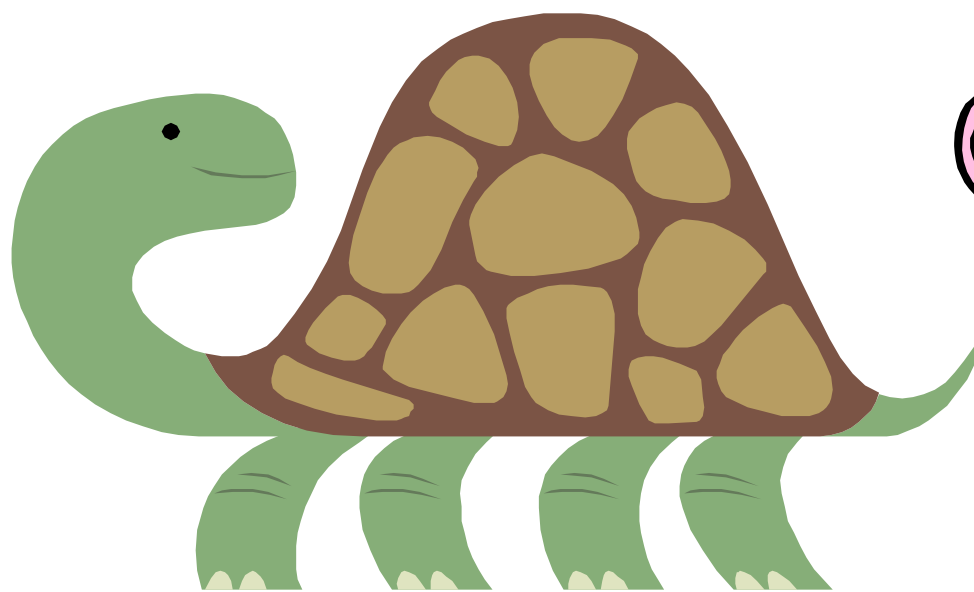
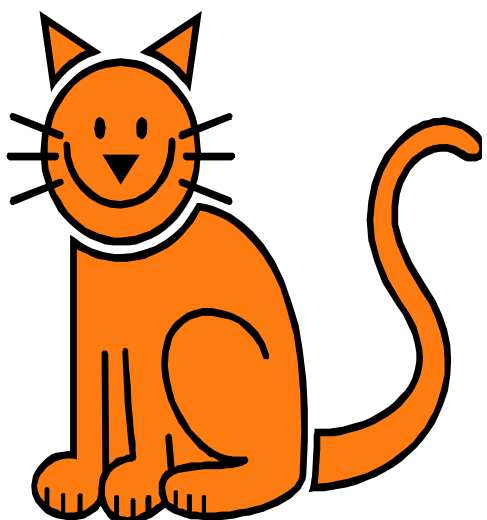
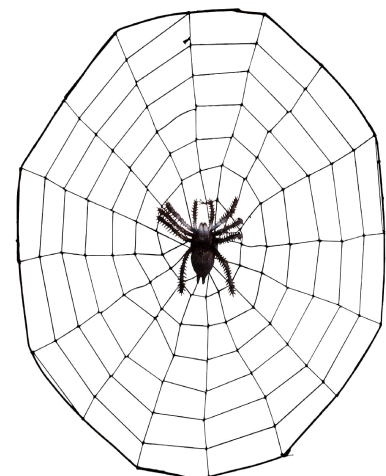


ELLI



STRATEGIC AWARENESS

Owls are known to be wise.

They have sharp eyes to look carefully at the world around them. Their ears are excellent for hearing even the tiniest of sounds. They fly high up in the sky and look down on the world below.

They have an excellent understanding of the world around them which makes them good at planning ahead. Good learners are like wise owls.



THE WISE OWL

THE STORY OF THE WISE OWL

Once upon a time, a group of owls came to settle in a forest. The forest had many beautiful lush green trees. All the owls in the group were free to choose whichever tree they liked. So the young owls greedily chose all the green trees to settle in. There they built their new homes.





However, there was also an old owl amongst them. He looked carefully at all the trees before making his choice. Eventually, he built his nest in an old, dried up oak tree. There weren't many trees left because all the younger trees were already taken. But the old owl was happy with his new home and he settled in.



