

Handles

Helping Visitors to Grasp Resource Meanings



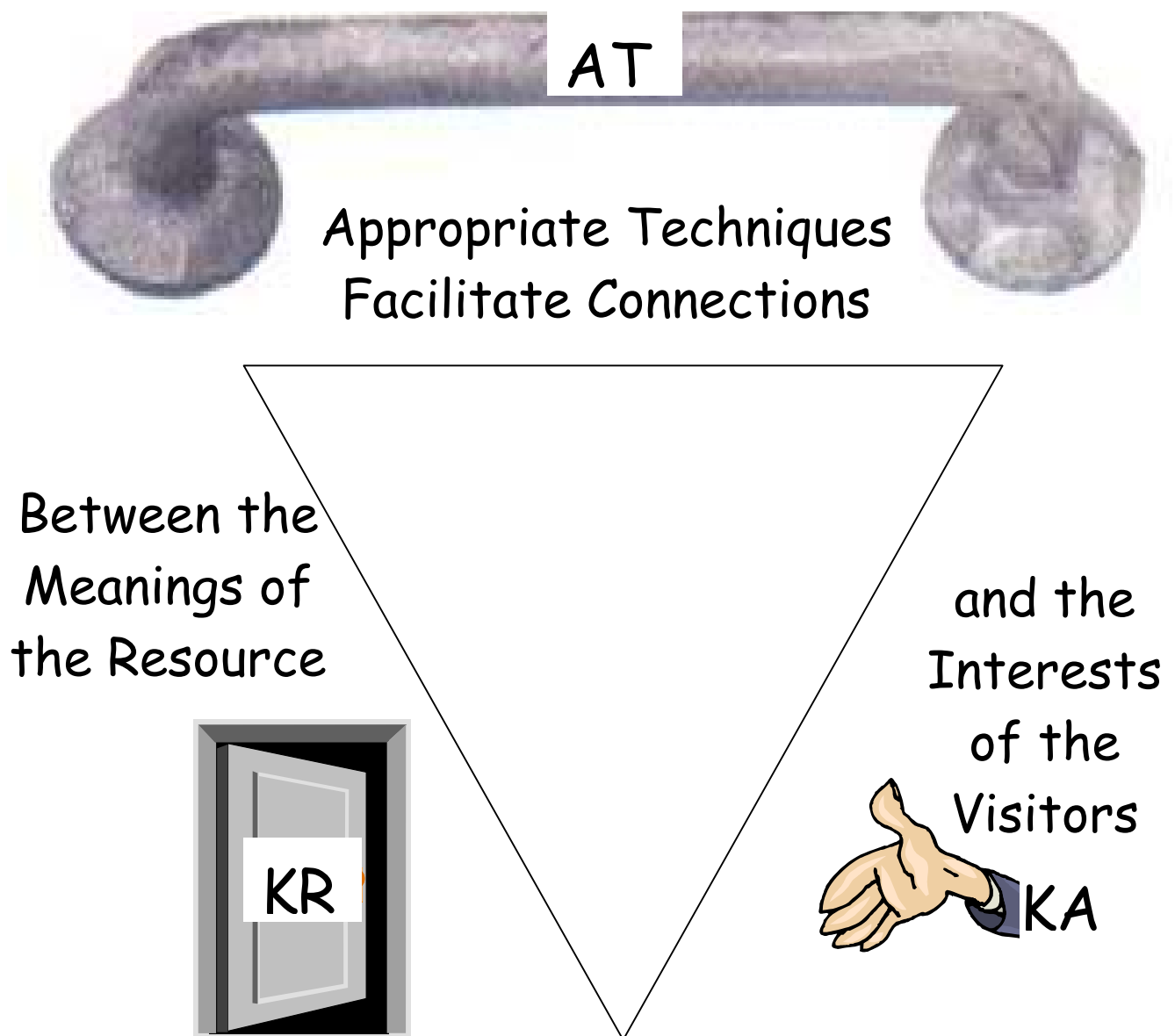
A Survey of Interpretive Techniques

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This manual contains an overview of many techniques used by interpreters in and outside of the National Park Service.


Appropriate techniques provide the audience with opportunities to make their own intellectual and emotional connections to resource meanings.

The best writers, speakers, and communicators use various, multiple, and often interwoven techniques to create interpretive opportunities. In developing tangible/intangible links, they apply appropriate techniques in an intentional and conscientious manner.



Appropriate Techniques are used in all types of interpretive programs and products, including:

formal talks
guided walks
conducted activities
demonstrations
traveling trunks
curriculum-based programs
exhibits
publications
special events
junior ranger programs
informal interactions
film productions
illustrated programs
web sites



The Interpretive Development Program sets standards of excellence and provides learning resources that motivate and enable interpreters to **create opportunities** for the public to form their own meaningful connections with National Parks.

Appropriate use of Techniques is **HOW** interpreters "Create Opportunities".

Space for additional techniques: