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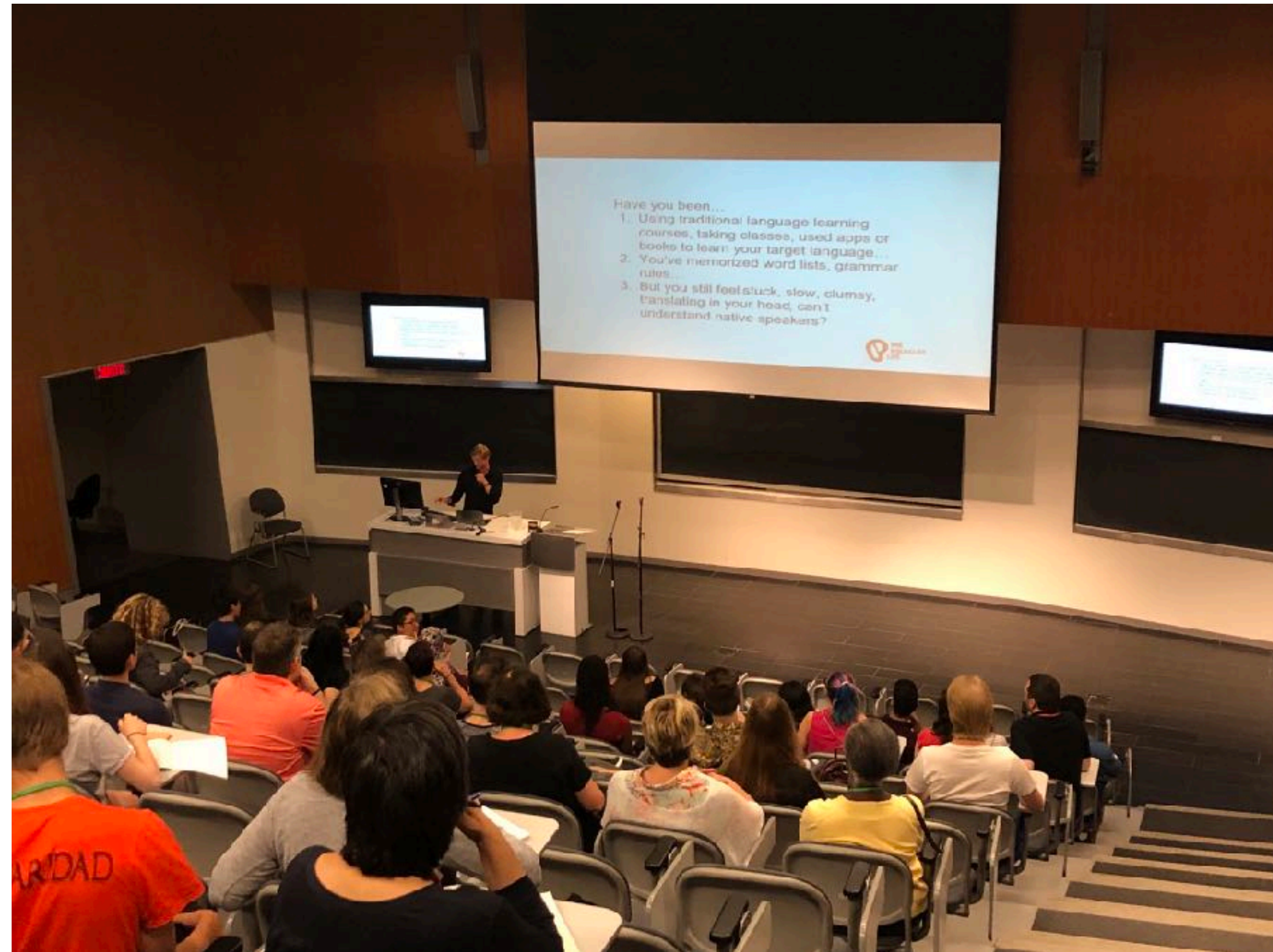
How we are helping 15k+ people learn Spanish without memorizing word lists and grammar rules: an introduction to Conversation Based Chunking



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A METHOD
to understand
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IS THIS YOU?

No matter how hard you work at memorizing word lists and grammar rules and verb conjugations...

IS THIS YOU?

1. Translating in your head while speaking Spanish...

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- 2. Drawing a blank...**

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2. Drawing a blank...
3. **Feeling tongue tied...**

IS THIS YOU?

1. Translating in your head while speaking Spanish...
2. Drawing a blank...
3. Feeling tongue tied...
- 4. You have difficulties understanding native speakers in conversations?**

Conversation Based Chunking:

A 4-step methodology that allows you to learn Spanish (and other languages) without getting a "fossilized brain", without translating in your head and without having to memorize word lists and grammar rules.



