

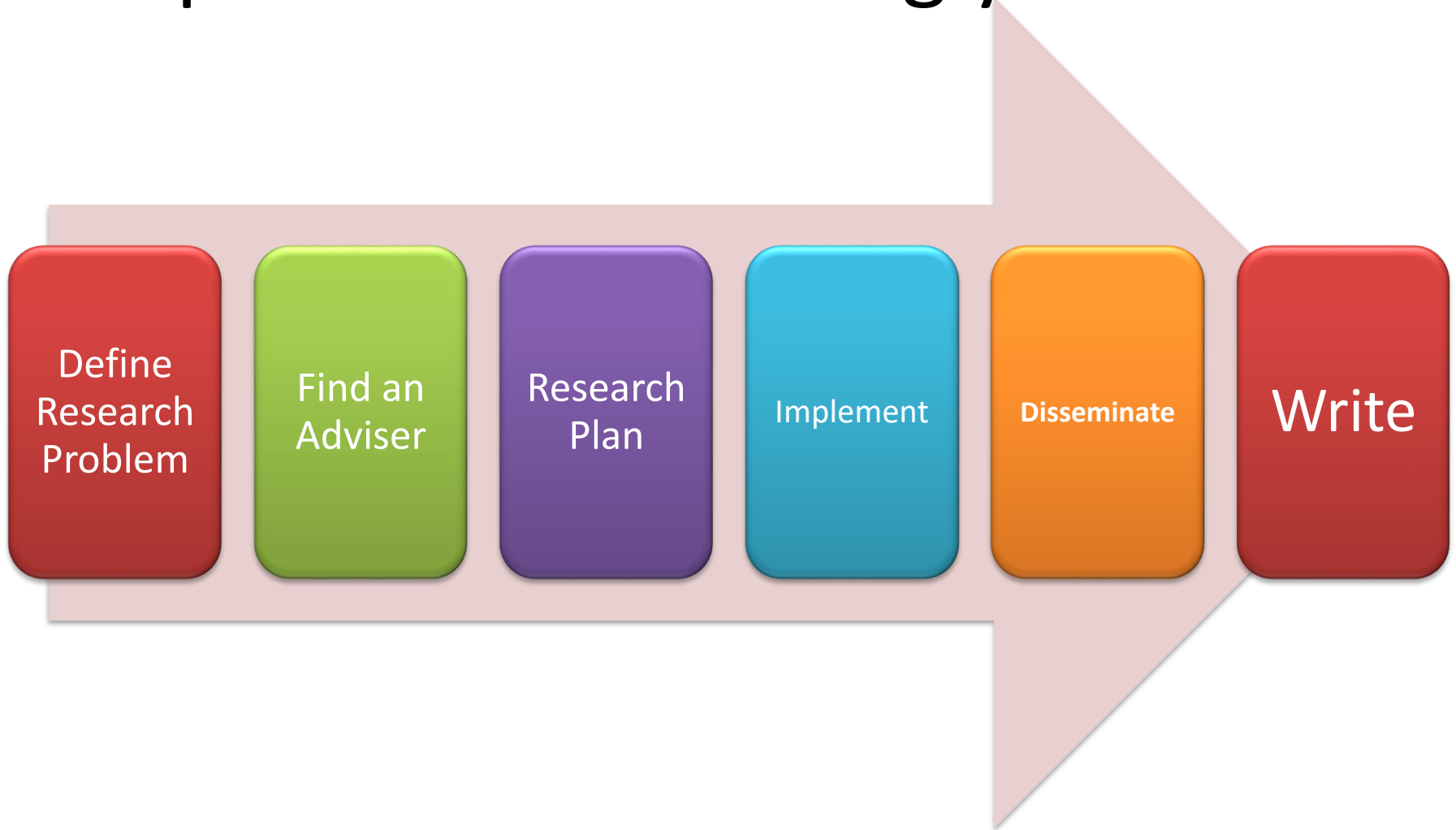
Working towards timely graduation

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Steps towards finishing your thesis



Research Problem

- What interests you?
- What problem is it addressing? **Good RRL!**
- Is it doable within the time limit and resources that are available?
- Narrowing it to a practicable scope
- Doesn't have to cover everything
- Needs to focus on one particular aspect of the problem

Getting an Adviser

- Matching with interests/expertise of an adviser
- Working with a research team



Preparing the proposal

- Clear objectives
- Methodology
- Output
- Resources Required
- Schedule

Implementing the proposal

- Procurement issues
- Work (collect, analyze data, make conclusions)
- Consult always

Research dissemination

- Writing papers for conferences and journals
- Attending conferences
- Getting feedback
- Establishing networks

Writing the thesis

- Prepare an outline
- Write a few pages at a time
- Doesn't have to be written sequentially



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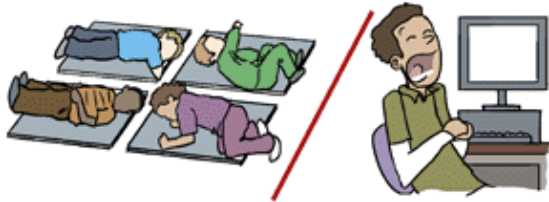
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Requirements for a timely graduation

- Time management skills (but should include rest and a healthy social life 😊)
- Writing/Communication skill
- Teamwork
- Persistence/Grit
- Resourcefulness
- Motivation

HOW GRAD SCHOOL IS JUST LIKE KINDERGARTEN

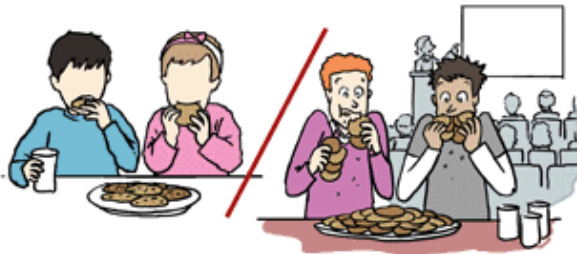
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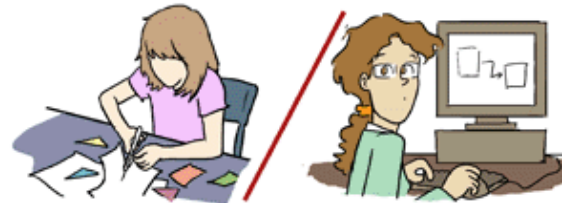
THERE IS CONSTANT ADULT SUPERVISION



YOU GET COOKIES FOR LUNCH



MOST COMMON ACTIVITY:
CUTTING AND PASTING



THERE ARE NO GRADES
(YOU JUST HAVE TO PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS)



CRYING FOR YOUR MOMMY IS NORMAL



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