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EYE GAZE: A KEY TO LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

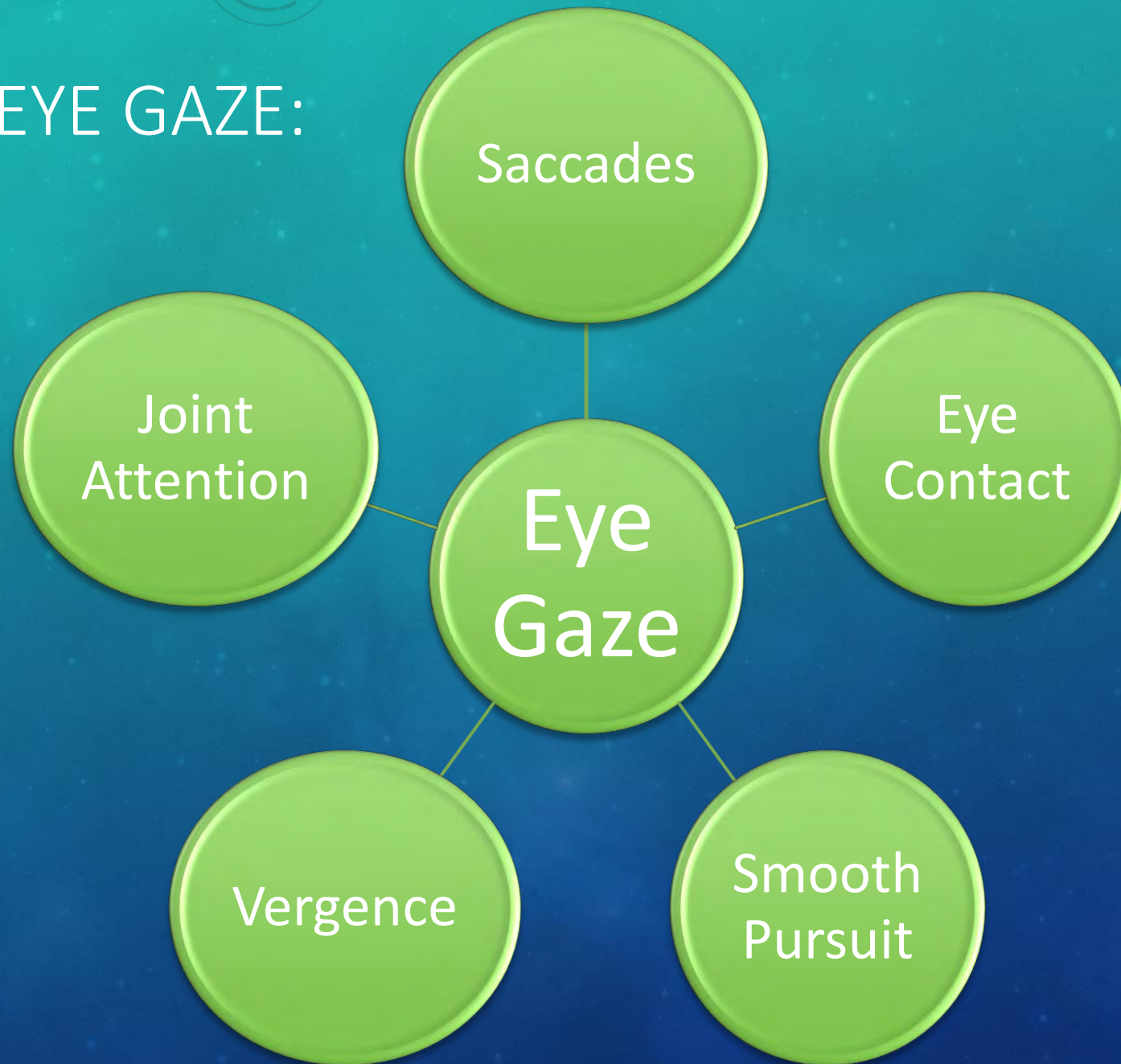
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WHAT IS EYE GAZE?



