



*How to excel at school
and then leave successfully*

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What is our main responsibility as teachers?

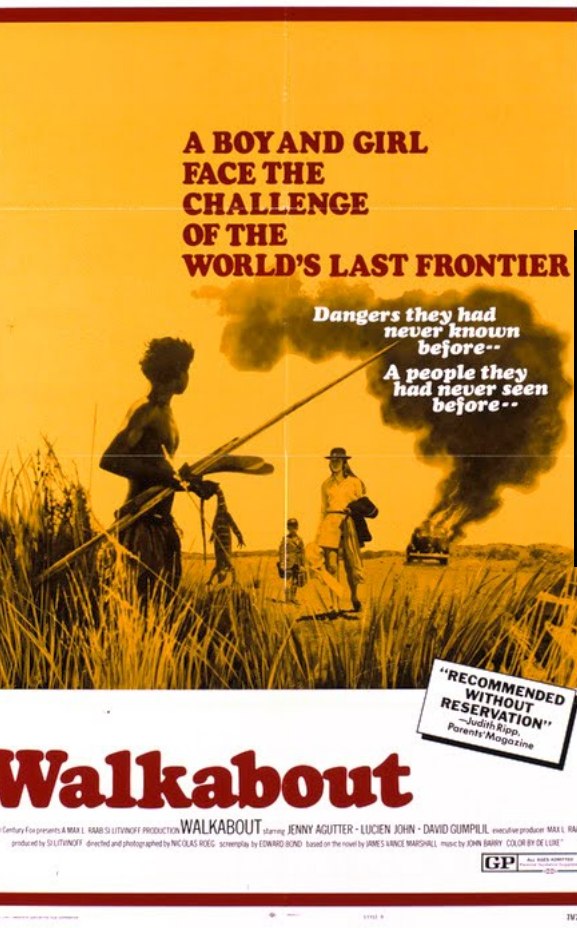
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To ensure that students can **thrive** in the **next** stage of their education.

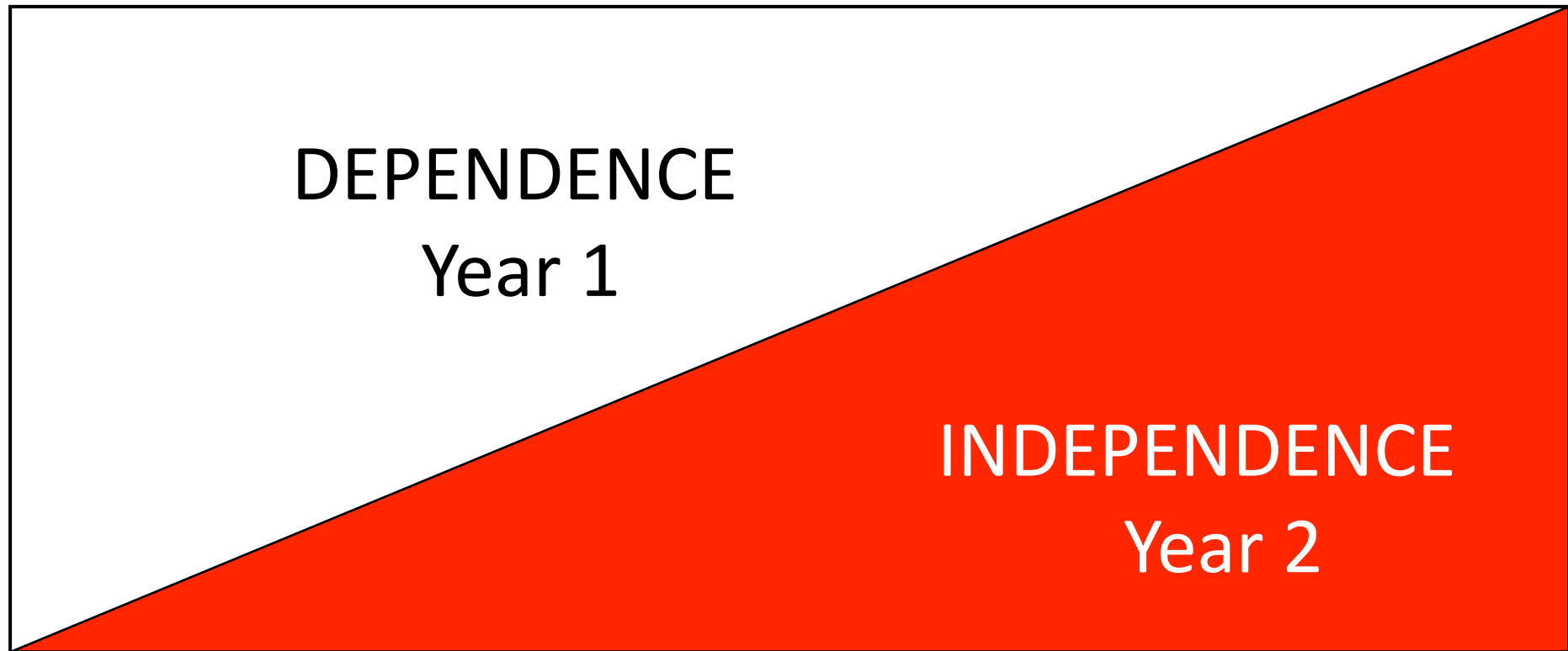
A problem

Many students do well at school but are not equipped to **thrive** in the next stage of their learning.

