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Building “Accurate” Fluency in a Foreign Language

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Can I learn to speak Russian fluently?

СВ / НСВ

Родительный

Я пошёл в магазин потому, что у нас не было молока.

Он / Она

Куда

Не -> чего

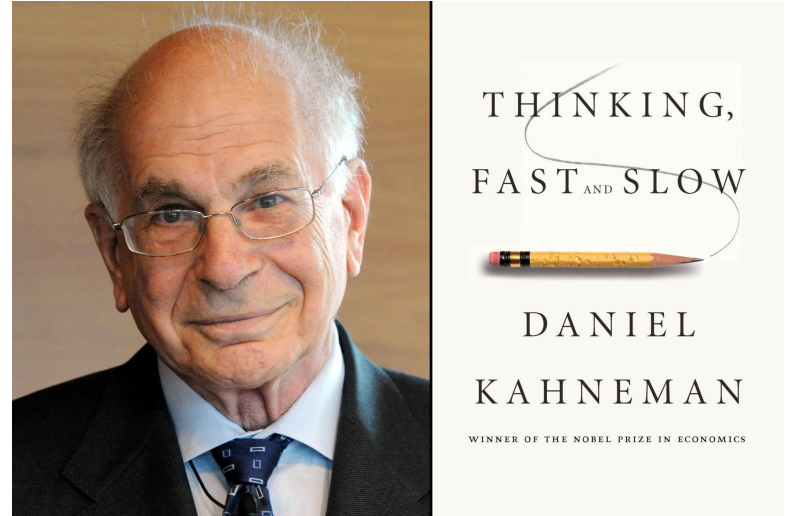


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What is fluency?

- Flexible use of what you know

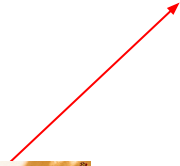
- Reflexive
 - System 1: Automatic, Unthinking
 - Tying your shoes, riding a bike, using a smartphone, ...
 - System 2: Logical, Effortful
 - Learning new things, making an informed decision, choosing who to vote for, ...



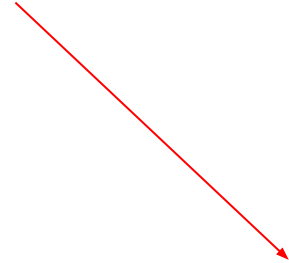


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The triangle of death



L1
TOO SLOW!!!
System 2

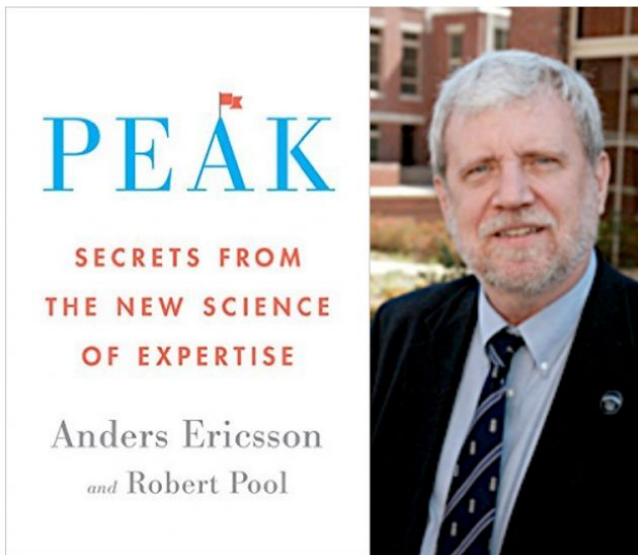


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System 1

window



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Deliberate Practice

- Pinpoint something you want to improve
- Set specific goals
- Refine through repeated performance
- Devote time for constructive feedback and evaluation

