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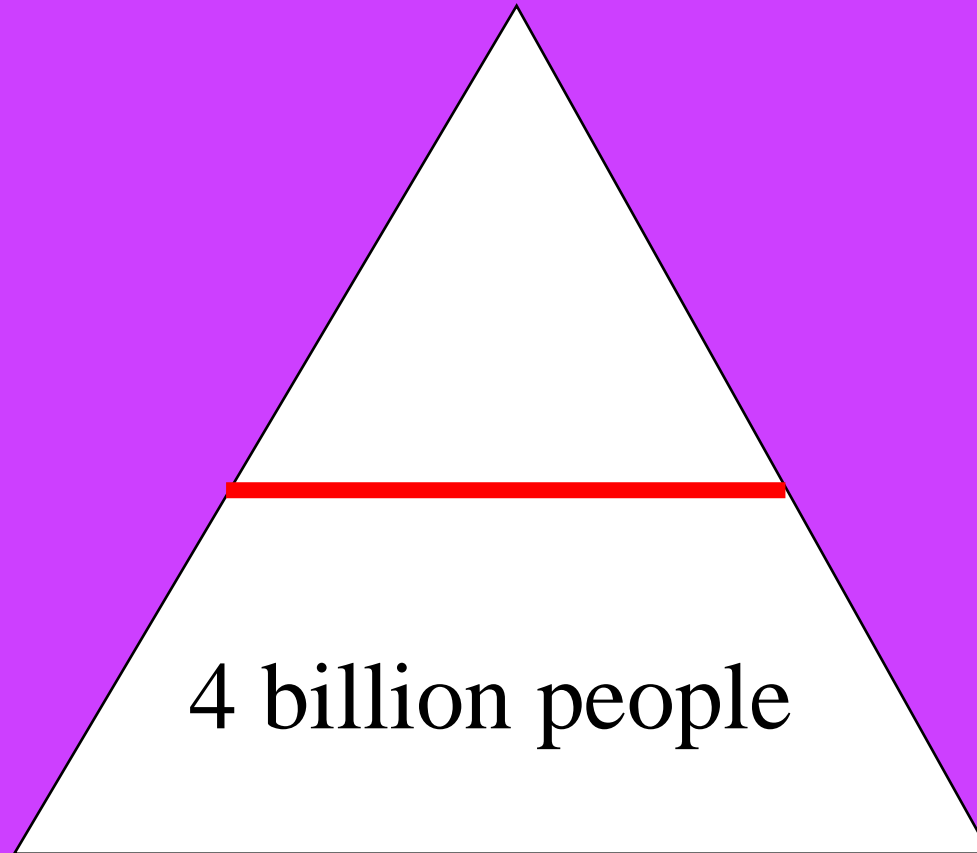
Learning & Living  
WITH Technology

THE COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING AND  
THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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1. DEVELOPMENT: What is it?

# POVERTY ALLEVIATION

“to reduce the proportion of people living on less than \$1 a day to half the 1990 level by 2015, that is to say from 28.3% of all people in low and middle-income economies to 14.2%”

**POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

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**ABOLITION OF POVERTY**

SLAVERY ALLEVIATION

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

# ABOLITION OF POVERTY

# YES

# ABOLITION OF POVERTY

NO

**ABOLITION OF**

**ABJECT**

**POVERTY**

**YES**

DEVELOPMENT

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AS

FREEDOM

FREEDOM

IS THE

MEASURE

AND THE

MEANS

DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING

IS THE MOST SOLID

BASIS

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*Toward Education for All:*

*A Development Brief for Education, Culture and Training  
Namibia*

DEVELOPMENT

AVOID

ONE-DIMENSIONAL

APPROACHES

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# Millennium Development Goals

- Poverty and hunger
- Primary education
- Gender equality
- Health
- Environment
- Partnership

# Poverty and hunger

Target (2015):

Halve the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and those who suffer from hunger



# Primary education

Target (2015)

Ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school

# Teacher Training



# Health

- Reduce child mortality

By 2015: reduce by  $\frac{2}{3}$  the mortality rate for under fives

- Improve maternal health

By 2015: Reduce by  $\frac{3}{4}$  the ratio of women dying in childbirth

- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

By 2015: Halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS



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# TECHNOLOGY

is the application of scientific  
and other organized  
knowledge to practical tasks  
by organizations consisting  
of people and machines

Two types of  
learning activities:

**INDEPENDENT**

The example  
of the

OPEN

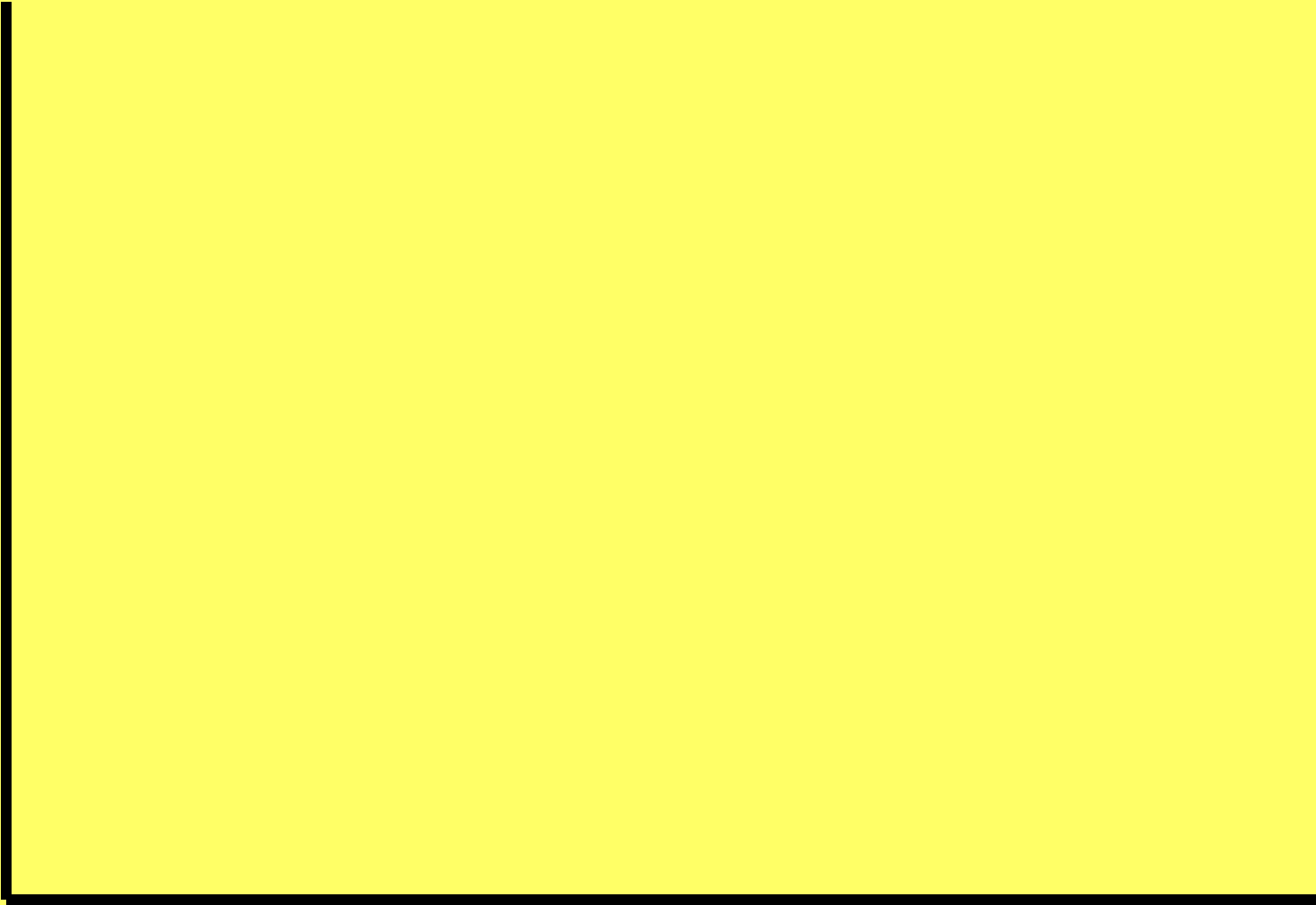
UNIVERSITIES

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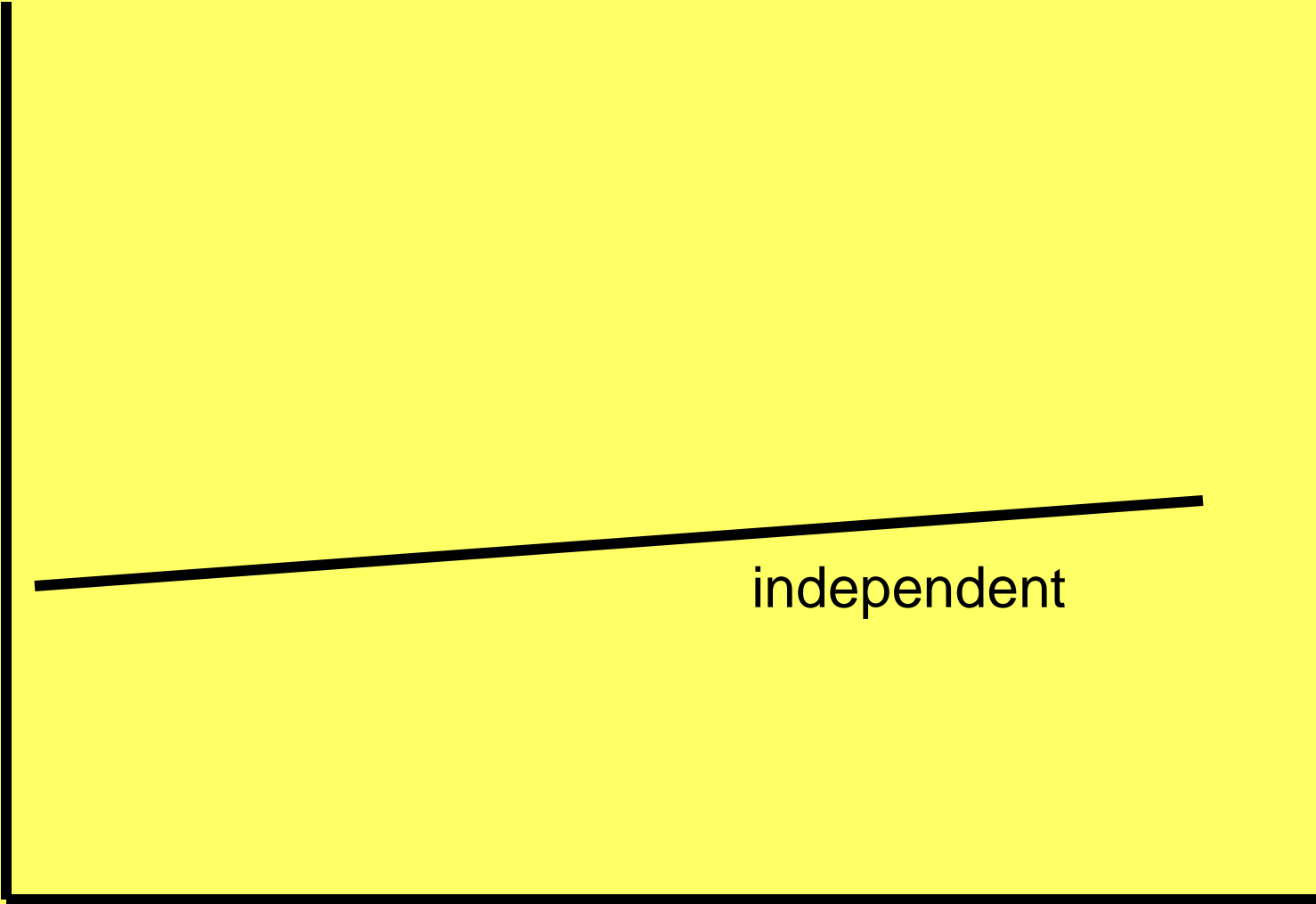
**INTERACTIVE**

Total cost



Number of students

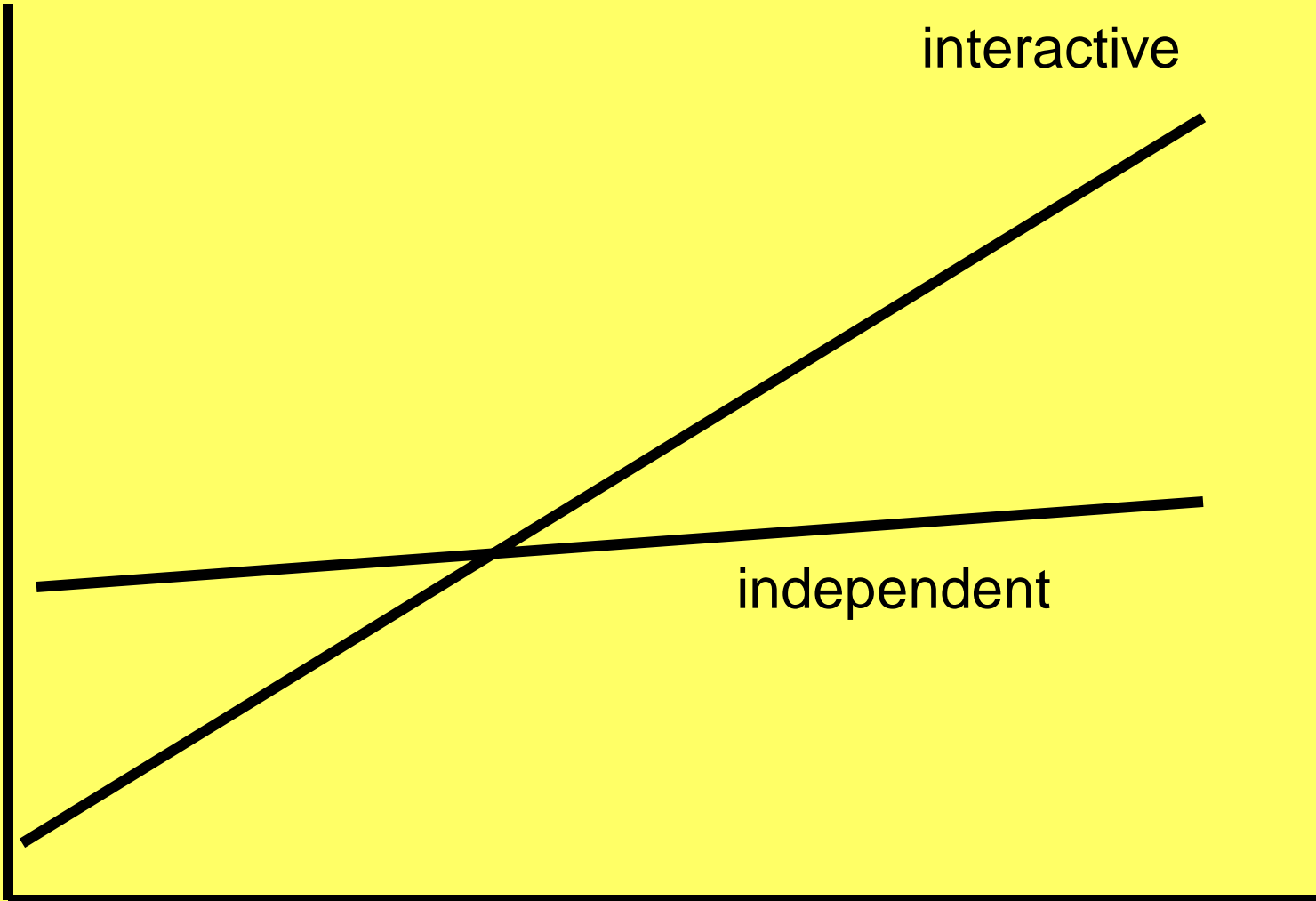
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interactive

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The success  
of the

OPEN

UNIVERSITIES

Indira Gandhi National  
Open University  
(IGNOU)

1.5 Million students

# BRITAIN'S TOP NINE UNIVERSITIES

## Quality Rankings of Teaching

based on all subject assessments 1995-2003  
(*Sunday Times University Guide 2003*)

1	CAMBRIDGE	96%
2	LOUGHBOROUGH	95%
3=	LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	88%
3=	YORK	88%
5	<b><u>THE OPEN UNIVERSITY</u></b>	<b>87%</b>
6	OXFORD	86%
7	IMPERIAL COLLEGE	82%
8	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	77%
9	ESSEX	77%

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# Improving Farming

(Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa)

- Potential of ICTs for community development
- Participation through partnerships
- Train local people to develop content

# Primary education

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# STAMP

COL helped to produce 46  
modules in Science,  
Mathematics, Technology  
and General Education for  
school use in eight southern  
African countries

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# Partnership with the WHO





**PEER HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

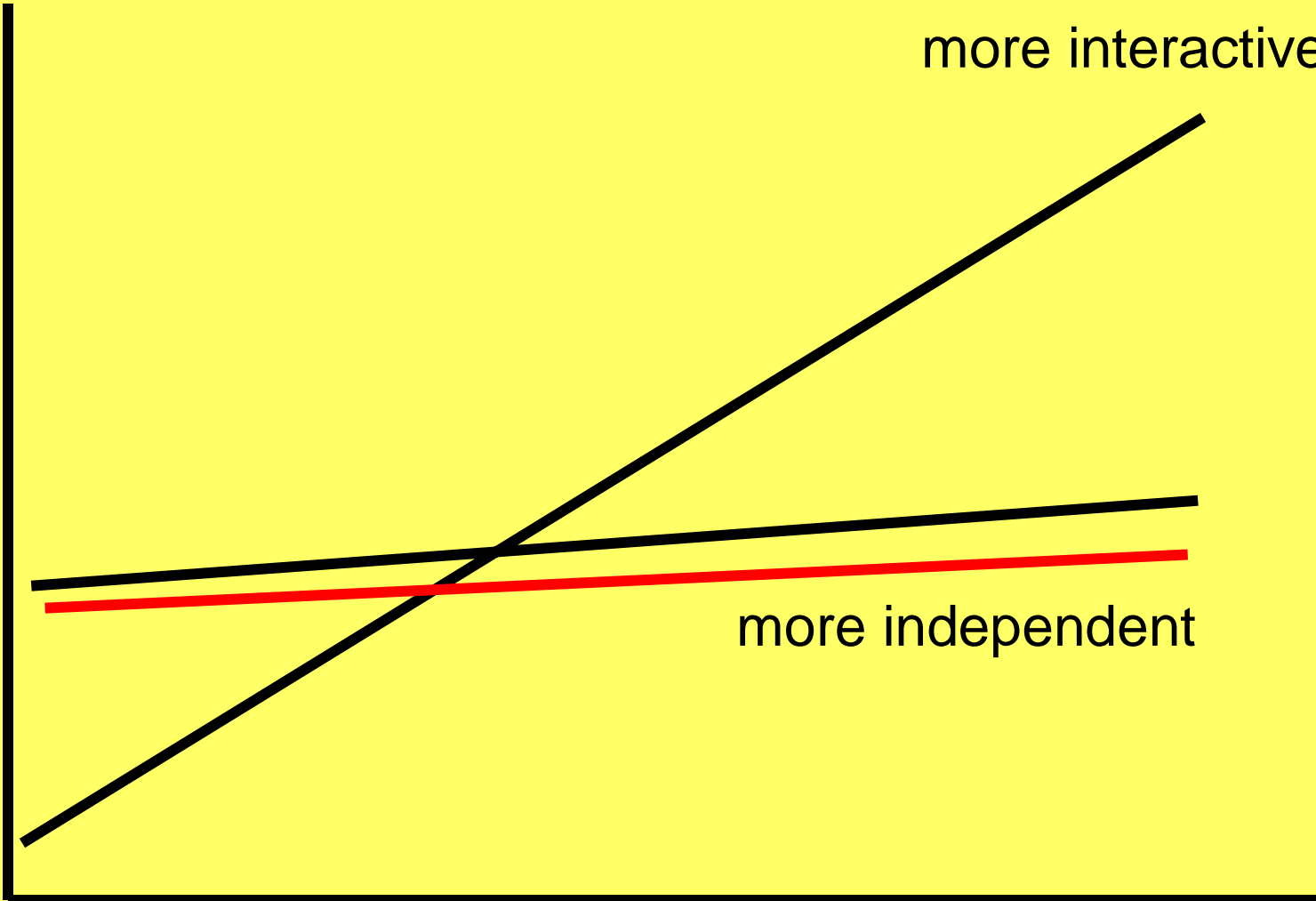
**MOTTO: LEARN AND TEACH OTHERS**





CONNECTIVITY

Total cost

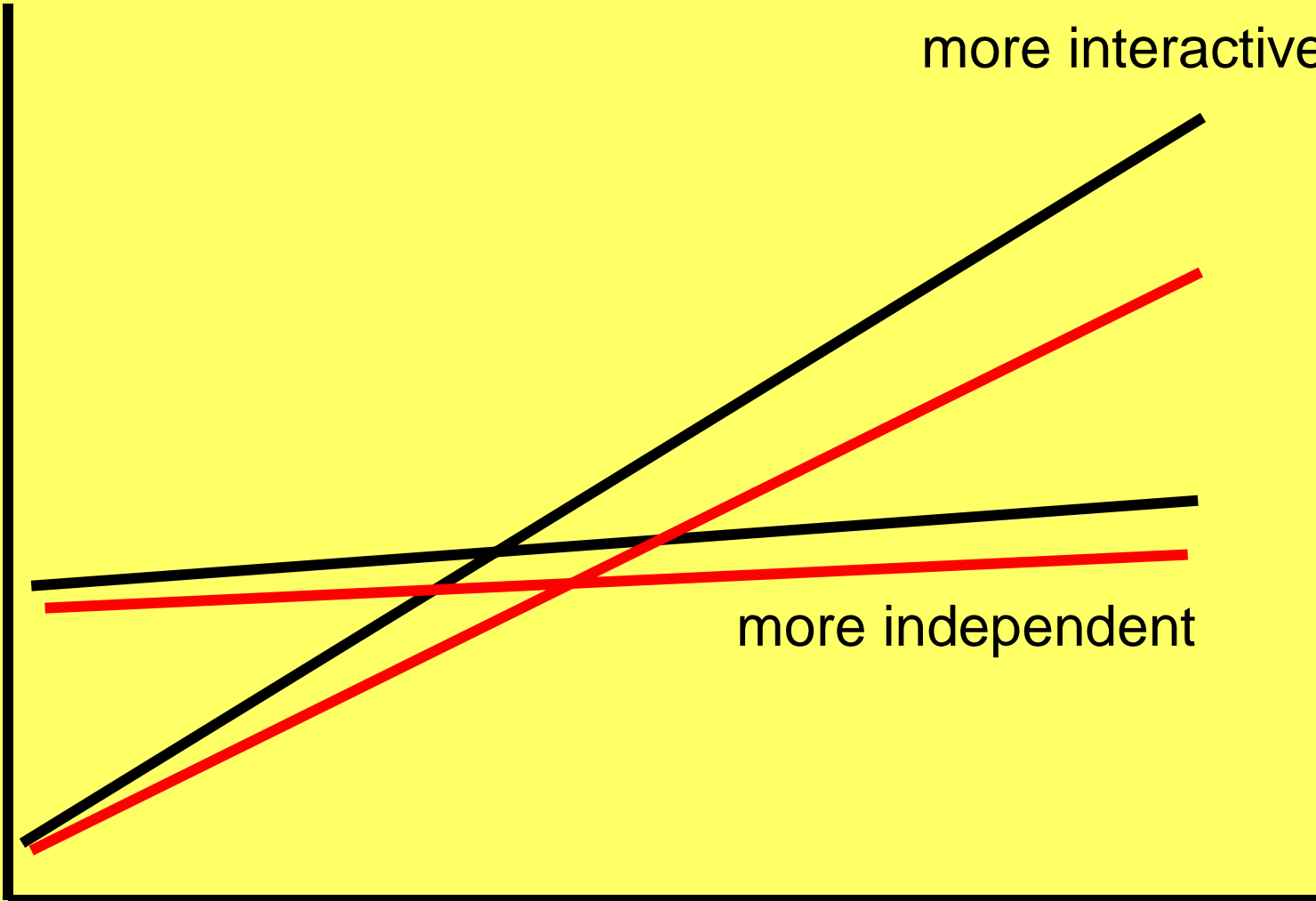


more interactive

more independent

Number of students

Total cost



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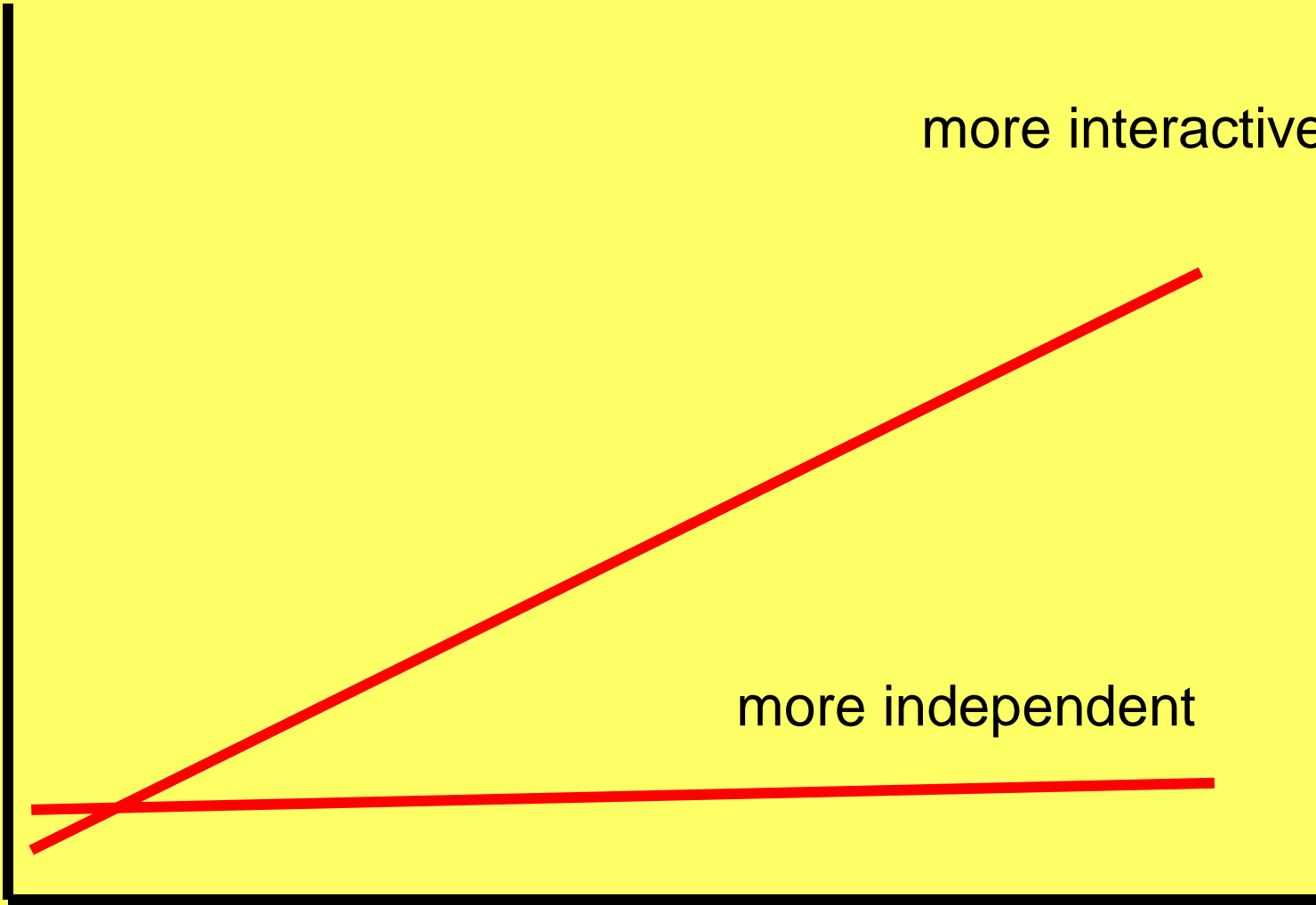
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OERs

