

Developing Character in Nurses Through Education

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Key Question

How do we develop
character in nurses
through education?

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Character

character



humility



courage



confidence in reason



perseverance



autonomy




integrity




fair mindedness



empathy



Education that
improves thinking





THREE BASIC FUNCTIONS
OF THE HUMAN MIND

THINKING

FEELING

WANTING

Elder, L & Paul, R 2002, Critical thinking: Tools for taking charge of your learning and your life.

THE THREE FUNCTIONS OF THE MIND

THINKING

Makes sense of the world

- judging
- perceiving
- analyzing
- clarifying
- determining
- comparing
- synthesizing

FEELING

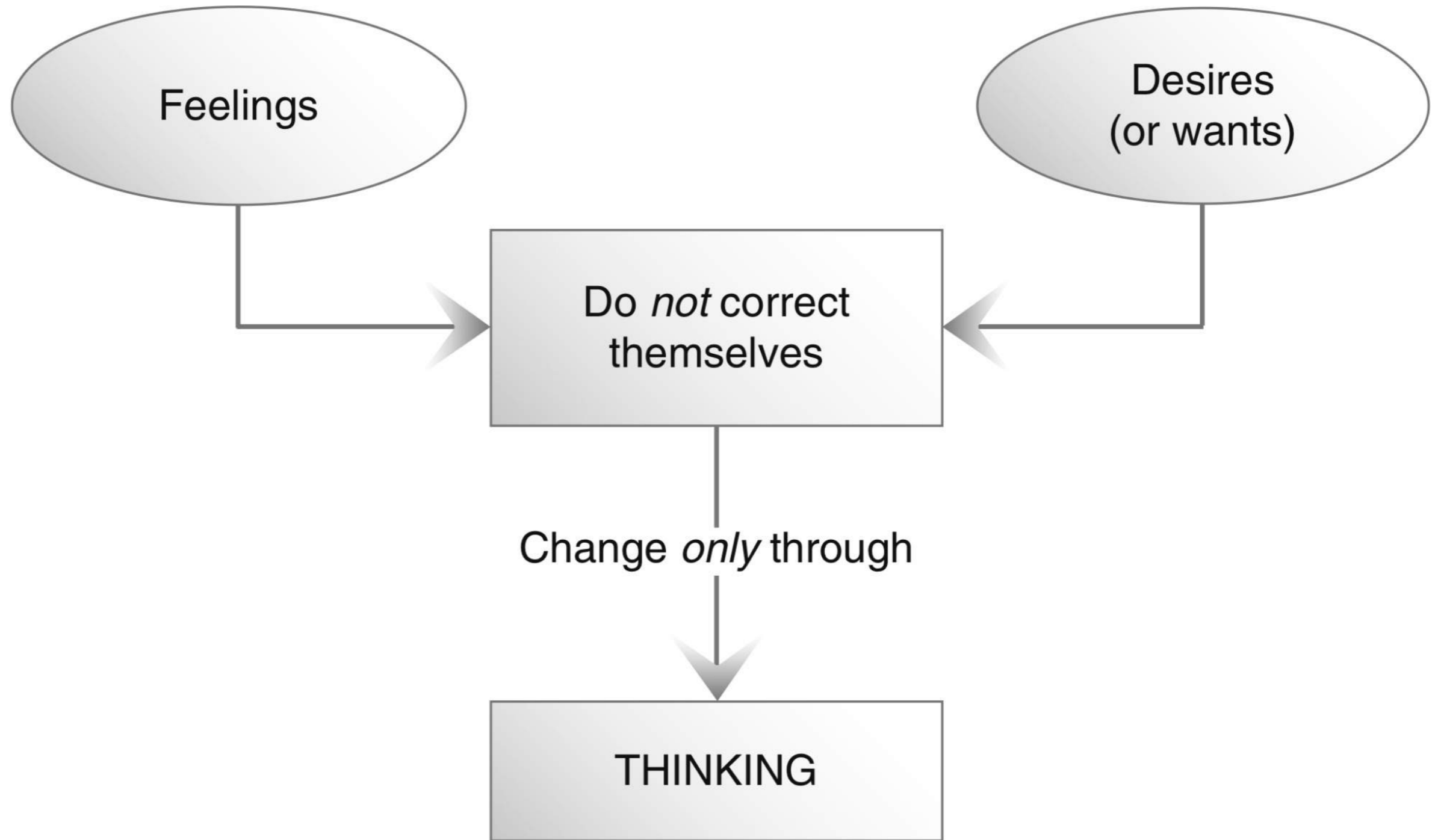
Tells us how we are doing

- happy
- sad
- depressed
- anxious
- stressed
- calm
- worried
- excited

WANTING

Drives us to act as we do

- goals
- desires
- purposes
- agendas
- values
- motives



Feelings

Desires
(or wants)

