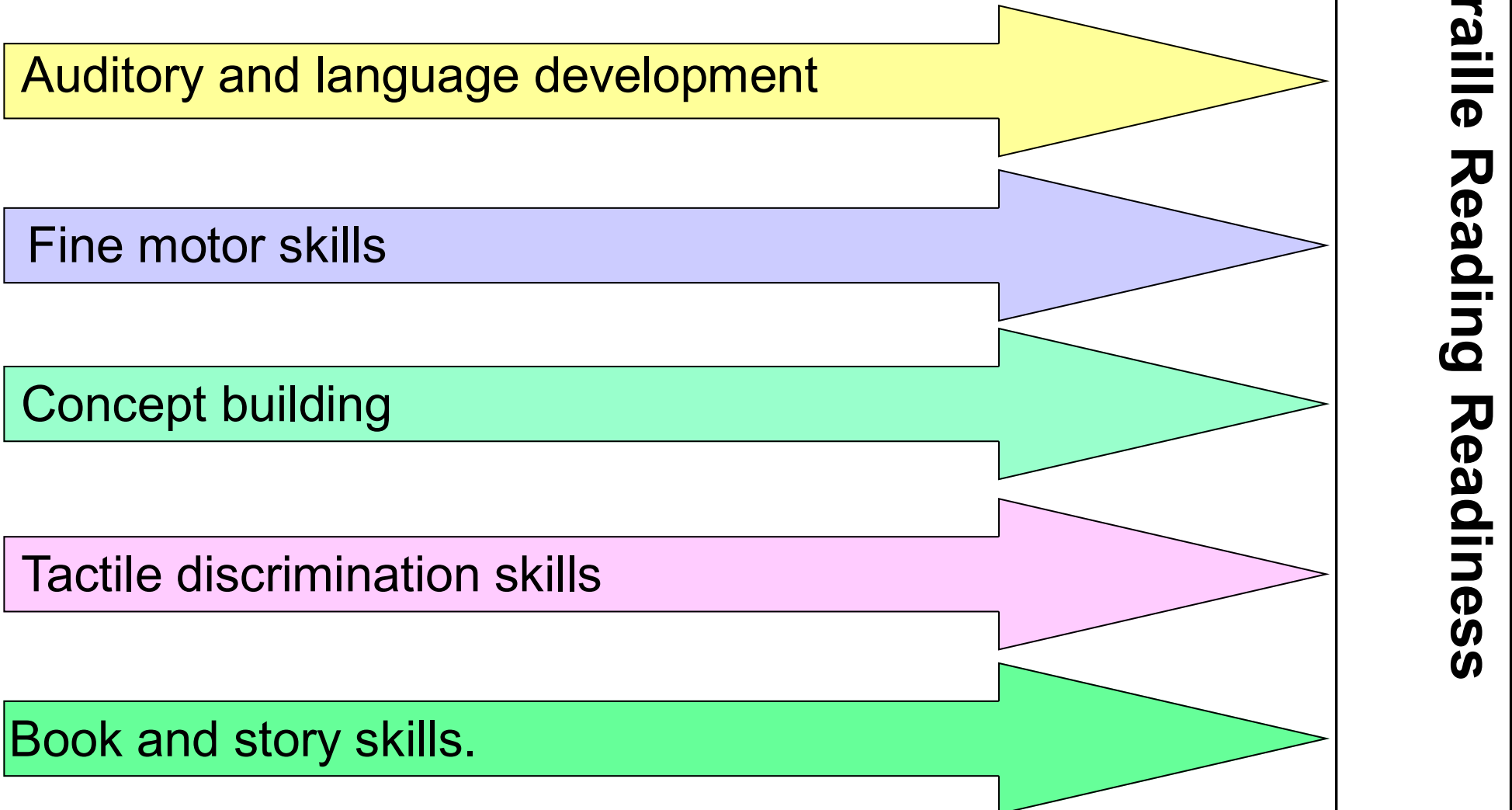


Pathways towards readiness for Braille reading.

Building a solid foundation of reading readiness skills and fun experiences from birth is important to fostering a love of reading by the child. Access to the literate environment, so easily available for the sighted child doesn't occur naturally for the child with no sight. The aim is to expose the child systematically to as many rich and concrete experiences of people, places and activities which will build a foundation and love of Braille reading. Once the child has experiences and language sufficient to read, a more structured reading programme can be introduced. Reading readiness for Braille is achieved by systematic building of skills in many areas of development, the key pathways are highlighted below.



Auditory and language development

Fine motor skills

Concept building

Tactile discrimination skills

Book and story skills.

Braille Reading Readiness