As time went by, the younger owls became too proud of their beautiful homes. “Hey, old man, couldn’t you find a better tree for your nest?” they teased. “We are so lucky,” they would say, “Our nests are built in beautiful trees – unlike yours!”

With old age comes wisdom, and this old owl was wise too. So he smiled and said,

“It is too early to say which one of us is lucky.”



The young owls did not understand what the old owl meant. Sometimes they would still tease the older owl, who always smiled back and said nothing.

Then one day, a group of woodcutters came to the forest. “Oh, look at these trees,” one of them said. “We should chop them up and take them back to our village. They will fetch good money.” another one of them said.

And so, they collected their saws and brought their wagons. They chopped and chopped until only the old and dried up oak tree was left.



They looked at the old, dried up oak tree. “This one is too old. It would be a waste to take that one back,” they said. And, with that, the woodcutters left the forest.



No matter how much the young owls had screeched, the woodcutters had still taken away their homes without mercy.

The old owl smiled and said to the younger owls, “You see, sometimes a curse can be a blessing in disguise. It is good to try and see the bigger picture.”

Only after losing their homes did the younger owls realise their mistake.



Why do you think the wise owl chose the old dried up tree for his home?

What do you think the wise old meant when he said, “Sometimes a curse can be a blessing in disguise.”

What do you think the wise old meant when he said, “It is good to try to see the bigger picture.”

Can you see the bigger picture?

What are
these
pictures of?

Click on the
picture to
see the
answer.



A pencil!



Clue: don't cut yourself!



A razor!



Clue: I wouldn't eat this bit, but the rest is nice.



An apple!



Clue: Twice a day.



A toothbrush!



And these...?