- It's more than eye contact
- It's how we take in visual information
- It's how we focus and shift focus
- It's part of social cues

TYPES OF EYE GAZE:

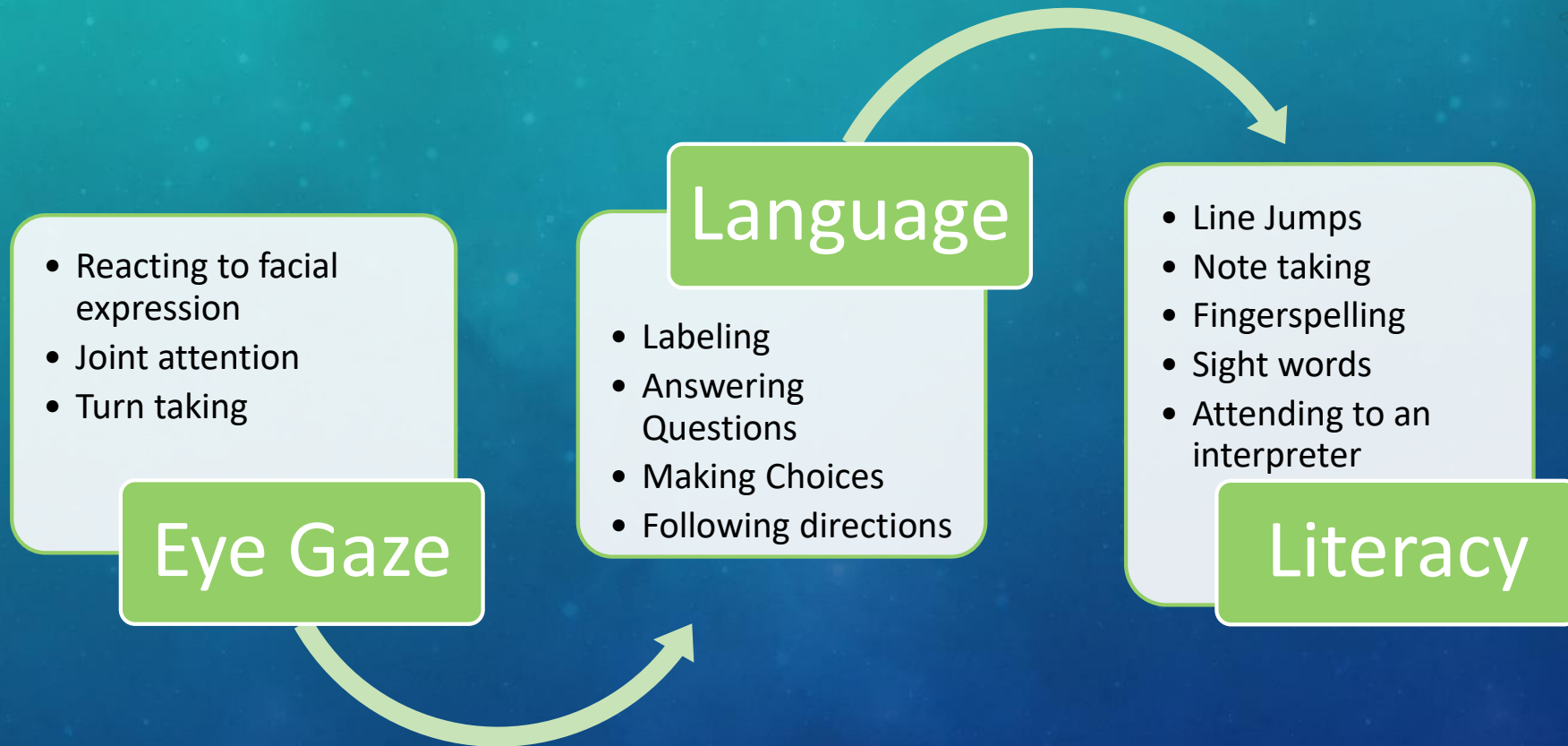




A NOTE ON LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION:

