

Foundations of Universal Design for Learning

Big picture ideas, underlying
principles, and suggested next
steps





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Resources

Guided Notes
and Links for
Further Learning



Goals for today

Raise interest and lower anxiety about implementing UDL

Understanding of the basic principles of UDL and the necessary mindsets

Make plans to apply and deepen your learning

Hear from you!



What is learning?

Learning...

Is a change in behavior or capacity

Occurs through practice and experience

Endures over time

Is indirectly assessed

Reflect and Discuss/Journal

- What resonated with you from the video?
- How does it connect with your practice?



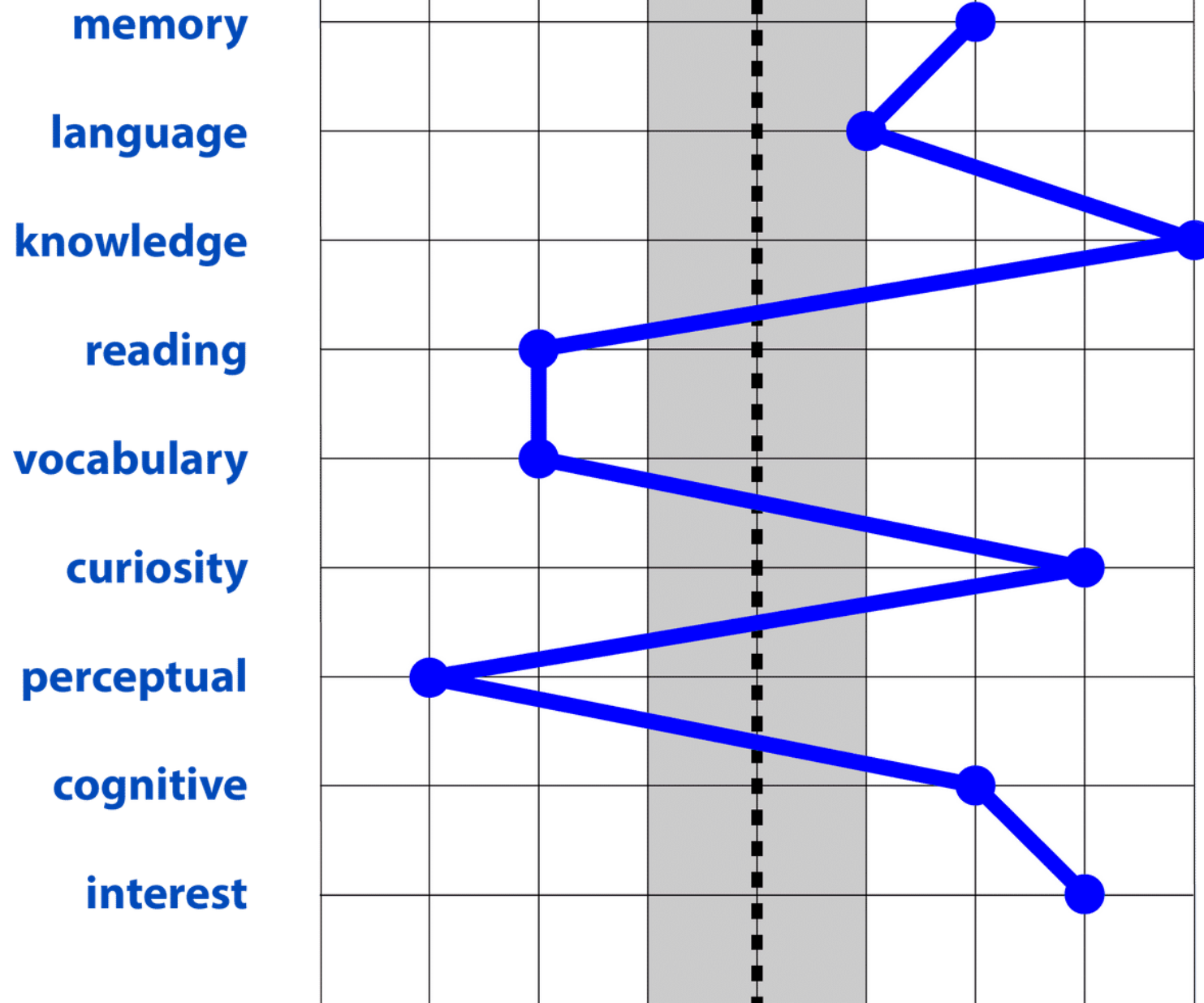


Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is an educational framework based on research in the learning sciences that guides the development of flexible and accessible methods, materials and environments that embrace learning variability, minimize barriers, and develop expert learning for all.

