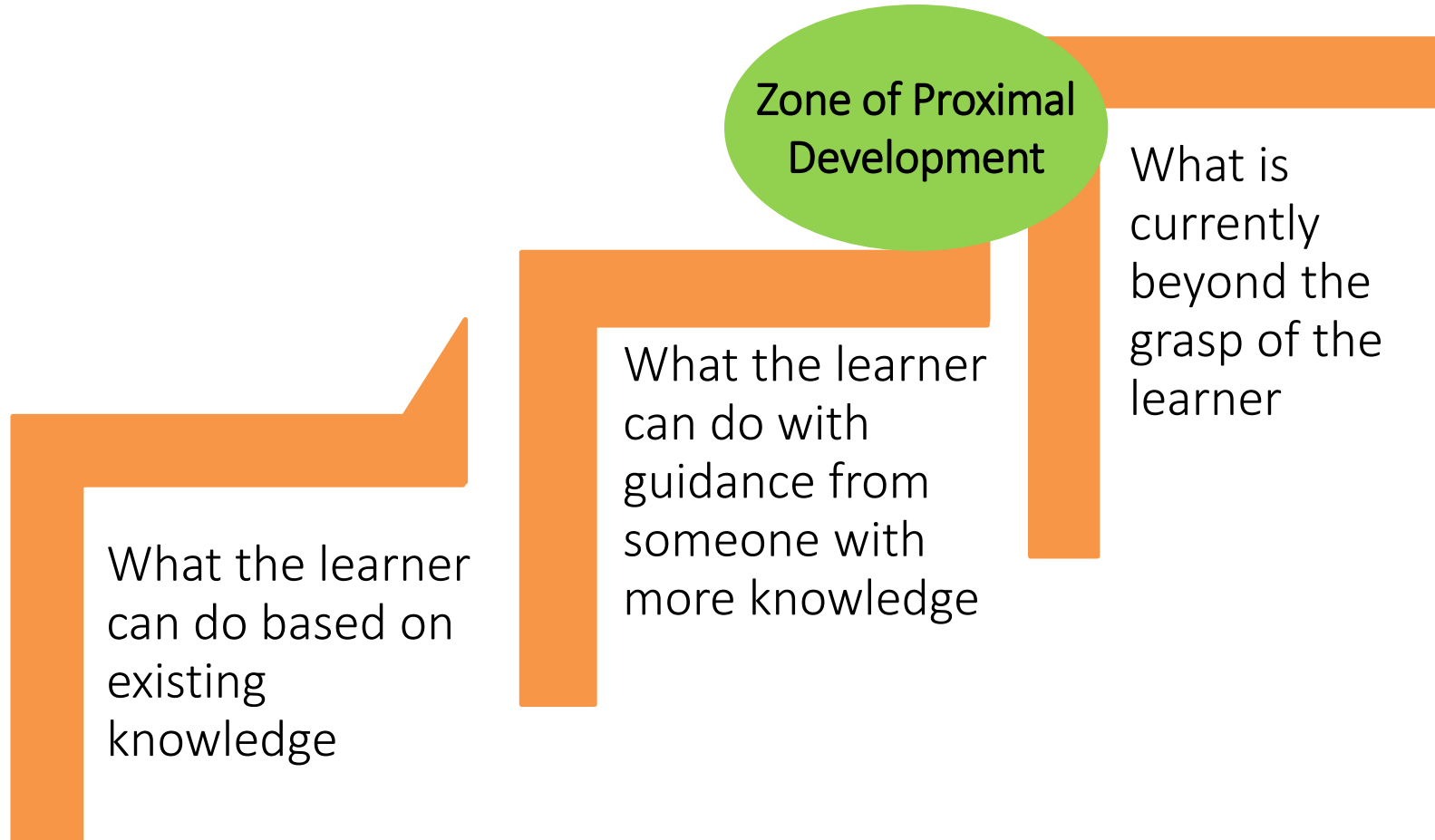
You will fail, try, and succeed -- that's how you know you've learned something.