- American Sign Language
- Cued Language
- Signed English
- Listening and Spoken Language
- ASL and Spoken Language
- ASL and Cued Speech

FROM EYE GAZE TO LITERACY:



ENCOURAGING EYE CONTACT IN YOUNG CHILDREN:

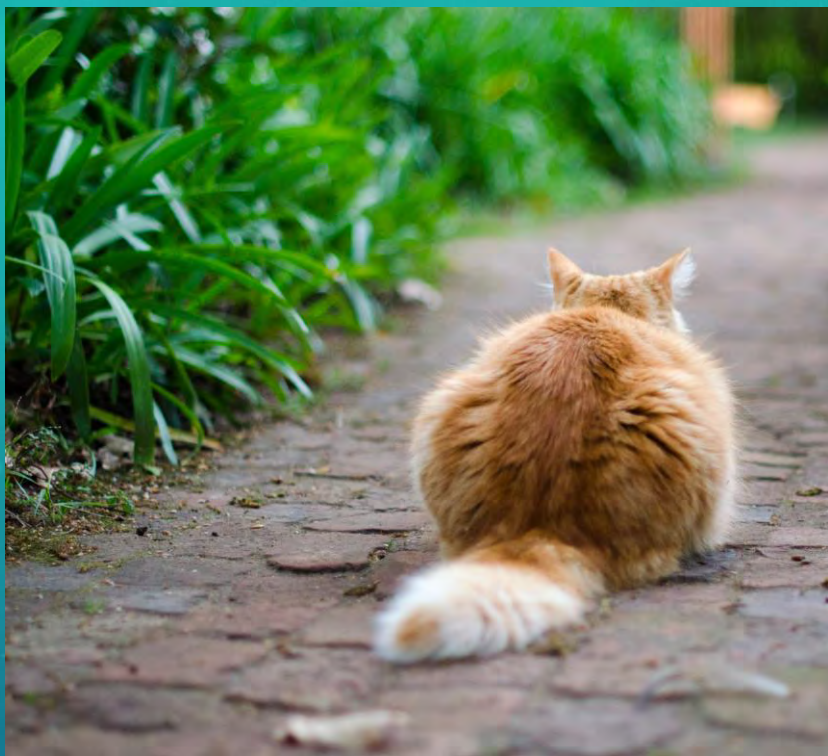
- Make funny faces
- Play Peek a Boo
- Give High Fives
- Interact with their environment



LANGUAGE STRATEGIES:

- Attention First – Eye contact or peripheral vision
- Let them Explore items- wait for them to look to you
- Label everything- Show the item, Say/Sign/Cue, Show it again
- Set up the interaction





AS THEY GROW:

Labeling

Look! A Cat

Basic
Questions

What is it? A cat!

Describe It

Tell me about the cat. It's orange and outside.

Write About It

The Orange Cat is sitting outside.

EYE GAZE
PROGRESS:

Smooth
Pursuits

Joint
Attention

Saccades



HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN?



Play



Social interaction



Exploration



Direct instruction



Mimicing

INFANTS & TODDLERS :

- Have fun with mirrors!
- Mobiles
- Bubbles
- What doesn't belong?
- Red light / Green light
- Rolling a Ball



SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:

Simon says

Use visual
schedules

Reading with
finger tracking

Reading with a
bookmark or
index card

Word searches

Dot to dots

I Spy

Find colors or
shapes

Tracing Letters
& Pictures

PRINTABLE RESOURCE:

- Professionals Guide:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wY6TopJ9Xw9kQ1V8YHoDPhKCpxB5Ohsh>
- Parents Guide:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=11xBwVNFexeDErdipMWtLgHFmIyyDLw6>