

How Humans Track Word Position While Reading

1. Spatial Layout (Visual Position)



Left-to-right visual scanning

Position = Location on page

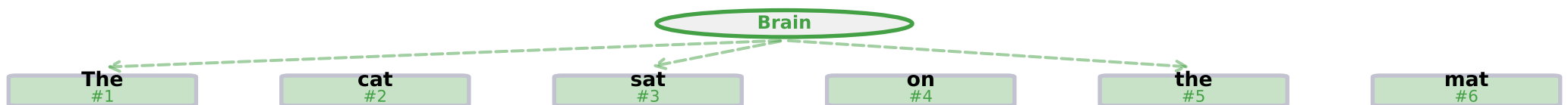
2. Mental Counting (Numerical Position)



Mental tracking: "This is the 1st word, that's the 2nd..."

Position = Counting sequence

3. Combined Understanding (Meaning + Position)



You process BOTH simultaneously:
Word meaning + Word position = Complete understanding

Like timestamps on photos: Content + Location = Full information