Ignazio

11 mins ·

Workshop with Anja & Lukas -



Hallo guys, I admit I'm skeptical about any "new revolutionary method for learning <whatever>" but I have to say that [Lukas Van Vyve](#) is convincing me.

Not just because he knows how to sell an idea, but because I experienced what he says on my skin.

I'm not able to remember any grammar rule by itself, I remember a "chunck" and from there I remember the rule.

For example "das buch ist auf DEM Tisch" my way to remember the wächselpräpositionen.

Keep going like this guys!



You and 2 others



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Cat 



Lukas - thanks so much for this course of 4 videos - they've been mind-blowing, really and I'm enjoying starting to play with some of these techniques with the material I'm already using to learn German. I live in Germany but work in English and have been really struggling to learn German over the past few years. I came into contact with your course at just the right moment, as I've been trying to shift what's been holding me back and I leave now with a renewed sense of excitement and hope! I would love to join the full programme so I'll keep an eye out for when you open it up again. Thanks again. Cat

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What holds you back by learning languages the traditional way?

Break free from the **limiting effects** of a little-known linguistic phenomenon...

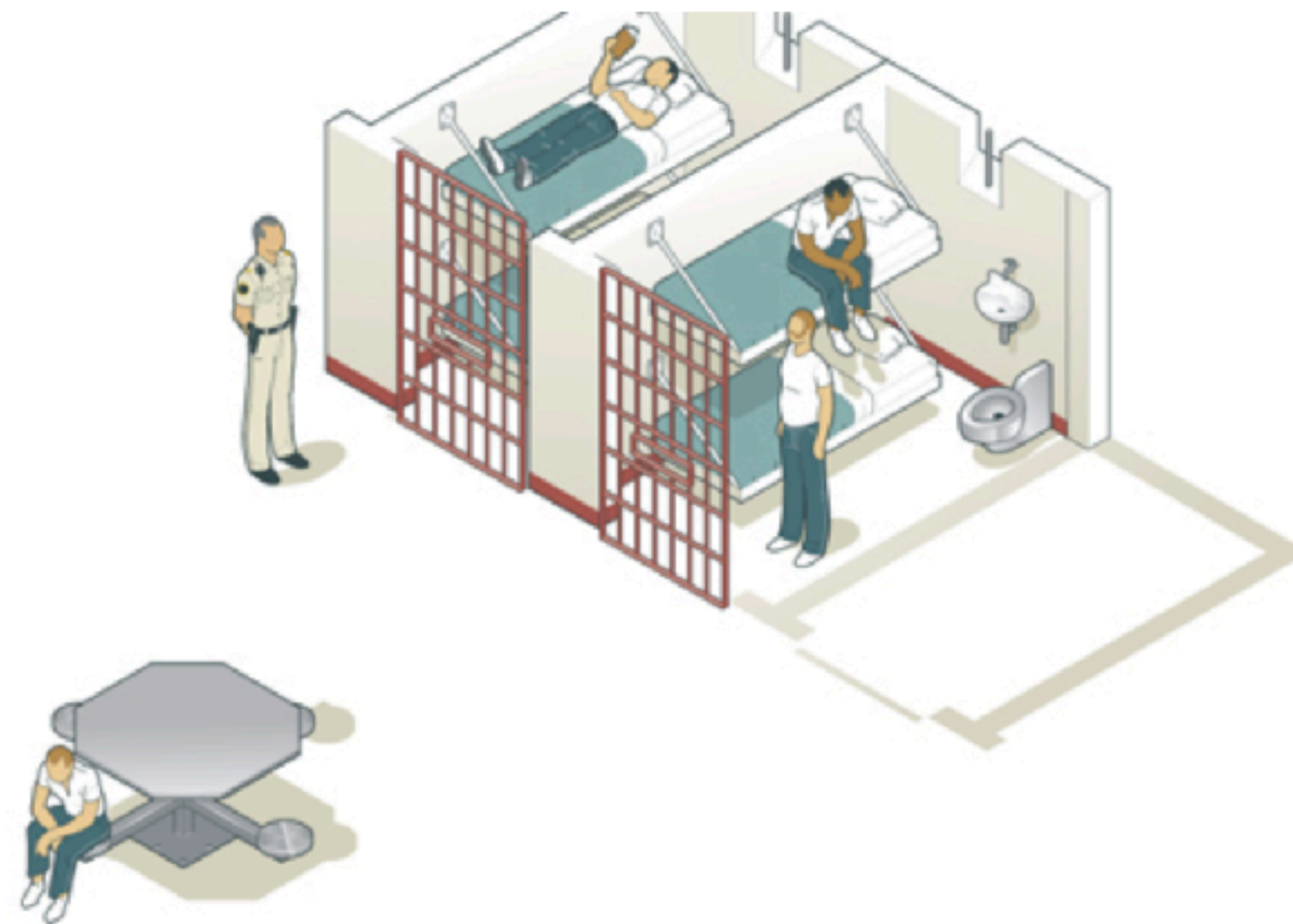


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Susanne Gardner offers solutions to the case of an incarcerated adult second language learner whose progress has halted

Brain fossilization



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FOSSILIZATION



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Fossilization

Fossilization refers to the process in which incorrect language becomes a habit and cannot easily be corrected.

Example

Many advanced level learners who have Spanish as an L1 do not distinguish between 'he' and 'she'. This could be a fossilized error.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W

Accuracy

Achievement test

Assessment

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/fossilization>



FOSSILIZATION

If you make the **same** mistake in Spanish enough times (especially as a beginner), **you'll make that mistake forever.**

FOSSILIZATION

How does it happen?

A recipe for disaster:

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2. Learn grammar rules to string words together in sentences
3. **“Start speaking Spanish from day 1, people will understand you, you’ll get over your fear of speaking, you’ll learn from your mistakes and soon you’ll start speaking fluently.”**

Step 4: disaster...

You'll:

- Take ages to construct sentences
- Draw a blank
- Get stuck in grammar rules

It's like baking a cake, having all the ingredients and even a recipe...



But you end up with THIS



Source: <https://mama-knows.com/featured-articles/top-10-causes-of-cake-failure.html>

**You simply don't know yet what a natural,
correct Spanish sentence, that a native
speaker would actually use, looks like!**

You just haven't heard or seen
enough actual Spanish yet...

“Was that correct Spanish? Is this what a Spanish native speaker would say?”

To make up for not knowing what Spanish looks like, you use the only frame of reference your brain has...

ENGLISH!

(Or your mother tongue)

➔ You're translating word for word
from English...

➡ Which leads to mistakes...

And these mistakes are **STICKY!**

They get **imprinted** on your brain
 (“fossilize”)

THE ALTERNATIVE

The alternative

You don't **have** to invent (or reinvent) Spanish...

The alternative

**Millions of Spanish native speakers
are using Spanish every single day!**

The alternative

You can “tap into” their sentences
yourself to sound more natural
INSTANTLY!

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Observation Approach:

- If you **listen** to native speakers in their conversations...
- Not just for understanding, listening for HOW they build their sentences...
- And the exact **word combinations** they use...

The alternative

**...There will be no mistakes
that can be imprinted and
"fossilize" in your brain!**

The alternative

The only thing that gets
imprinted: word chunks in
correct, natural Spanish

The alternative

**Extra benefit: you don't need
to know or remember all
grammar rules while speaking!**

For example...

Hola, buenos días

Buenos días:

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Buenos días:

- How do you know it's “good days in Spanish”... if you only know words and grammar rules?
- You can only know by **observing native speakers**
- **THEY only know it because they've heard it from others (and said it so often)**

Buenos días:

- **Neurons that fire together, wire together**

Once you've heard/read the word combinations (chunks):

- Learn them by heart...
- **And start using them yourself!**

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- **That mistake would fossilize... and you’d keep saying it wrong forever**

BUT you've heard "Odio
los lunes" now, so you can
start saying it correctly too!

**What about “I hate
Tuesdays”**

Odio los martes

**Can you see yourself
saying this in your own
life?**

English:

