

WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR CAT? HOW FREE IS YOUR NARRATIVE

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Webinar Objectives

Free
Narrative
Research

Challenges
Staying in the
FN

Fishbowl
Exercise

Types of
Questions
in a FN

Closer look
at the Free
Narrative

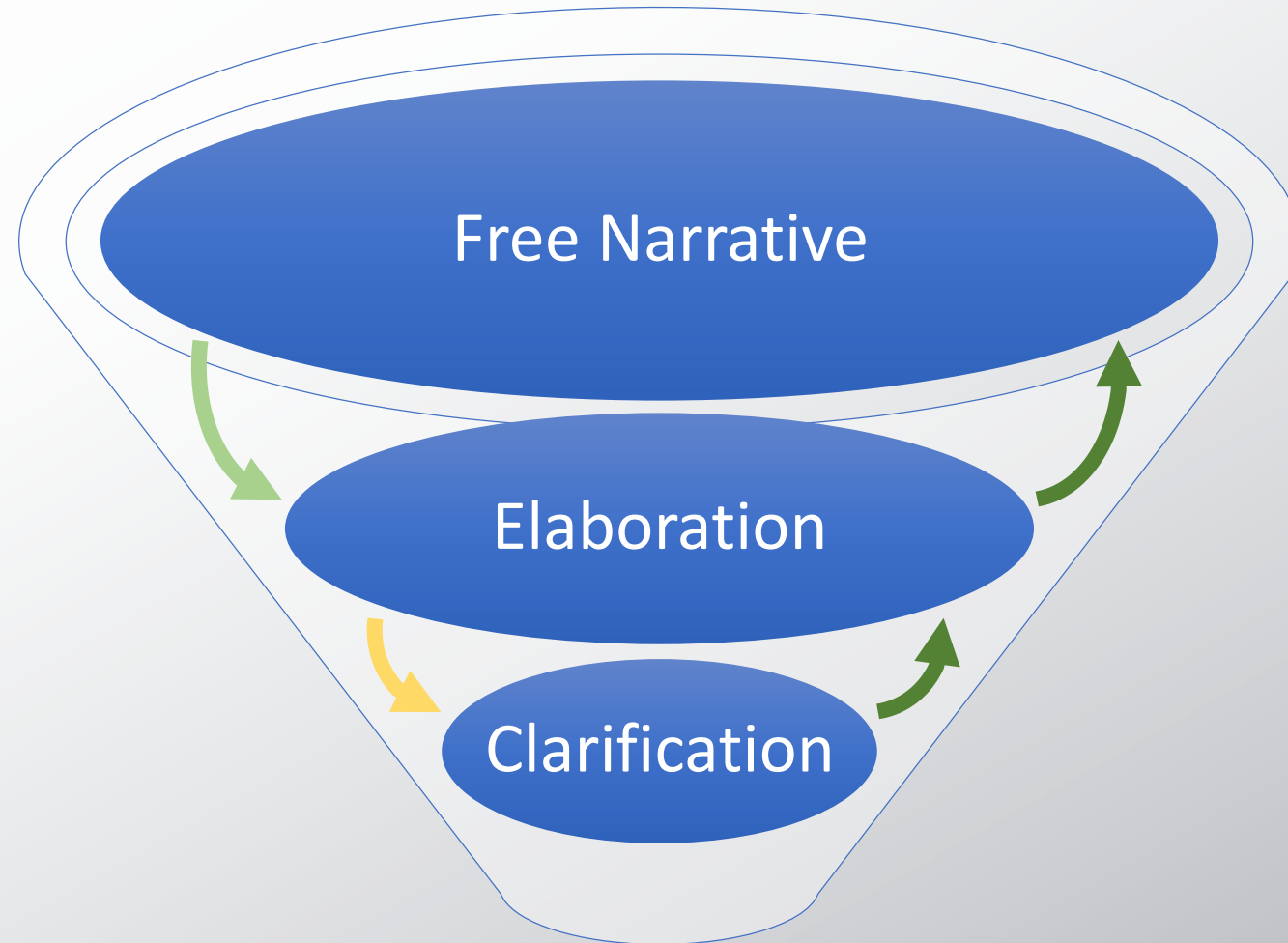
Free Narrative Research

- *“All forensic interview models direct the interviewer to ask the child to provide a narrative account of his or her experience to gain a clear and accurate description of alleged events in the child’s own words.”*
- Child Forensic Interviewing: Best Practices. US DOJ, 2015.
- *“The inability of professionals to maintain the use of open-ended questions in the free-narrative phase of investigative interviews with children has been a major problem around the globe.”*
- Guide to Questioning Children During the Free Narrative Phase of an Investigative Interview. Powell and Snow, 2007
- *“An ongoing challenge for forensic interviewers is to maximize their use of invitations. faux invitations and negative recasts during the substantive phase of the interviews, related to decreased productivity, increased non responsiveness, and increased uncertainty.”*
- Forensic Interviewers’ Difficulty with Invitations: Faux Invitations and Negative Recasting. Henderson, Russo and Lyon, 2019