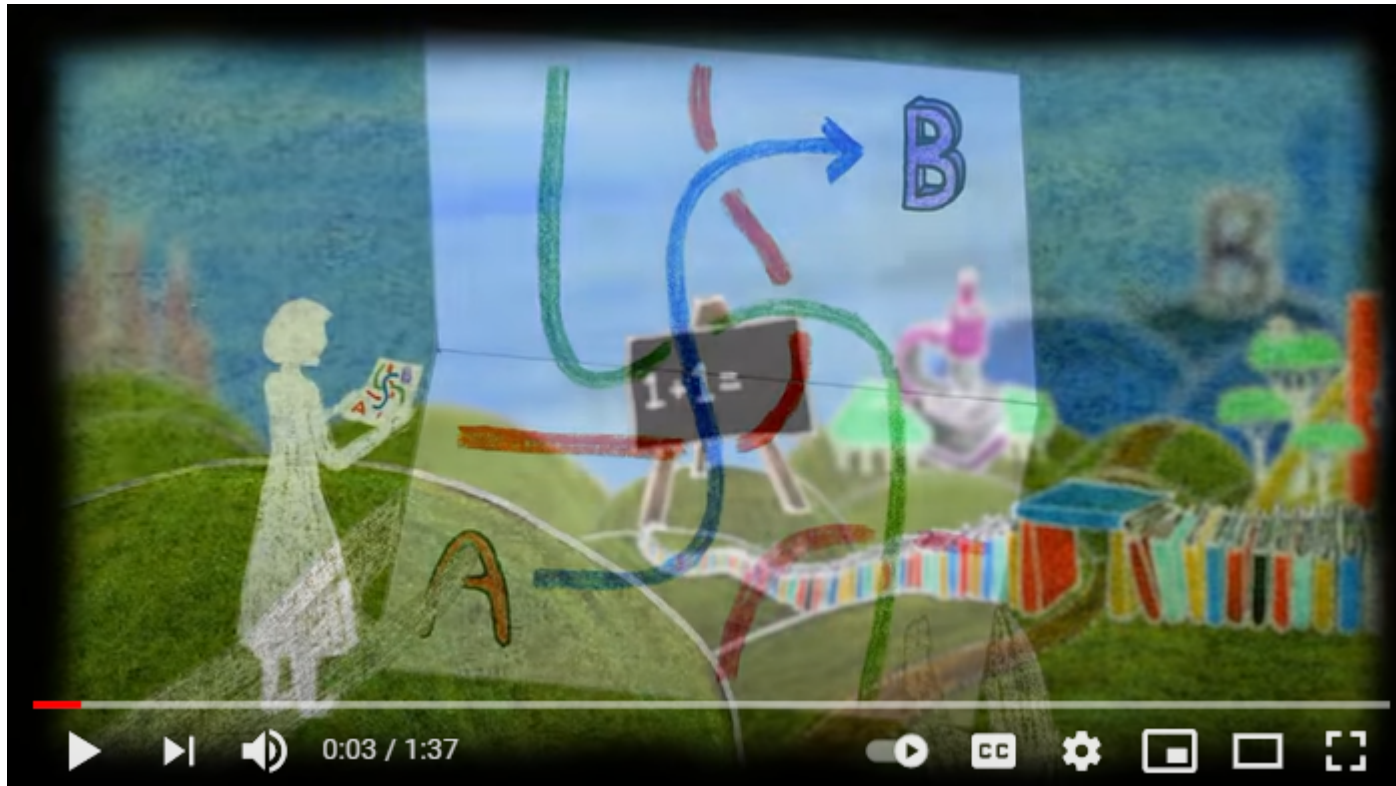


<https://brightside.me/wonder-quizzes/test-can-you-recognize-everyday-objects-close-up-262360/>

The answers...



STRATEGIC AWARENESS



What skills are mentioned in the video? Be prepared to list them afterwards. Let's see how many we can remember as a class.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBXRC1m310Q>

STRATEGIC AWARENESS

Strategic awareness is about seeing 'the bigger picture.'

Successful learners have good strategic awareness. This means they:

Know which level of challenge to choose.

Know what resources they are going to need in order to complete the task.

Think about their learning and how they are going to go about it.

Can talk about their own habits, goals, strengths and weaknesses as a learner.

Usually have a fair idea about how long something is going to take them to do.

Can talk about themselves as a learner and talk about the process of learning.

Can see how what they are learning now fits into their wider learning.

Are able to plan ahead.

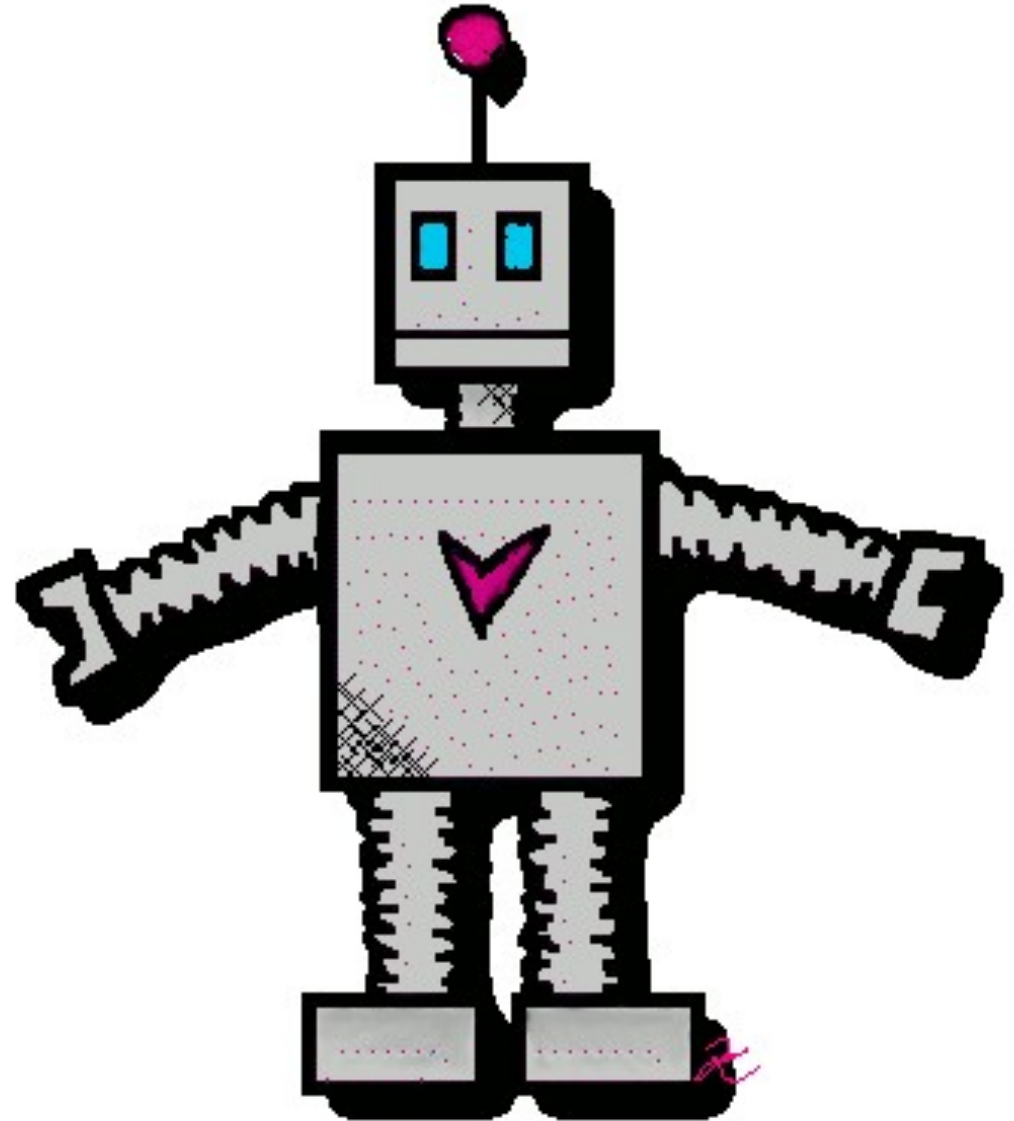
Have a good understanding of their chances of being successful.