Walkabout: survive, then thrive



The learning wedge in the last 2 years of school



The key is *knowing how* to use language

With our help, and in **every subject**, students must learn **how** to take control of and use language effectively to the point where they don't need us.

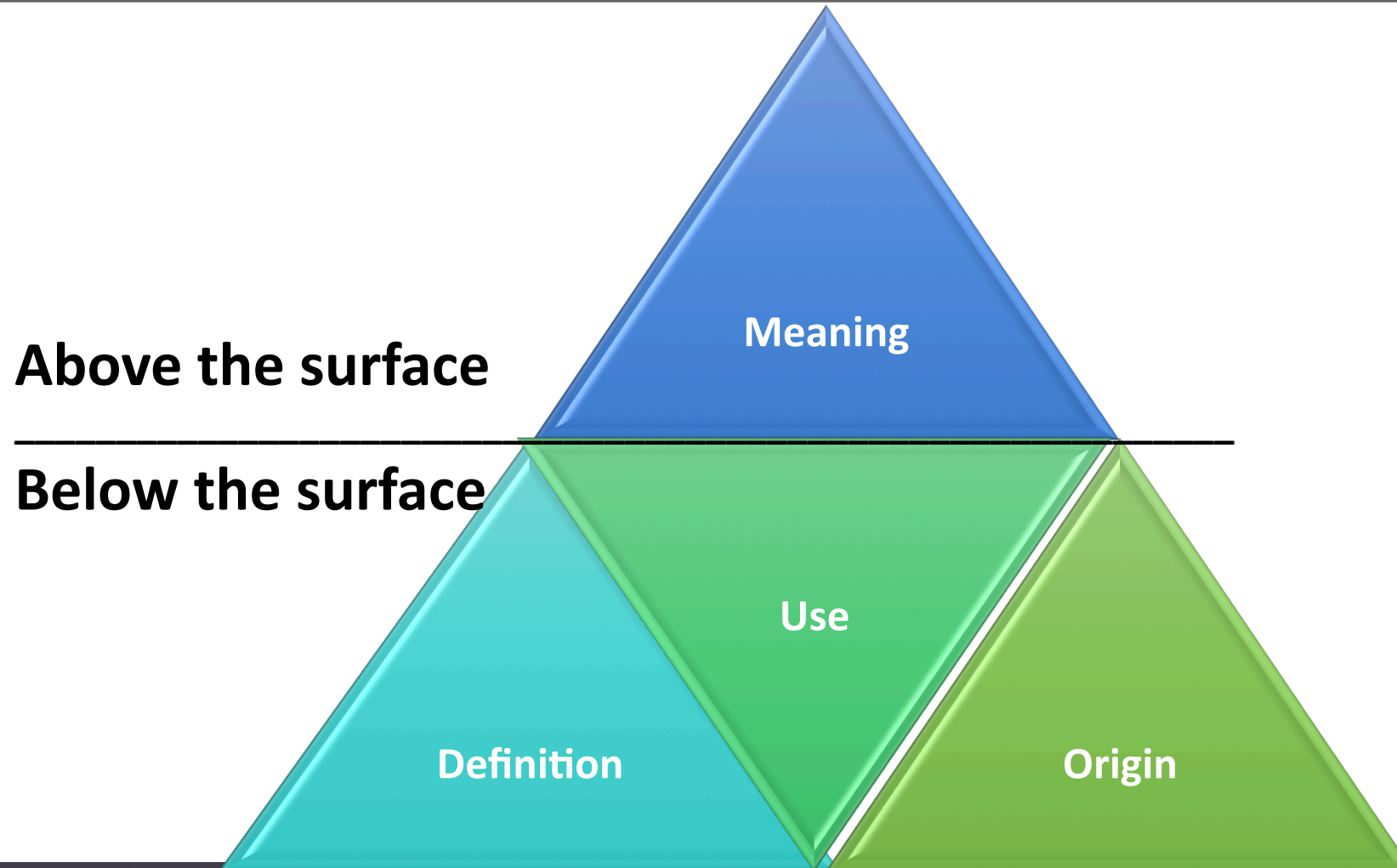
Learning academic bushcraft

With explicit guidance, students must learn how to

1. Build their general and specialist vocabulary
2. Develop and practise the art of independent writing
3. Grow a body of knowledge *with understanding*

So - every lesson is a language lesson

Explicit guidance 1: building vocabulary (M = D + U + O)



The key to excellence and leaving school successfully