(Open Educational Resources)

(FOSS)

Total cost

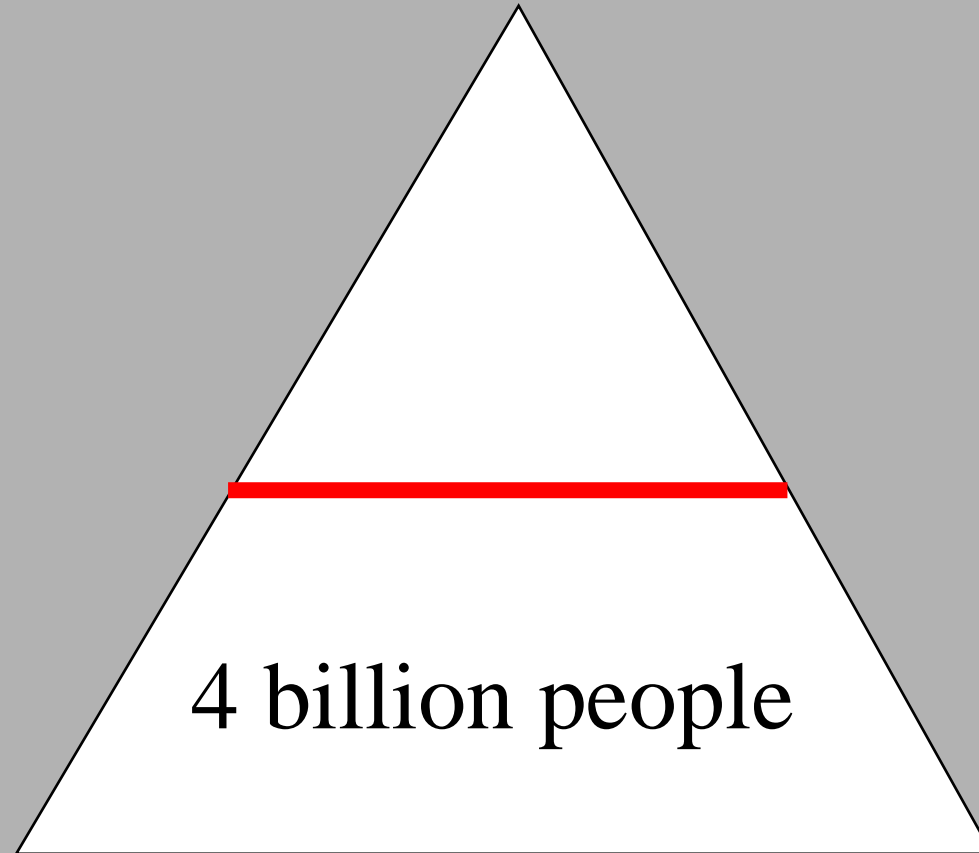


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# THE BOTTOM OF THE PYRAMID



4 billion people

C.K.Prahalad

‘The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid’

CONNECTIVITY

OERs

(Open Educational Resources)



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Thank you