low

average

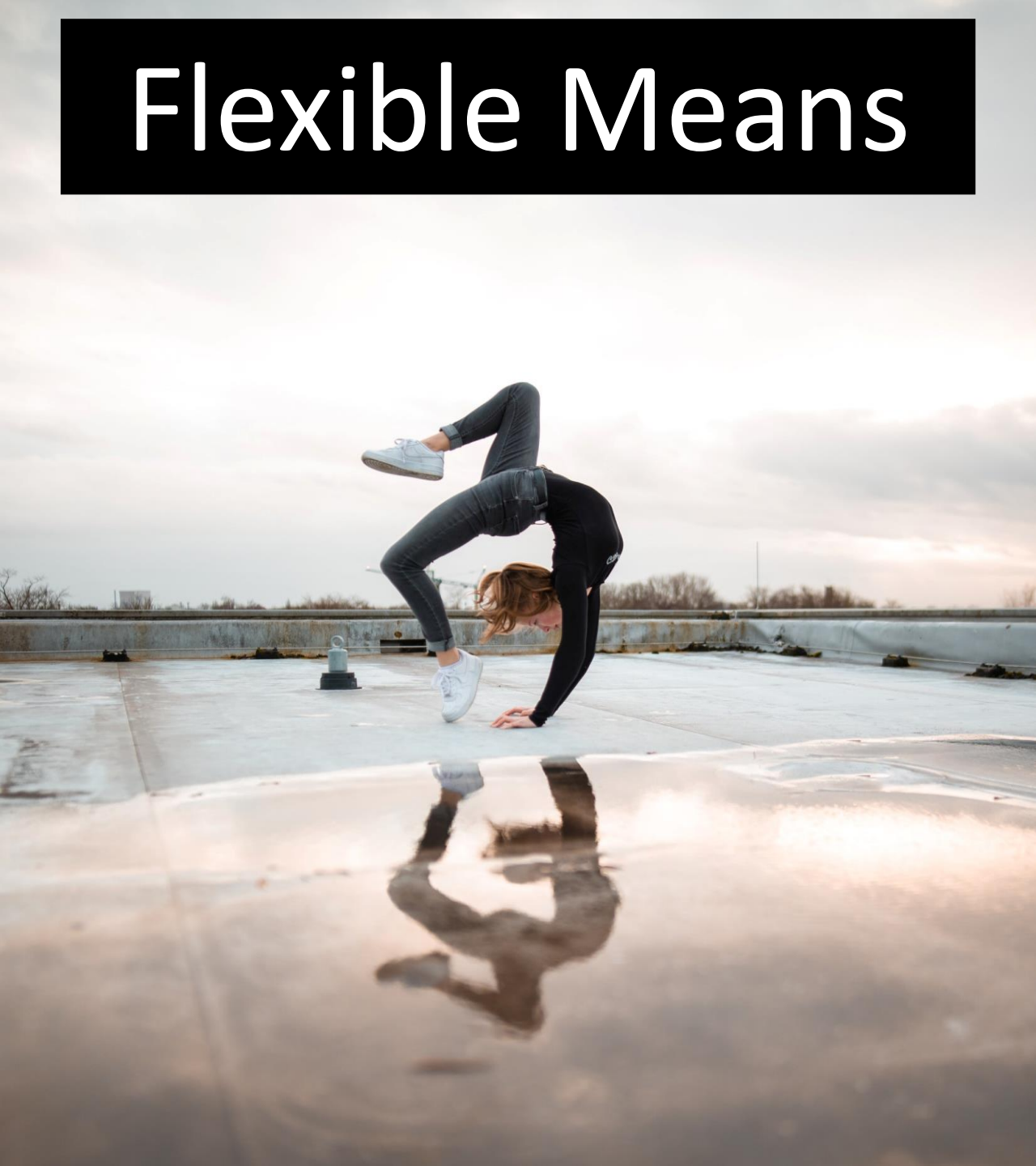
high





Firm Goals

Flexible Means



Expert learners are:
purposeful and motivated
knowledgeable and resourceful
strategic and goal directed



