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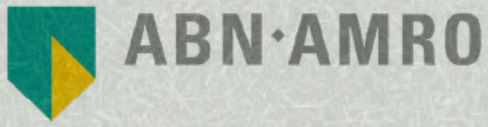
31 Countries

TRAINED 36,000+ PEOPLE

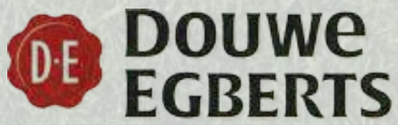
























The Pitcher



The Listener




12%
76%




GREAT IDEAS
NEED A VOICE



This is a **DO** workshop

not just a think session



ACTION STEP

this means
I'm going to ask you
to do something!

You will receive

SLIDES AND MANY MATERIALS




QUESTIONS?
You can ask
ANY TIME



ACTION STEP

Pitch yourself in
30 Seconds to someone you
don't know so well

When the 30 seconds are
finished, **switch**!

No Other Instructions

LET'S DO IT!



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Who are we pitching to?

Why are we pitching?

What should we pitch?


TOOLS

The most frequent pitch
YOU WILL EVER MAKE




2




25 Seconds - 4 sentences
THE HANDSHAKE PITCH
The Question...
"WHAT DO YOU DO?"

The basis of
ANY GREAT PITCH



Someone who **doesn't know much** about your business



They understand **EVERYTHING...?**

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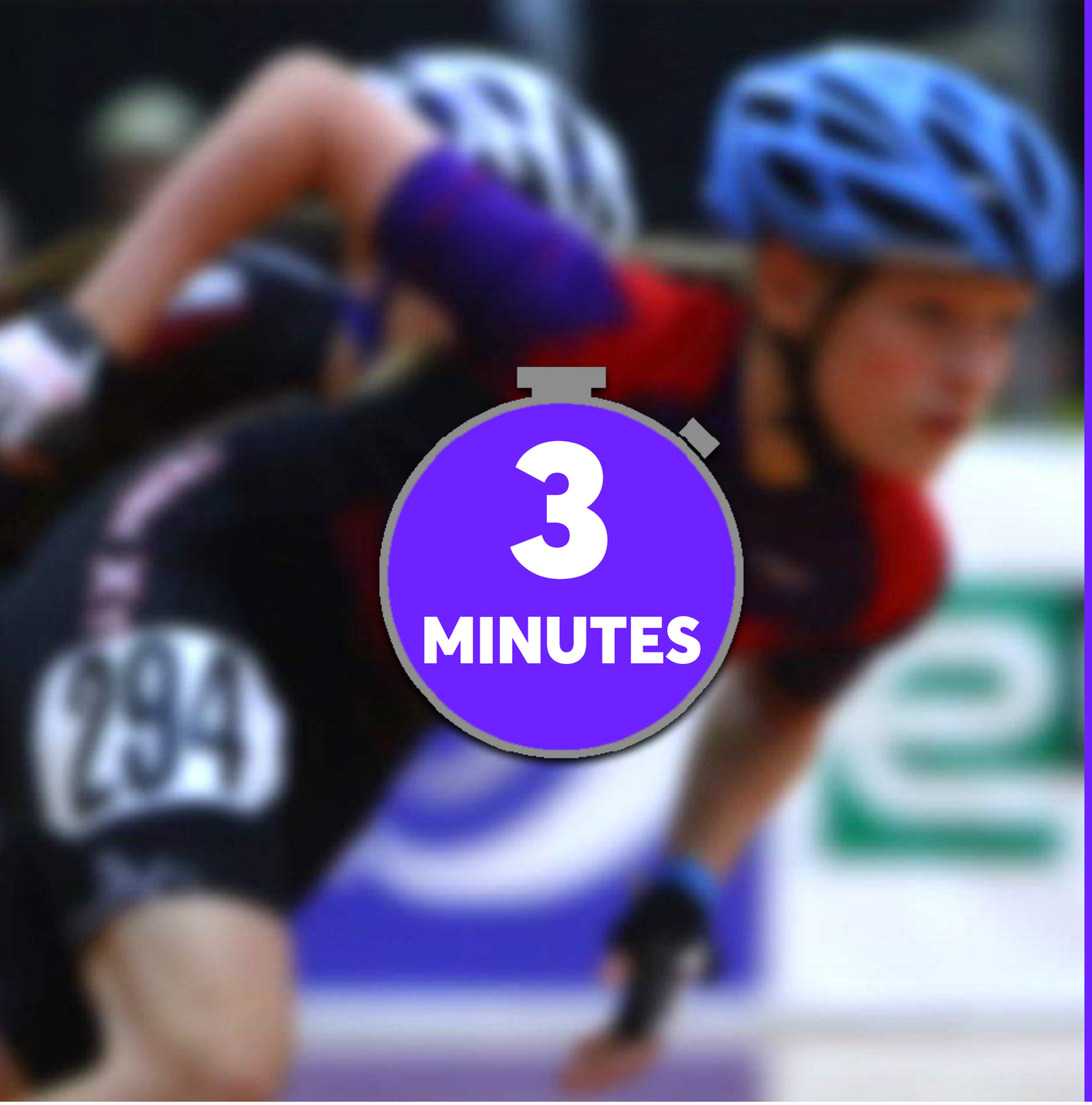
They ask **Questions**



