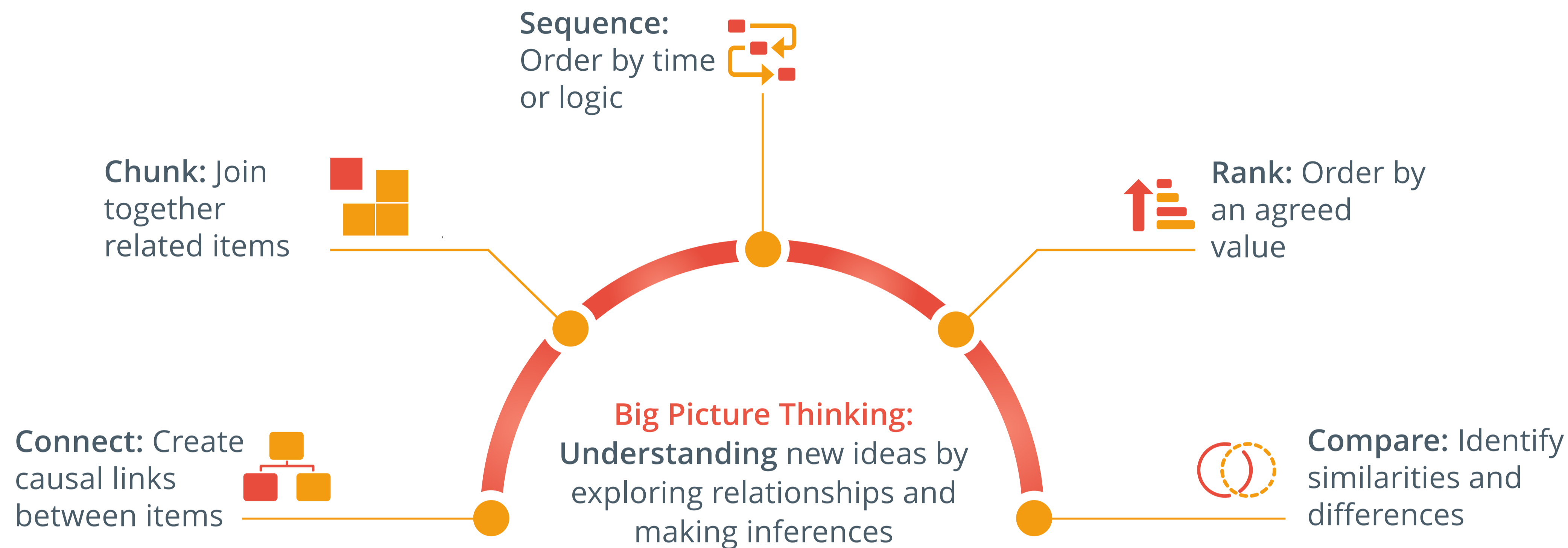# Putting Structural Learning to Work.

Structural Learning promotes the **organisation** and **development** of **students' thinking.** It helps learners see patterns and relationships in information through intellectual playfulness. The primary function of Structural Learning is advancing the organisation of knowledge with the intention to deepen understanding.

Sequence: Order by time or logic

Chunk: Join together related items

Rank: Order by an agreed value

Connect: Create causal links between items

Big Picture Thinking: Understanding new ideas by exploring relationships and making inferences

Compare: Identify similarities and differences

Externalising thinking for Metacognitive Conversations

Word Level: Recognise and apply spelling patterns

Writing Skills and Concepts: Instruction about words and the structure of language.

Sentence Level: Use and understand grammatical terminology

Text Level: Plan writing by noting and developing initial ideas.

'Academic subjects generate their own ways of 'speaking' and reasoning, which students need guidance in learning.'

Neil Mercer