Memory comes out of **experiences** that are: emotional, surprising, challenging

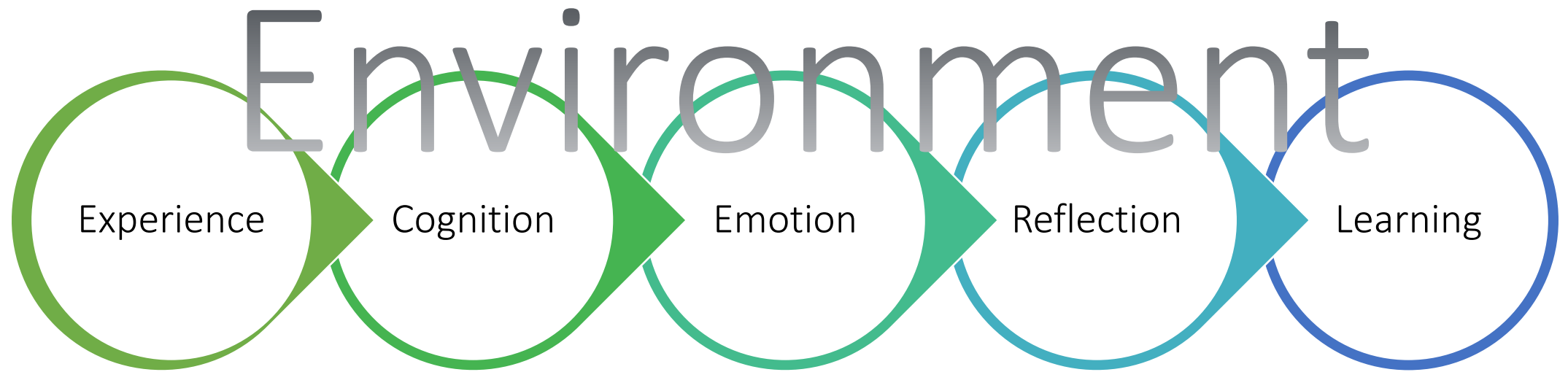


thank you, Lev Vygotsky





