What is the Name of Your Cat? How free is your narrative

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Webinar Objectives



Free Narrative Research

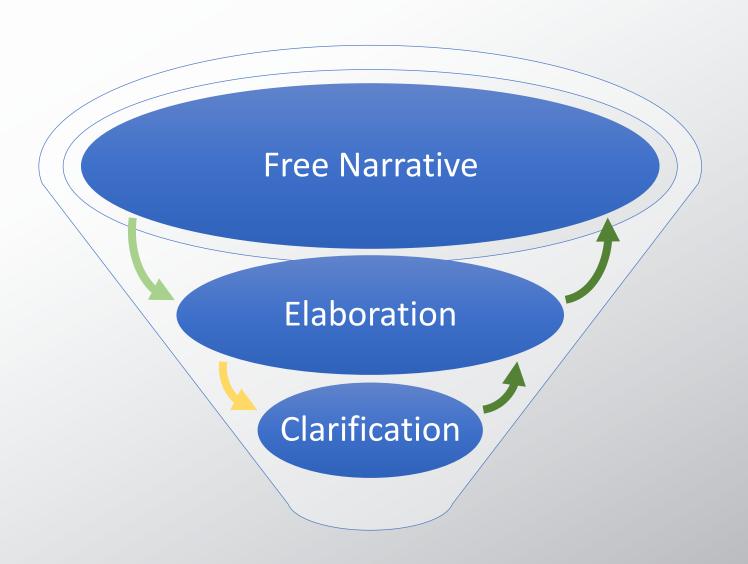
- "All forensic interview models direct the interviewer to ask the child to provide a narrative account of his or her experience to gain a clear and accurate description of alleged events in the child's own words."
- Child Forensic Interviewing: Best Practices. US DOJ, 2015.
- "The inability of professionals 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



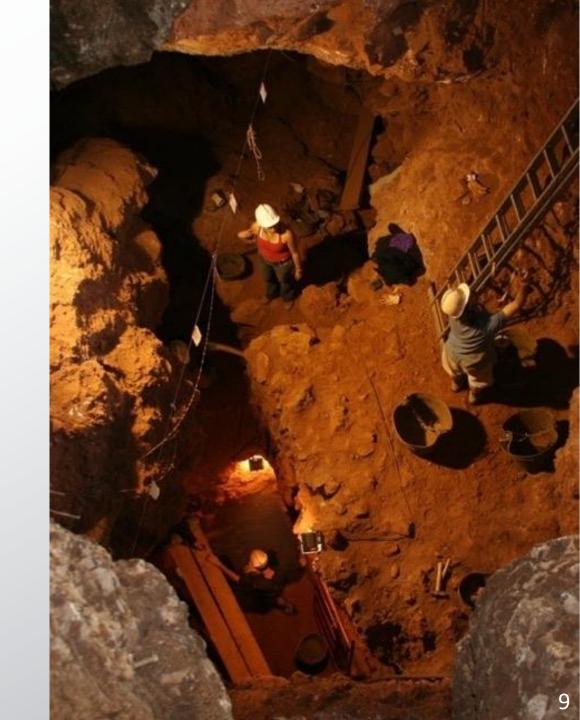
• *Poll #2*

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

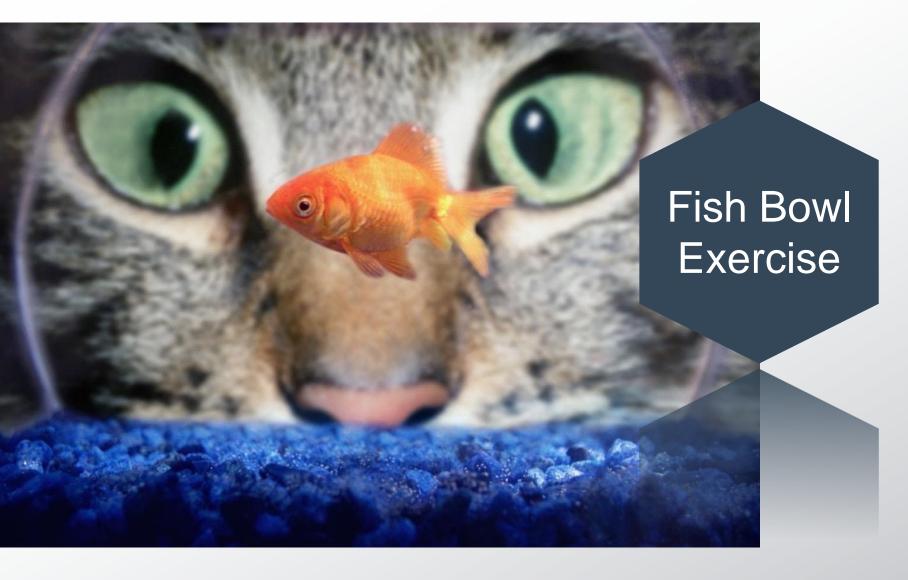


Age Language Attention Memory





• Poll #3



Demonstration of how to collect memory evidence

Extended Learning



Practice with your team – Keep your skills sharp.