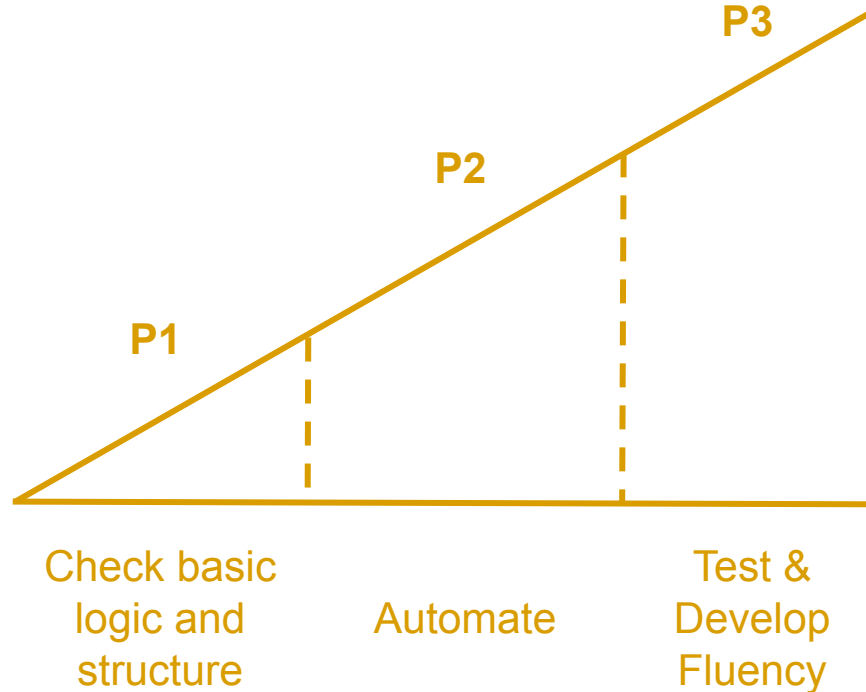


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Knowledge



Skill



Warmer

Lead in to New Knowledge

Task/Project #1

Production

Real Life Situations using the New Knowledge

Task/Project #2



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Did you call me last night?	Did we drive the Bentley last weekend?
Did you eat breakfast yesterday?	Did I even wake up yesterday?
Did she call you last week?	Did you have a good weekend?

Short Answer Race

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Most Efficient Procedure

1. Start at everyone's own pace (no timing)
GOAL: Safe Space
2. Set a first time
GOAL: Starting point
- 3.
4. Challenge with 3 attempts at success
5.
GOAL: Build reflexes



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Did you watch the movie last night?	Does she eat sushi?
Did it snow last January?	Are you dancing?
Do you dance?	Is it snowing?

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Can you play the piano?	Will you call me tonight?
Has it been raining?	Are you being silly?
Do you boogie?	Is it 8pm already?!

Hard of Hearing

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Tense Build

We	Bears
Ron Weasley	Jack
She	My classmates and I

make a snowman	fall in the mud
break the Queen's teacup	feed my cat
oversleep	rock like Elvis

every single day	at the moment
last summer	twice a week
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Present Perfect - Make Assumptions

I've never eaten sushi	I've been to Kamchatka	I've been to every NATE conference
I've been working as a teacher for 10 years	I haven't eaten yet	I've been a little tired lately
I've just sold my stamp collection	I've had to let him go	It's been lovely talking with you



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Present Perfect - Explain the Feeling

I'm hungry	I'm sad	I'm excited
I'm all wet	I'm frustrated	I'm proud
I'm walking on sunshine	I'm furious	I think I'm going crazy



Conditionals - Card Flip

I'm upset	I didn't wake up	I jog every day	Rose helped Jack
She looked up	I don't have much time for myself	We don't cook ourselves	Batman lost his groove
She flies really fast	We slept in late	Elvis is back	A pretty woman was walking down the street



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Convince

Could you please stand up?	Let's start a rock band together!	Could you tell me if it's raining outside?
Let's all go on a long long loong holiday!	Let's do something!	Could you get me some water please?



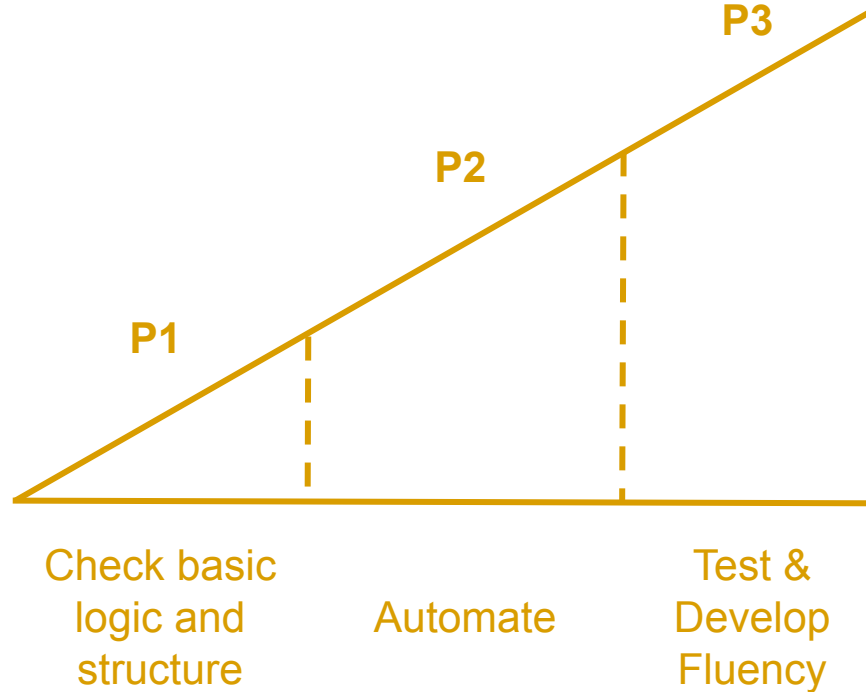
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