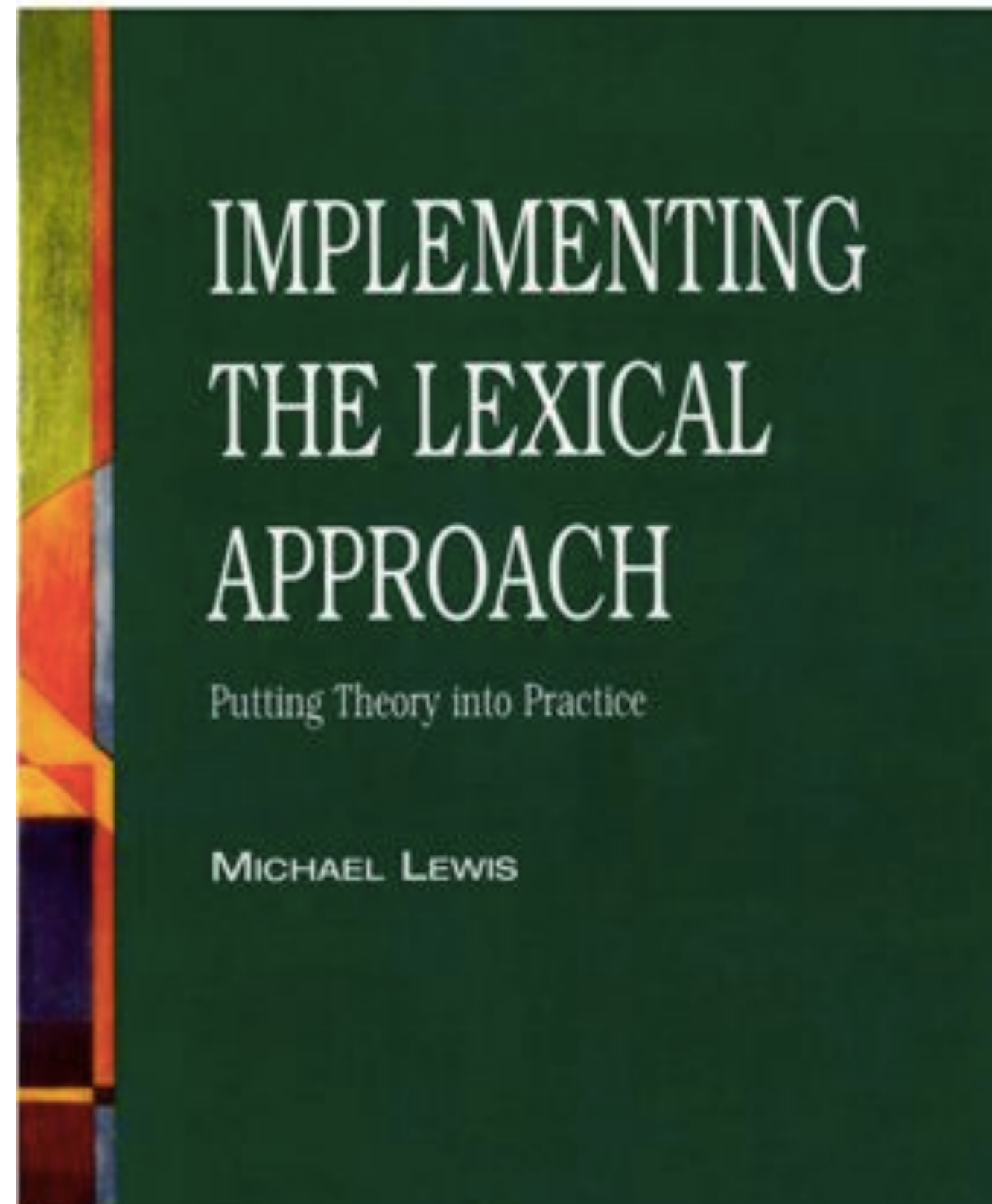
- How's it going
- Come on
- Catch a cab
- Light a fire
- By the way
- See you soon
- Merry Christmas
- Happy Birthday

Spanish:

- Native speakers don't think about word gender, verb conjugations,....
- It's all **imprinted** as patterns/chunks on their brain, so **the chunks take care of the “heavy lifting”** when constructing sentences!

**It's brain-friendly
language learning**

The Science behind all this:



#1 Amazon Bestseller!



The Science behind all this:

Prof. Stephen Krashen

▶ Die revolutionäre Input-Hypothese von Stephen Krashen für erfolgreiches Sprachenlernen
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Dieses Mal im Interview ist der renommierte Sprachwissenschaftler und Sprachlernexperte Prof. Dr. #Stephen_Krashen.

Mit der revolutionären Input-Hypothese eine Fremdsprache erfolgreich lernen

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The Science behind all this:



Dr Gianfranco Conti @gianfrancocont9 · Apr 17, 2018

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🕒 July 30, 2018 👤 Gianfranco Conti, Phd (Applied Linguistics), MA (TEFL), MA (English Lit.), PGCE (Modern Languages and P.E.) 📁 Uncategorized



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Lexical retrieval : chunks over single words

L2 research has shown that **making use of formulaic expressions and memorizing long chunks of text** (and making substitutions within them) **is far more efficient and effective than learning to assemble new linguistic strings** in the process of language production. (Nation, 2013; Ellis, 2015)

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And reality can be **even better** than
what the research suggests...



Brian Gibb

December 10, 2017



Hola amigos. Well, I did it. I set out to manually enter 1000 chunks in less than 100 days. Today, Day 90, I passed the 1000 chunk total. I highly recommend setting a doable goal when deciding to embark on the TPL Program. In short, in the last 3 months I have completed a normal year of studying Spanish. I can honestly say that I now can speak Spanish fluently. I haven't mastered the language yet, but I am well on my way to speaking with native-like fluency.



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You, Rosemary  and 3 others



✓ Seen by 30



Lukas Van Vyve Awesome, Brian! Consistency is key. Now let's take it to a whole new level with the Spanish Mastery Program!


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Ian  Bien hecho Brian 

Like · Reply · See Translation · 9w



Rosemary  Well done Brian - you're a great example of how dedication can really get results.