- *Poll #1*

THE NARRATIVE STEP





**What is the
name of
your cat?**

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS & PROMPTS

Encourage multiple word
responses

Promote engagement

Cue recall

CLOSED-ENDED QUESTIONS & PROMPTS

Request one word
responses

Maintain reluctance

Lead recall

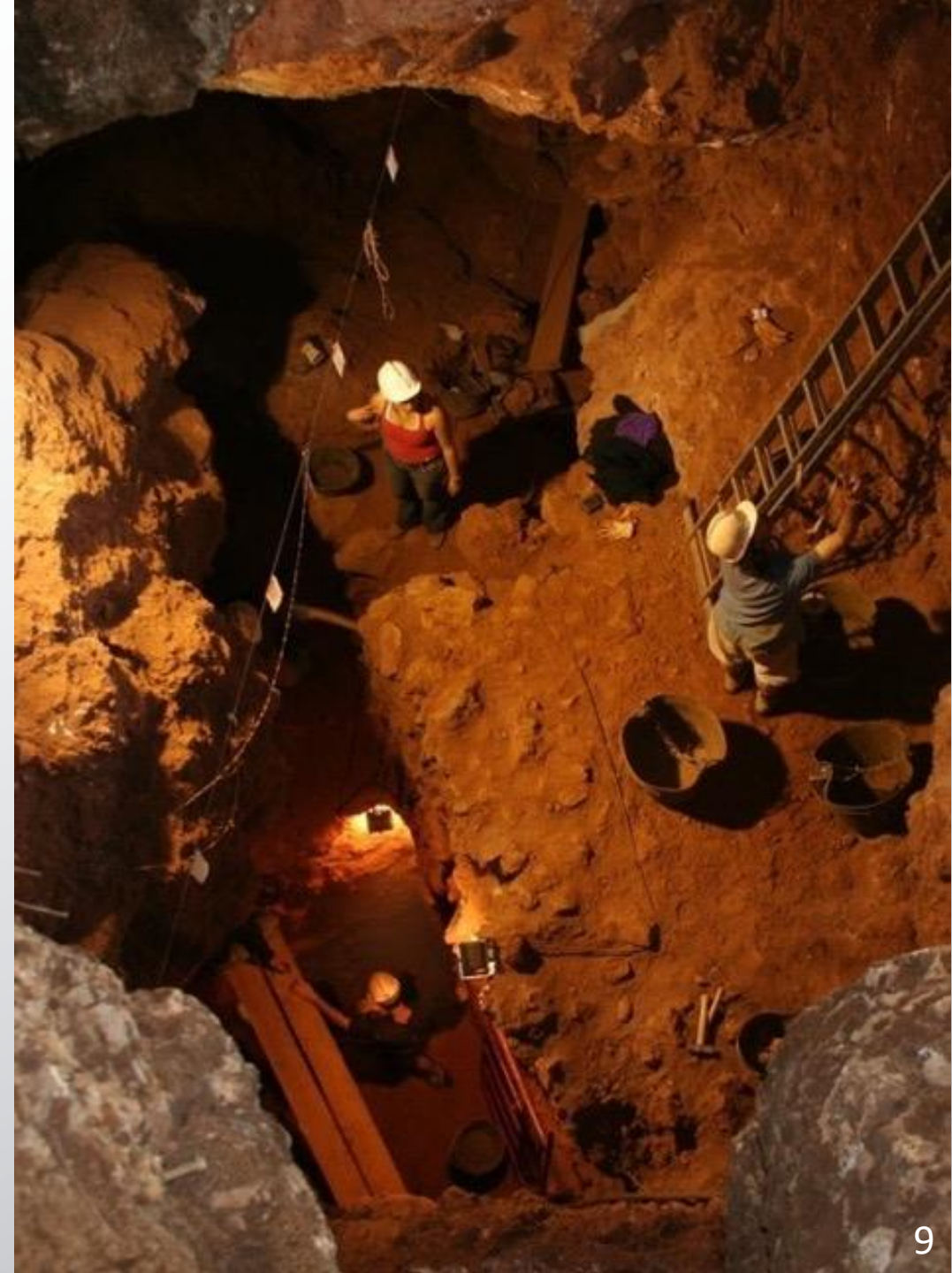


- *Poll #2*

FREE NARRATIVE

Explore everything the person can recall on their own

- Three types of questions
 - Broad open-ended questions
 - Prompts for more information
 - Segmented questions
- End when free recall is exhausted