Do *not* correct
themselves

Change *only* through

THINKING

Character
traits

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Elements of
thought

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Universal
standards

Relevance

Logic

Accuracy

Clarity

Precision

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Fairness

Breadth

Significance

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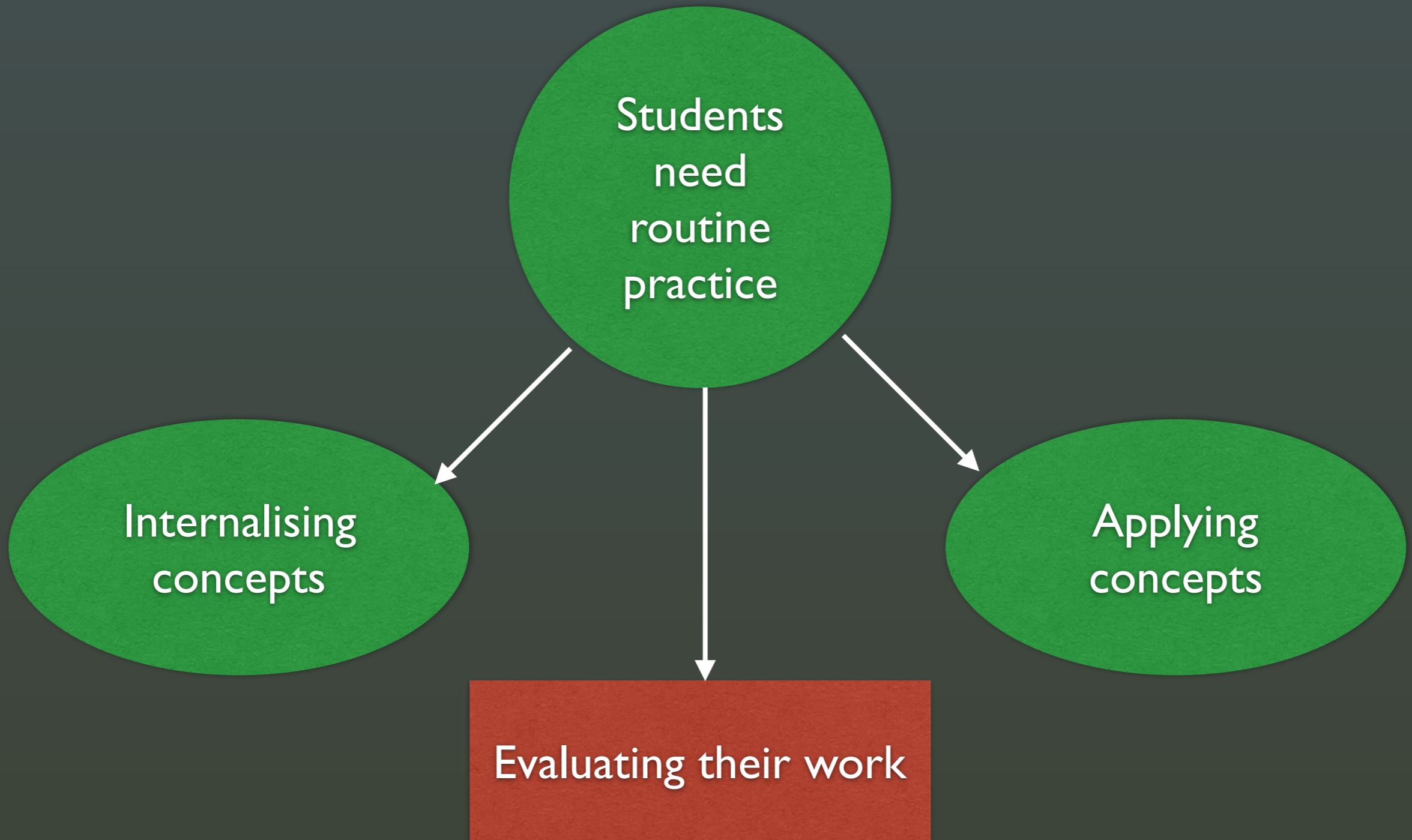
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thought

develop

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Designing education to improve thinking

“Design instruction so that on a typical day students take ownership of the content through guided activities involving reading, writing, speaking, and listening.”