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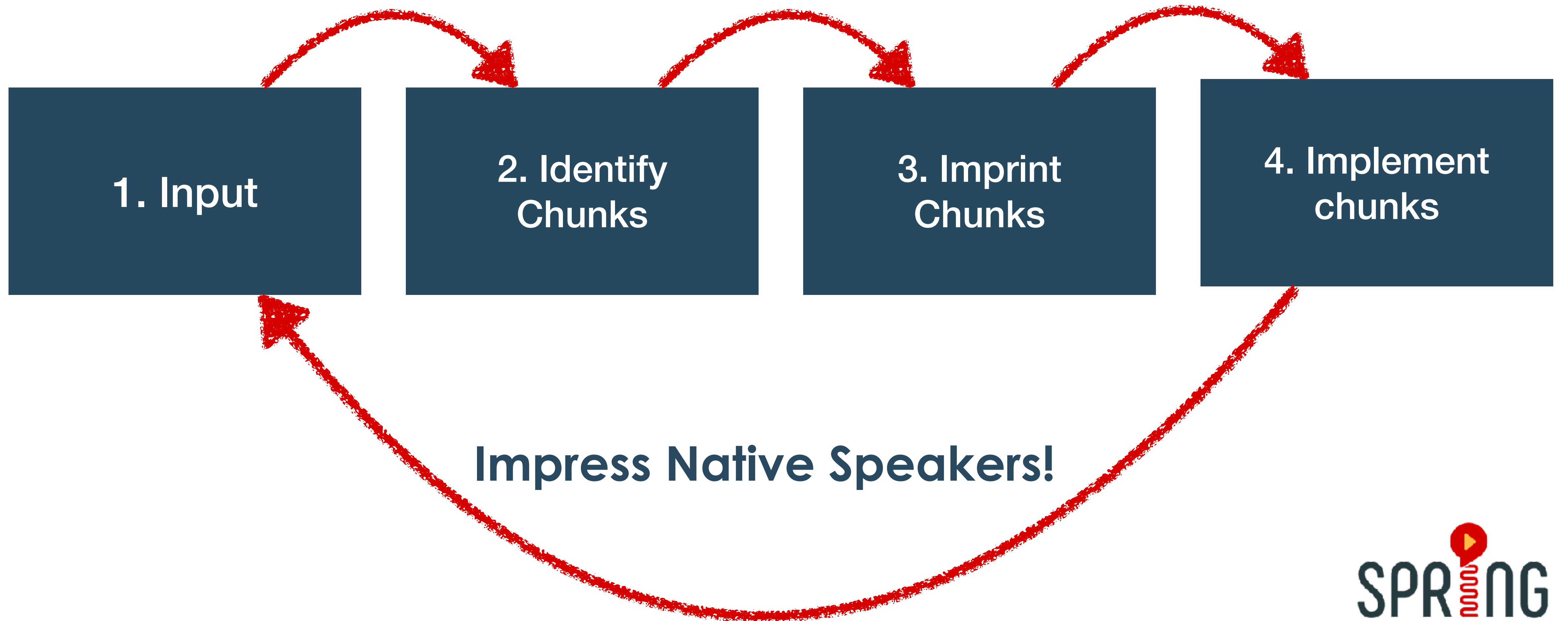
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Spanish beyond some isolated
examples?**