[Tips for fostering expert learners, 2017](#)



Engagement
Why



Representation
What



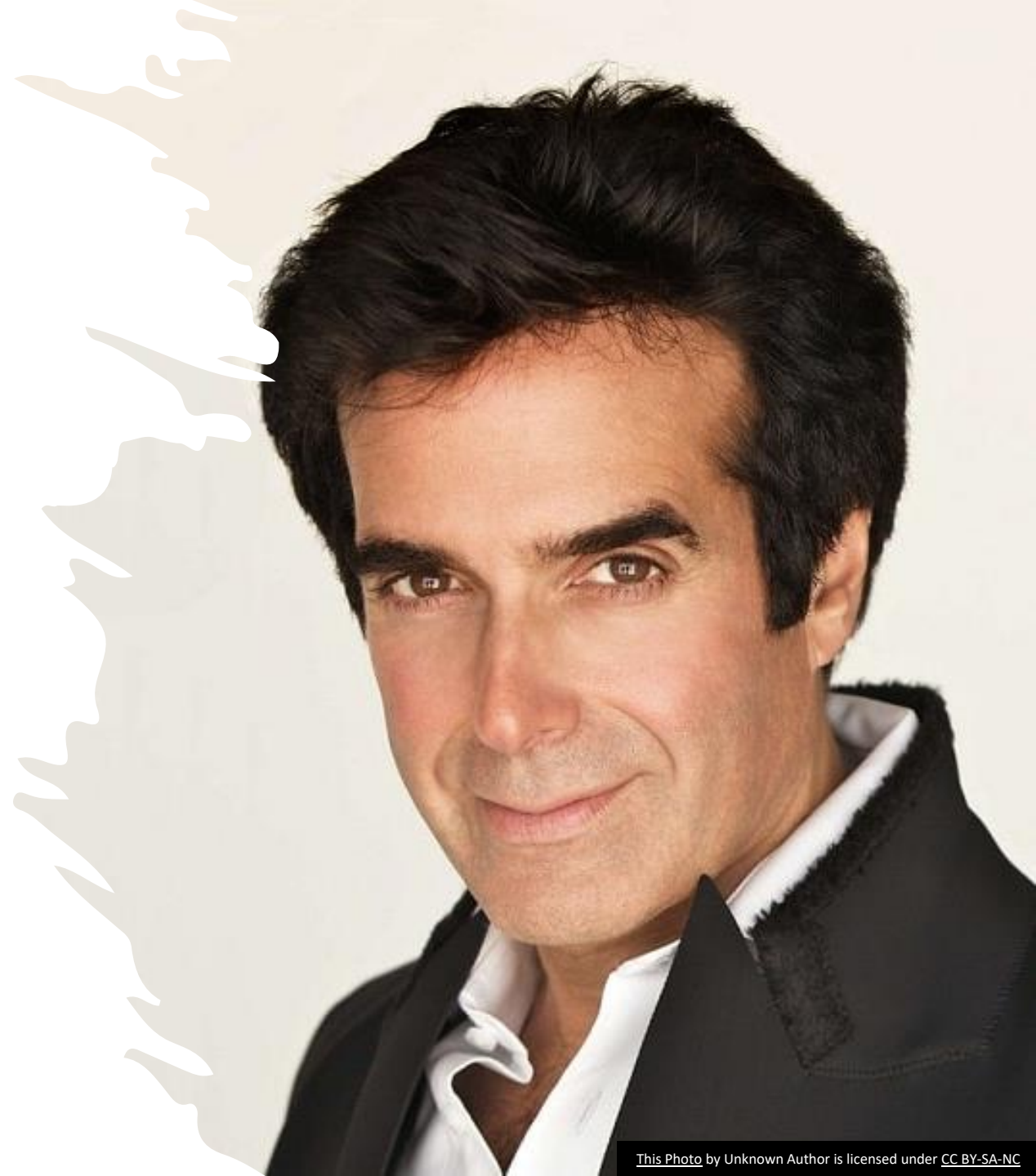
Action &
Expression
How



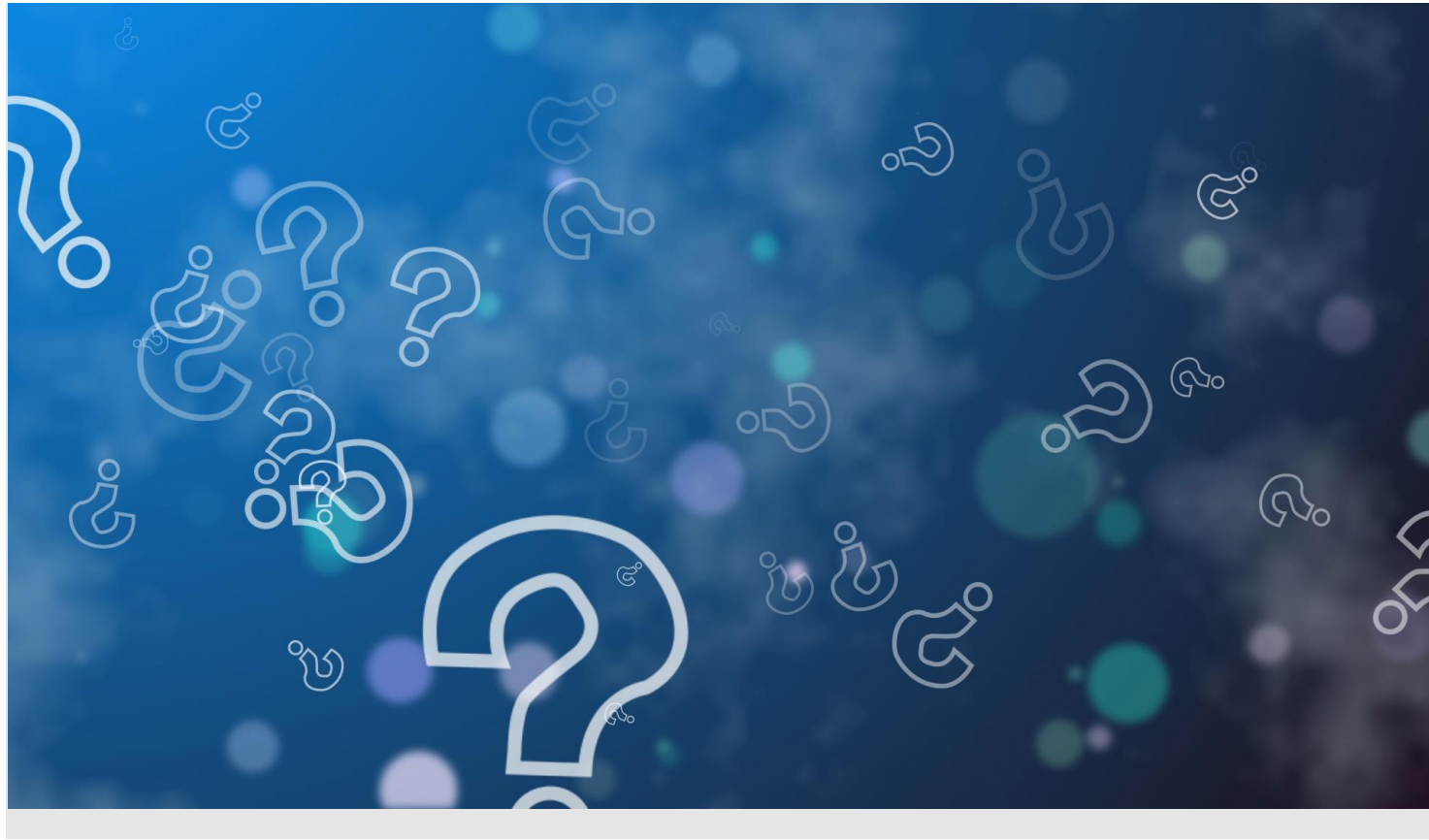
Activity

Two simultaneous
counting tasks

1. # of times you see
David's face or name
2. # of times you hear
the word magic







Discussion

- How likely was it that every person would be able to successfully complete the activity?
- Whose fault is that?
- How could this activity be altered so that success is much more likely?

**Barriers exist in
environments, not
people**



Reflect and Discuss

- What resonated with you from the activity?
- What ideas or questions did it spark?



table
talk



First Steps and Next Steps



1. Clarity





UDL is a marathon, not a sprint

A close-up photograph of a camera lens aperture. The lens blades are visible, creating a series of overlapping, curved shapes that form a central opening. The background is out of focus, showing a bokeh effect of warm, golden-yellow and orange light spots against a blue sky. The overall image has a soft, artistic feel.