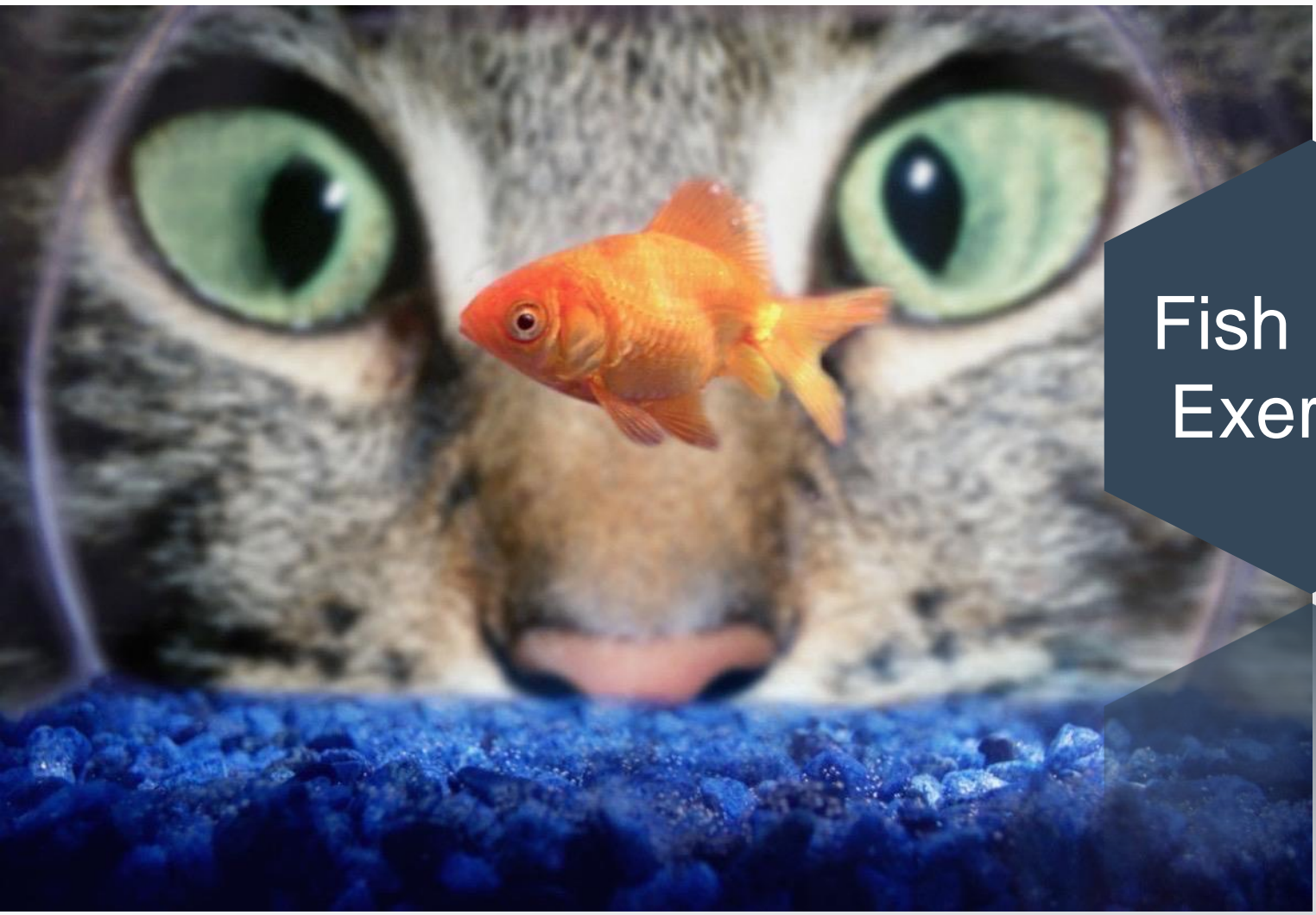


**Age
Language
Attention
Memory**





- *Poll #3*



Fish Bowl Exercise

Demonstration of how to collect memory evidence

Extended Learning



Practice with your team – Keep your skills sharp.