Conversation Based Chunking

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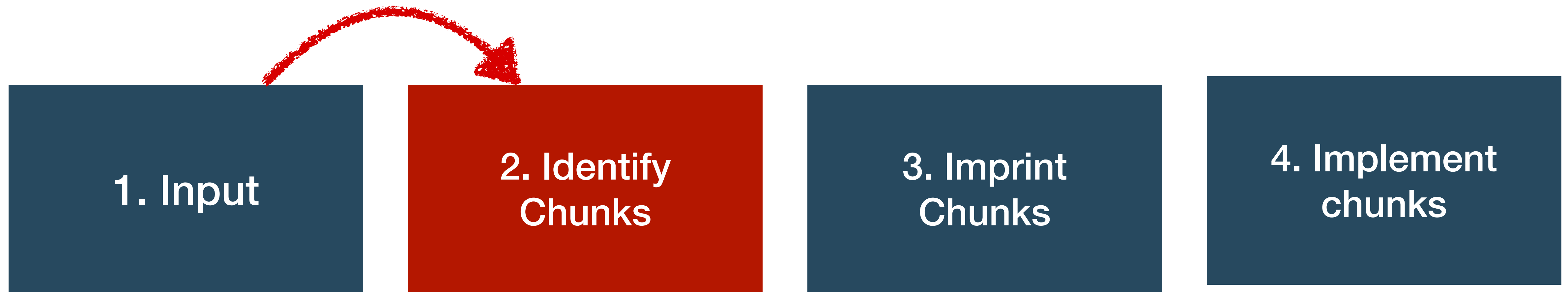
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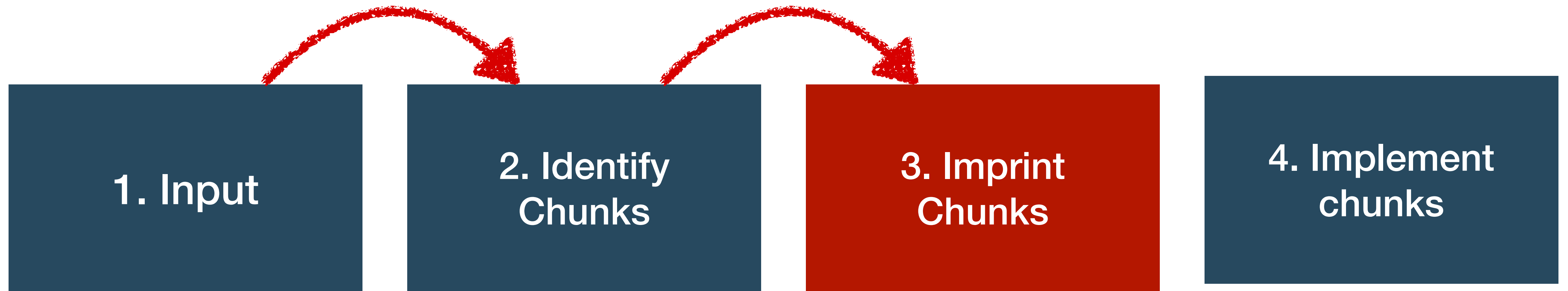