# John Dewey



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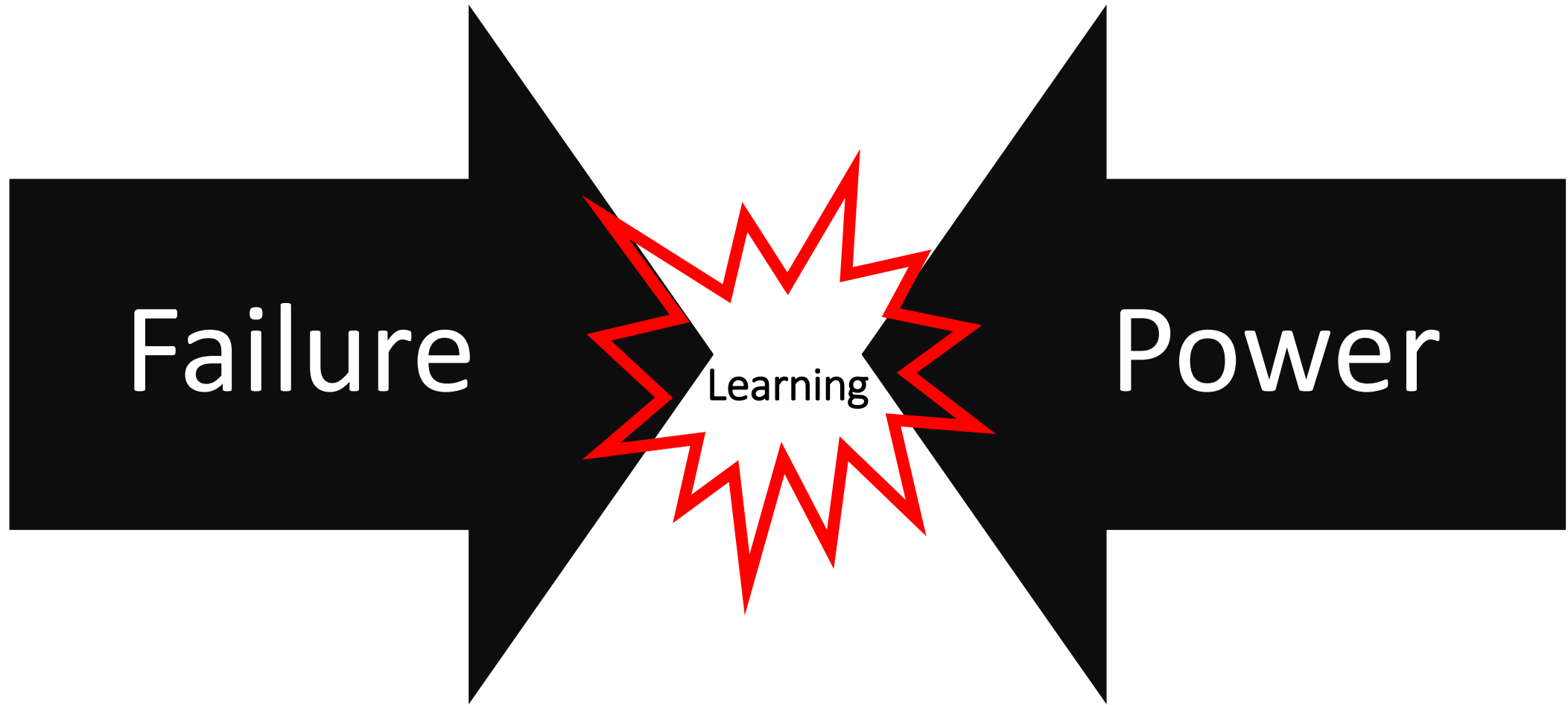


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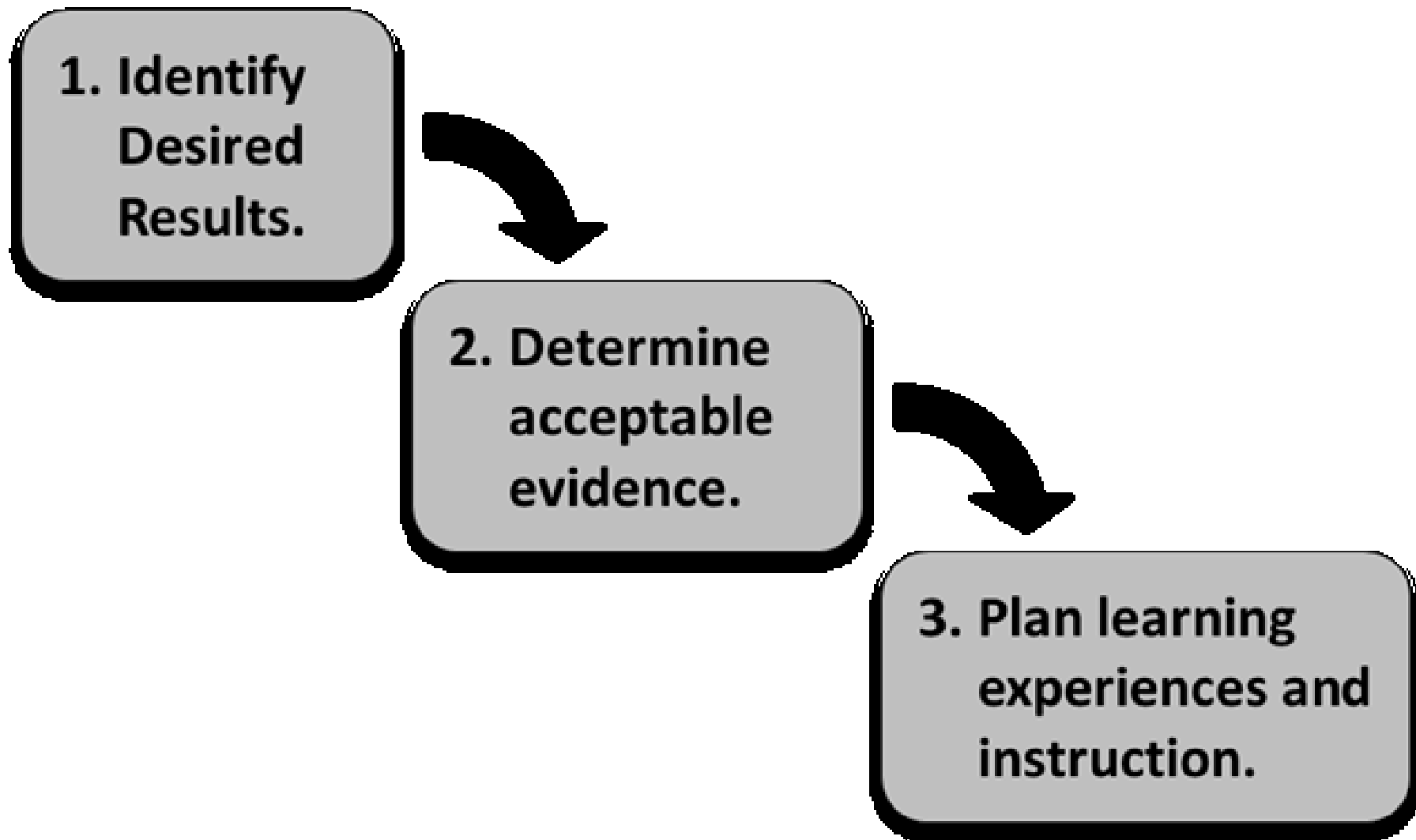