Adapted from Paul, R, Elder, L, Foundation for Critical Thinking 2014, How to Improve Student Learning.

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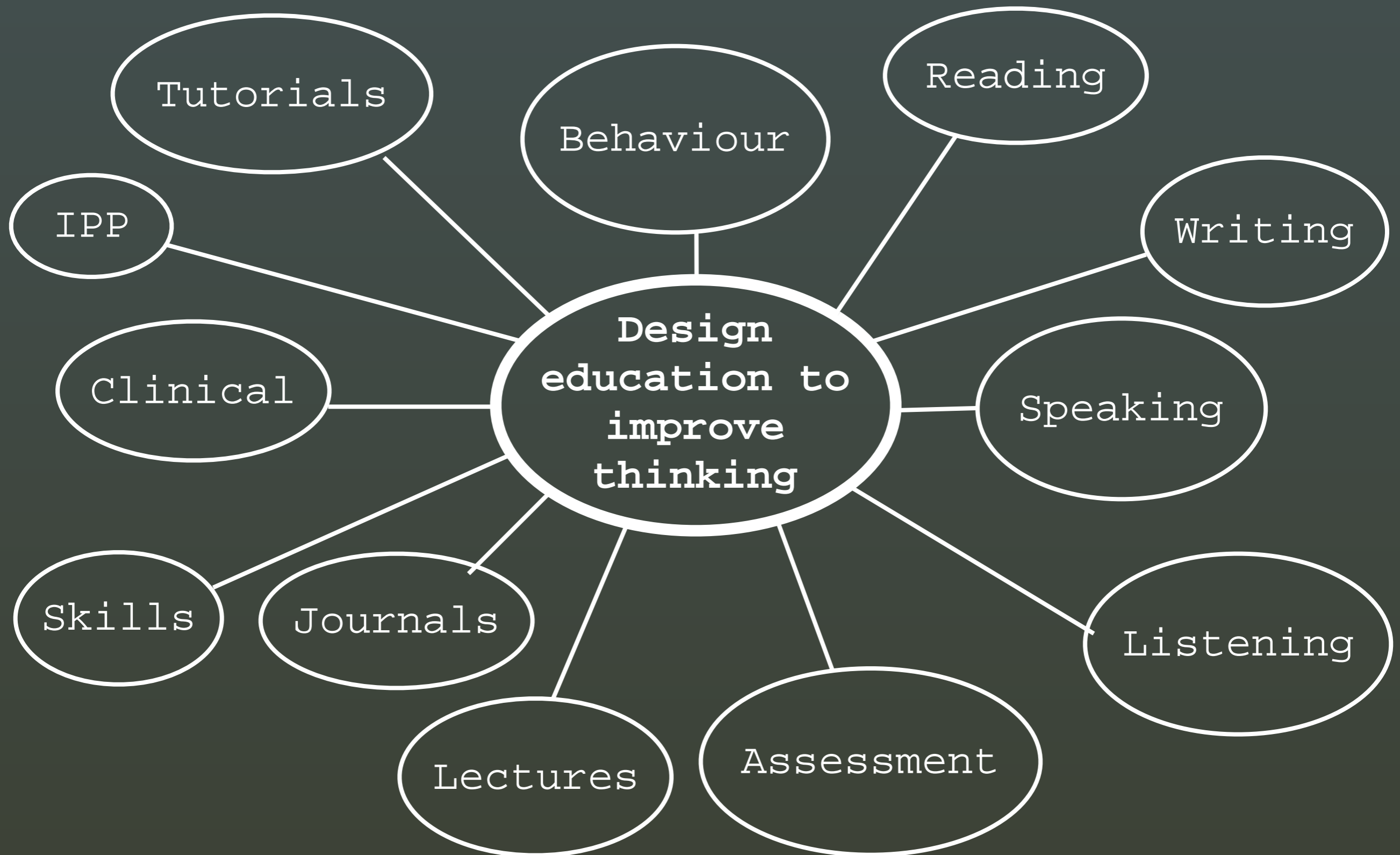
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Thank You