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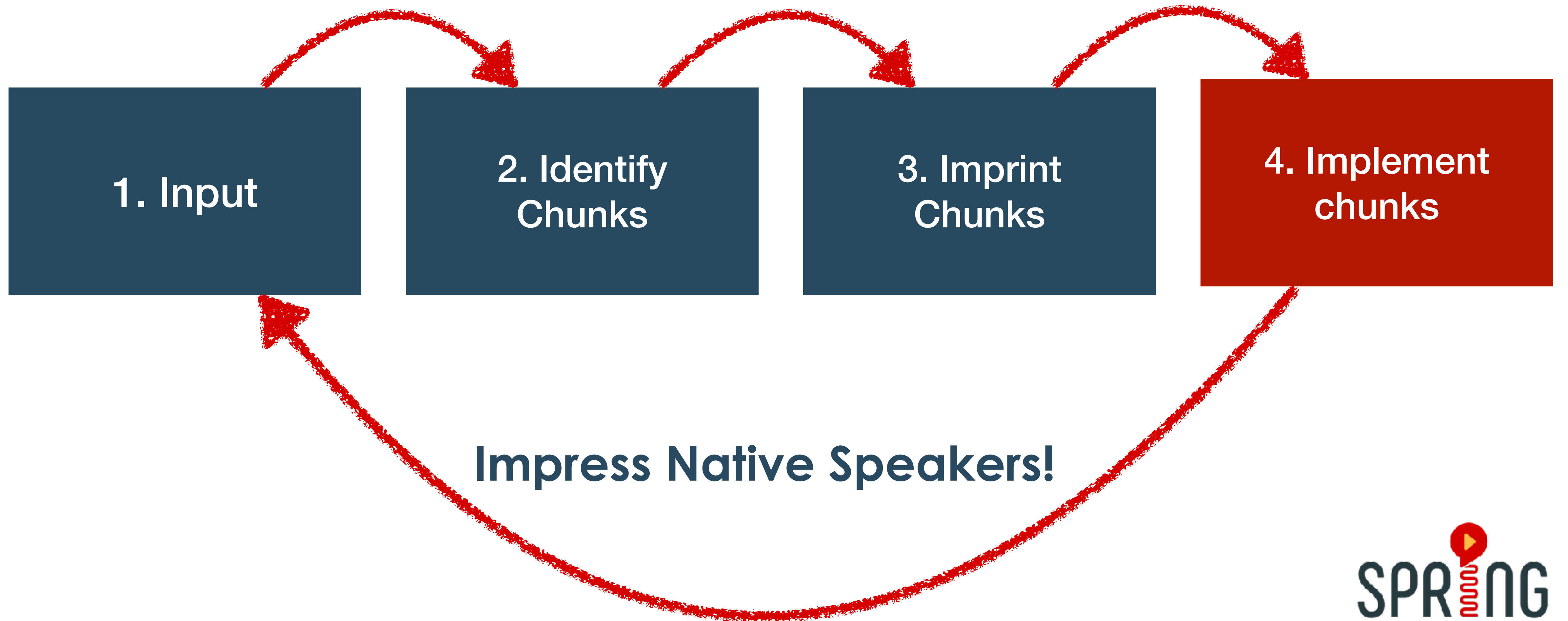
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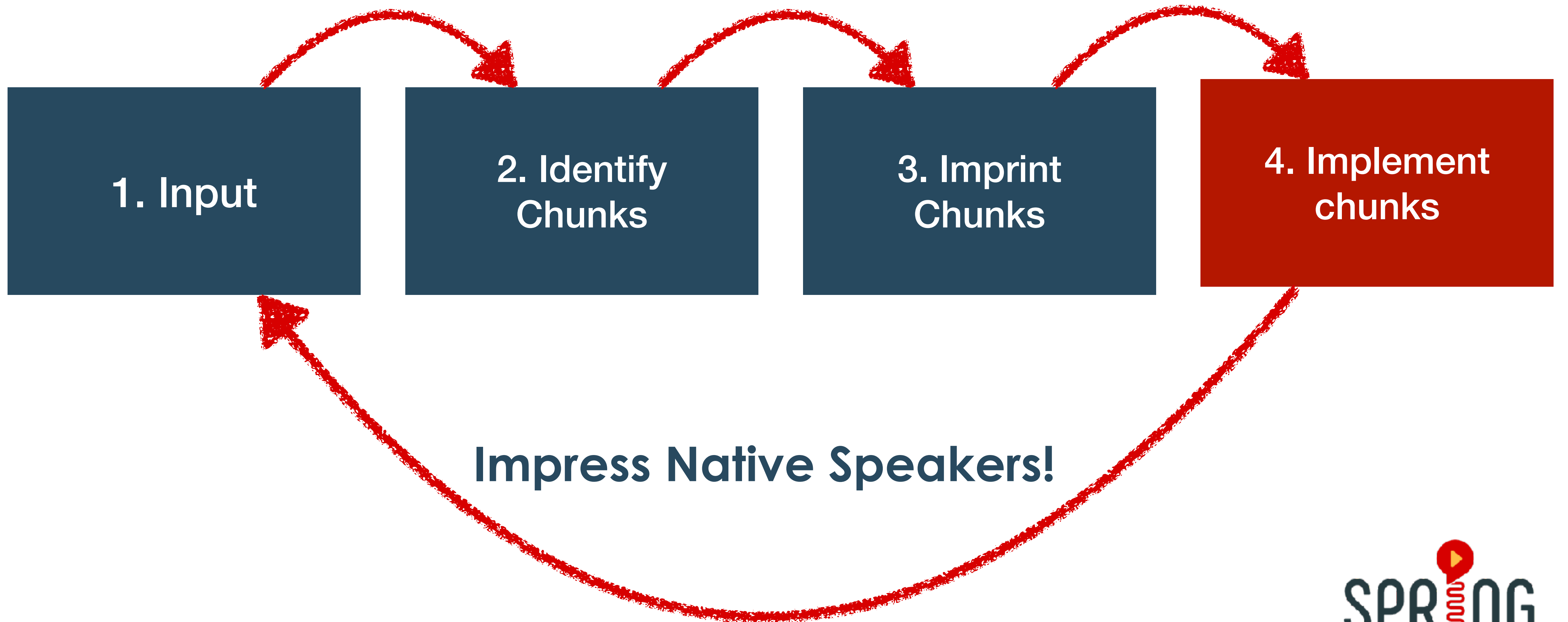
Conversation Based Chunking:



**Ready to take a shot at this...
and learn Spanish chunks
you can use in conversations
right away, today?**

**(Slides + Resources
available for download
at the end of the
presentation)**

4. Implement and Impress



QUICK RECAP

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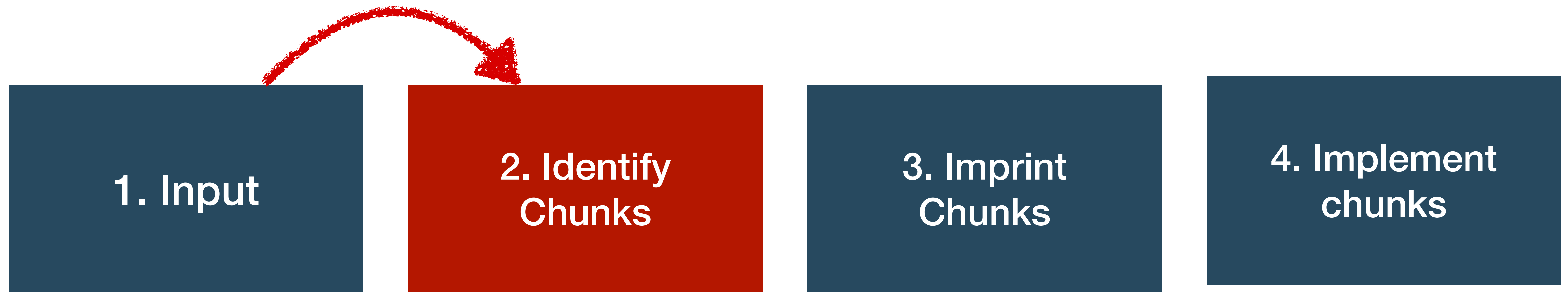
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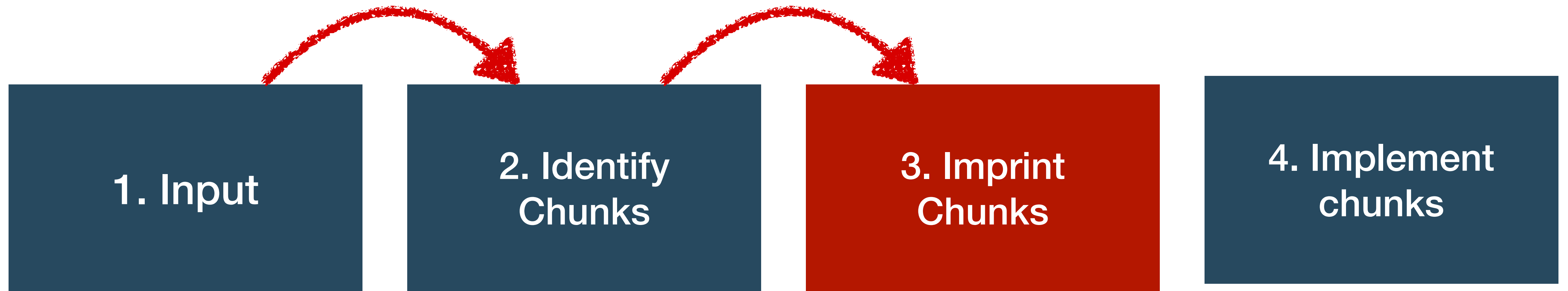
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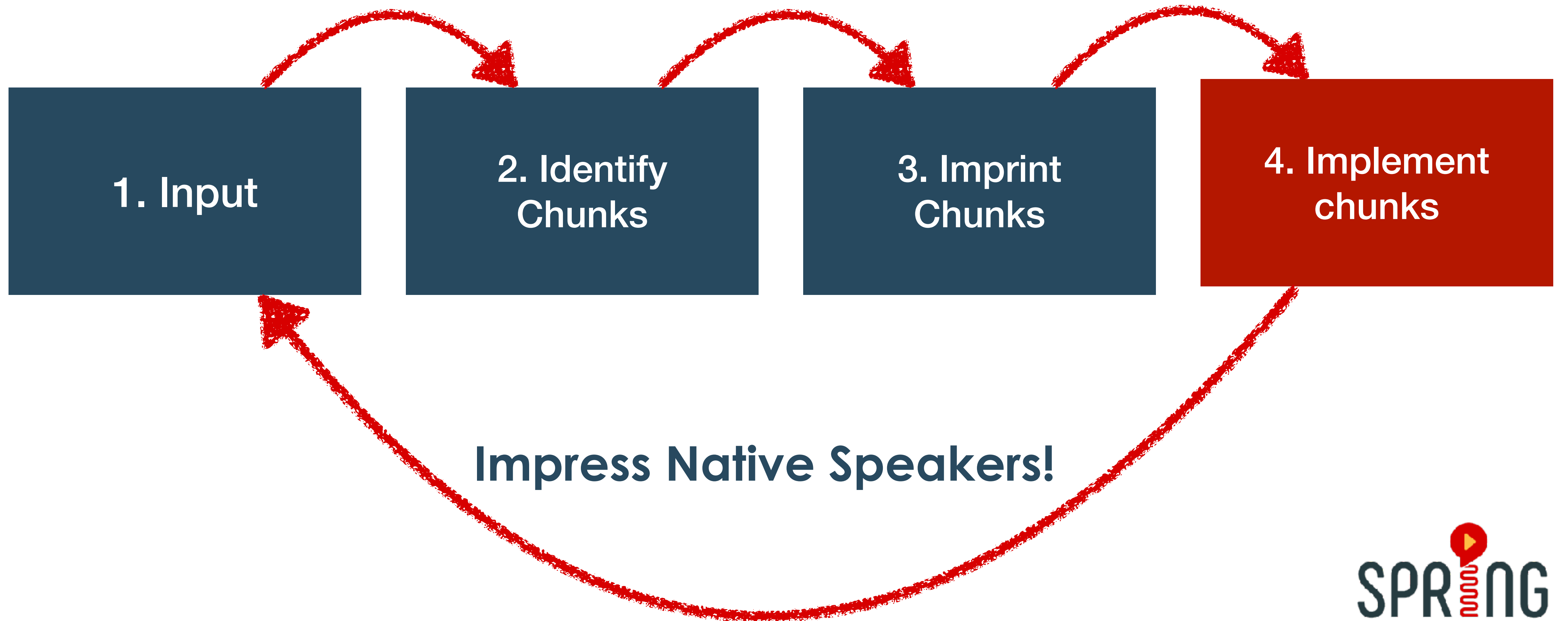
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