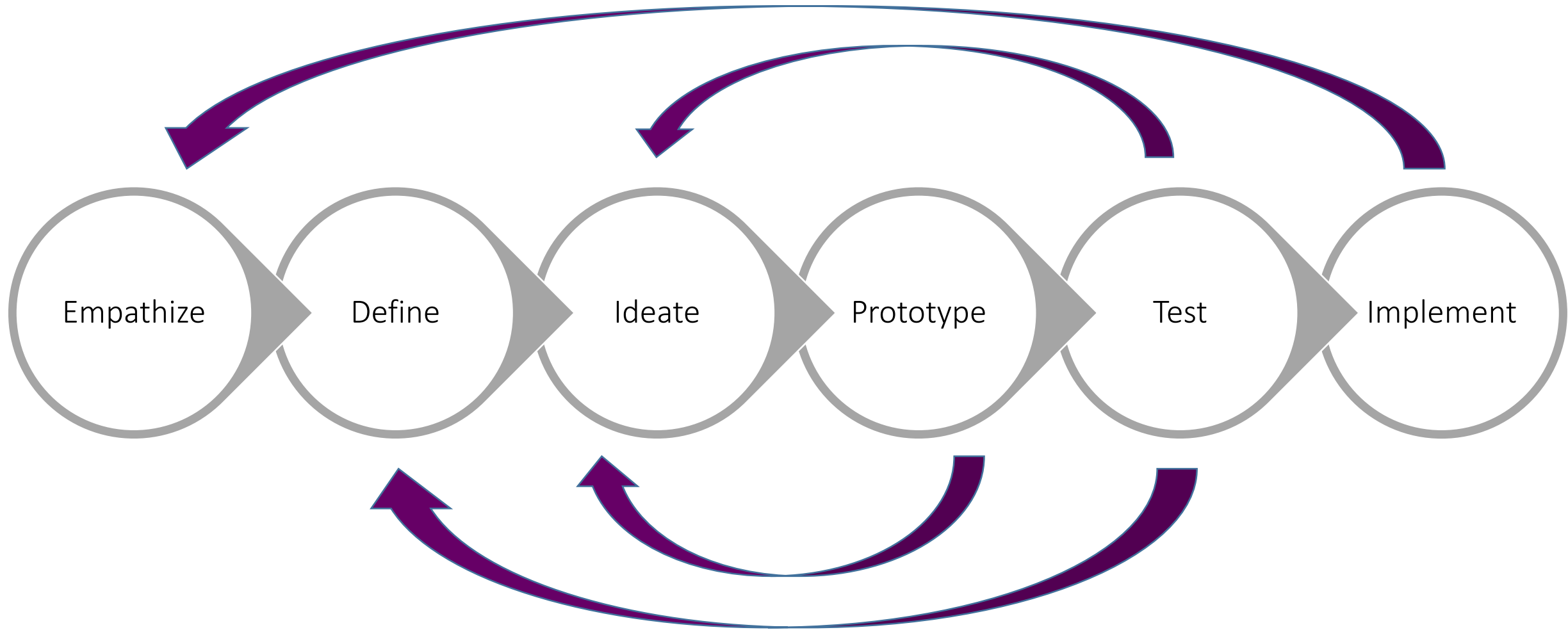
# Educational & Social Systems are...