Take responsibility for their own learning.

Know what learning strategies work best for them.

BEING ROBOTIC

The opposite of strategic awareness is being 'robotic'. Robots can't think for themselves. They have to be told exactly what to do.



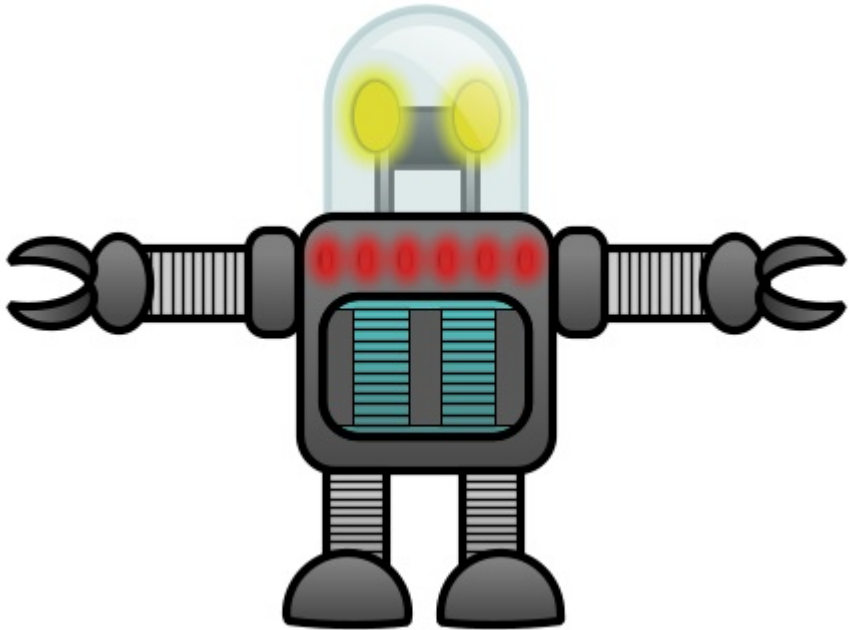
TWO-MINUTE PLAN

Let’s put it to the test. How well can we plan ahead?

In your EMT books, take two minutes to jot down all the things, all the tools and all the skills you would need to...

Resources	Tools	Skills

BUILD A ROBOT!



The Wise Owl: Strategic Awareness