UDL is a lens, not a checklist

INTENSIFIED

ADDITIONAL

UNIVERSAL

UDL is fundamental to all three tiers of MTSS



UDL is not “just good teaching”



2. Mindsets

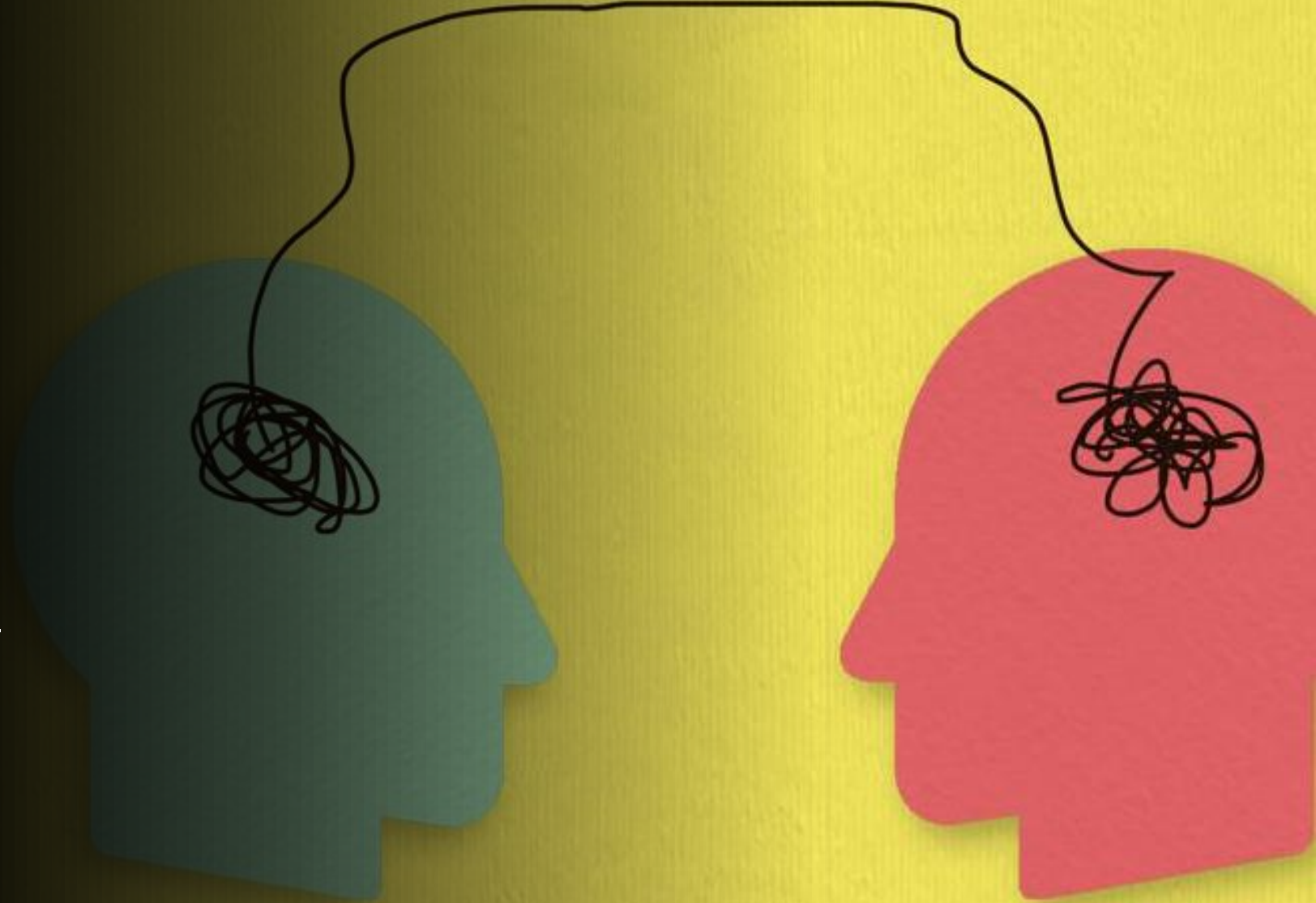


Ownership





Empathy





Expectations





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2-Way Q&A





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