- Achieving only what is prescribed
- Conforming to status quo
- Perpetuating hierarchy, patriarchy, discrimination
- Void of passion
- Capitalist, neo-liberal
- Racist, sexist, classist, elitist



Henry Giroux: *Pedagogy & the Politics of Hope* (1997)





# Design Thinking

Flowchart by John Watts: *Head of Knowledge Production @ UNLV (2018)*

Failure

Learning

Emotional Toll

Self-doubt

Isolation

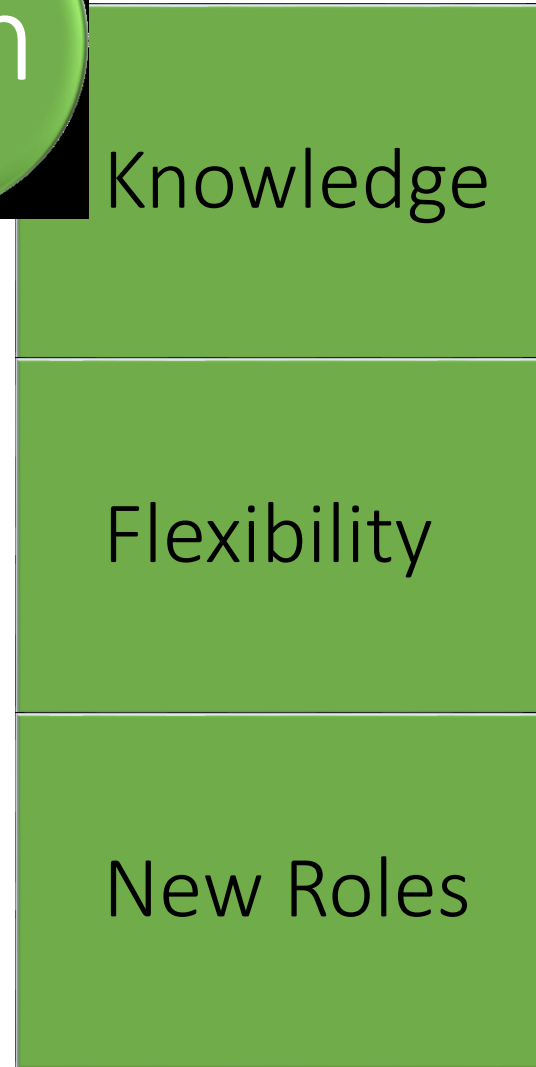
Empowerment

Self-compassion

Empathy

Agency

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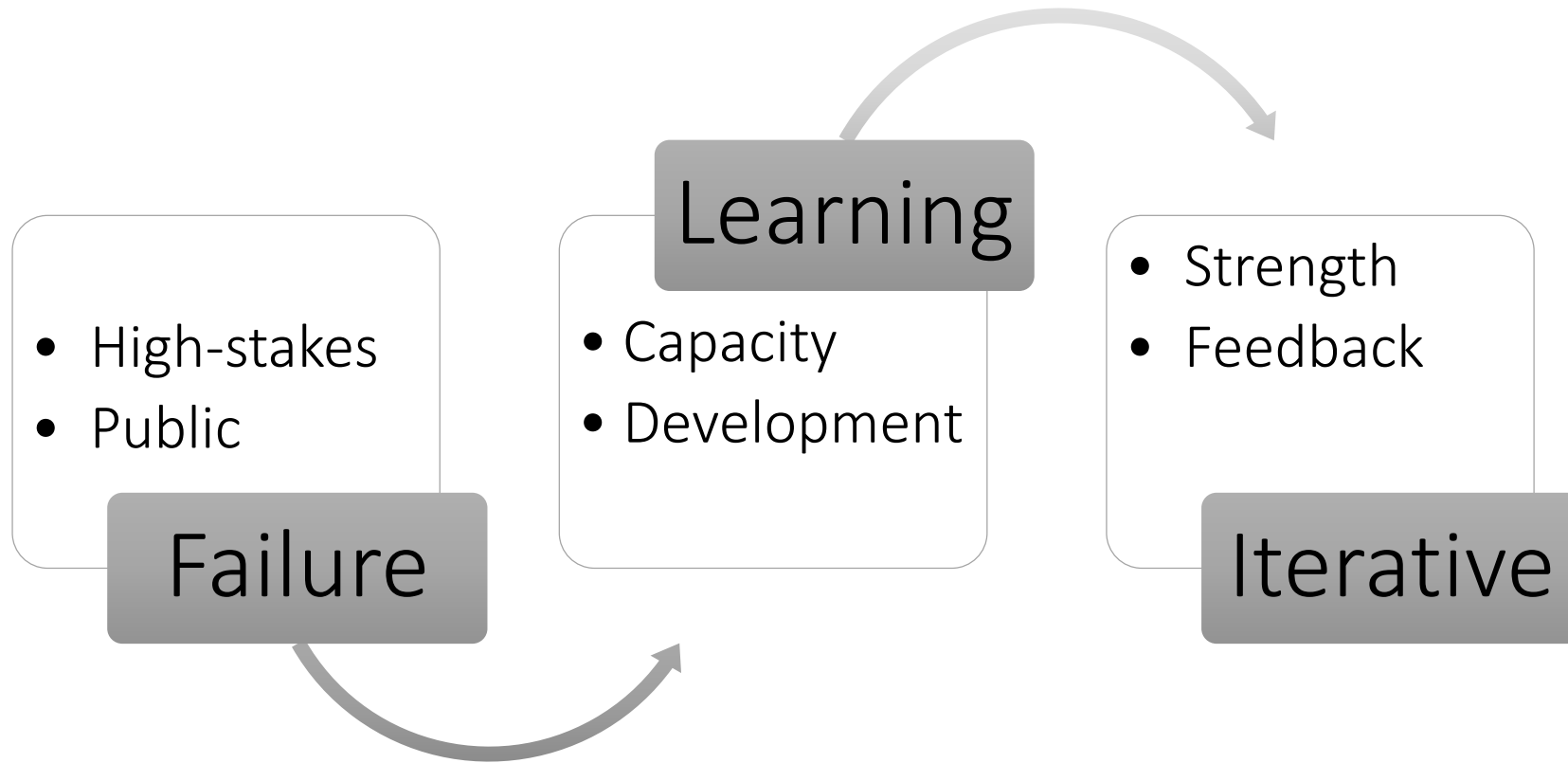
# C a t a l y s t

Motivation

Reflection

Curiosity

[fr]Agility





# Thank You!

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