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How to talk about
CUSTOMER PAINS

"What they are struggling with is…"

"They are losing money
every day because…"

"What's driving them crazy is…"

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How to talk about
CUSTOMER PAINS

"They're increasingly frustrated because..."

"The future is scary because..."

"They can't adjust because
they lack the skills and knowledge..."

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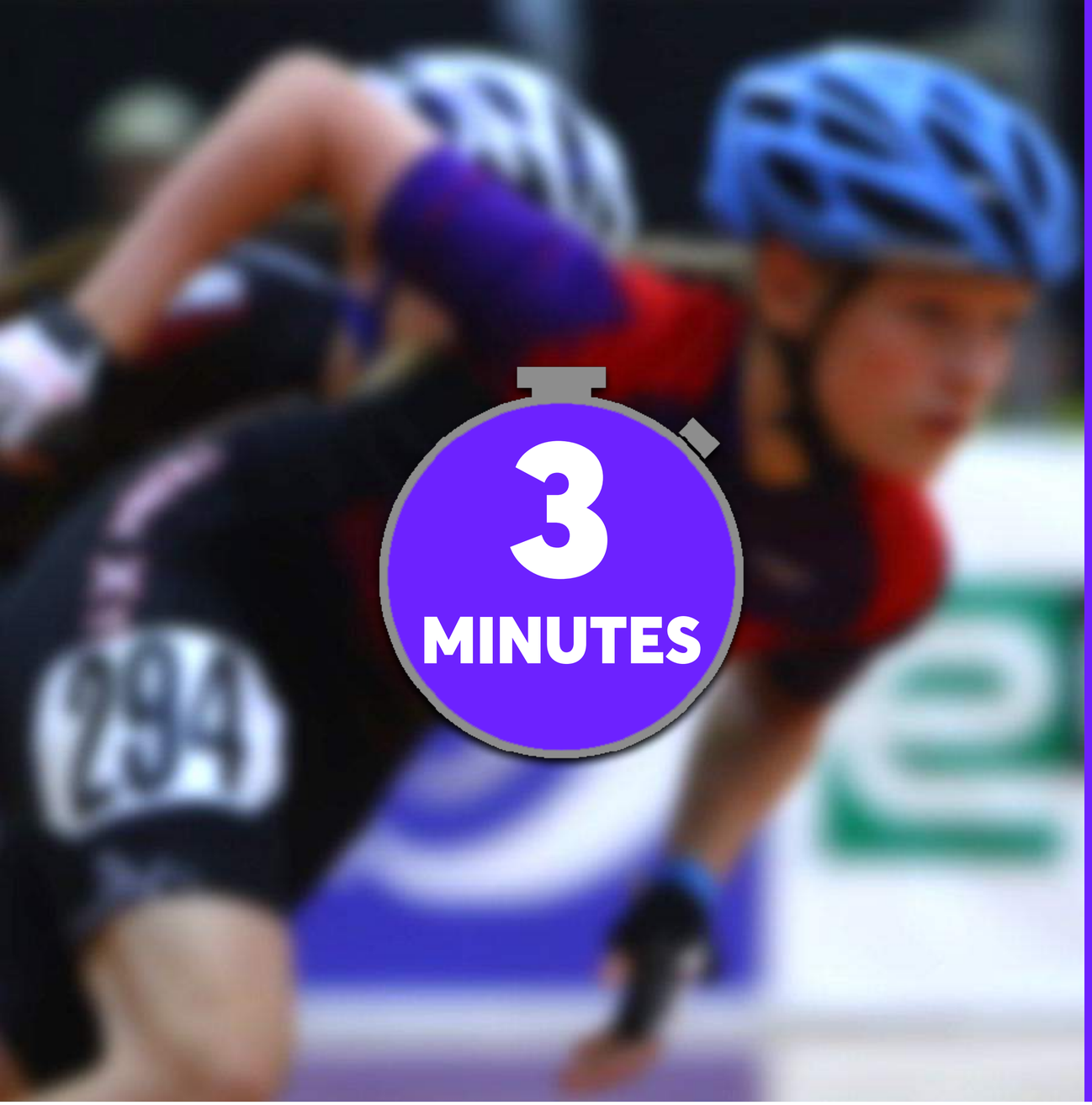

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7 MINUTES

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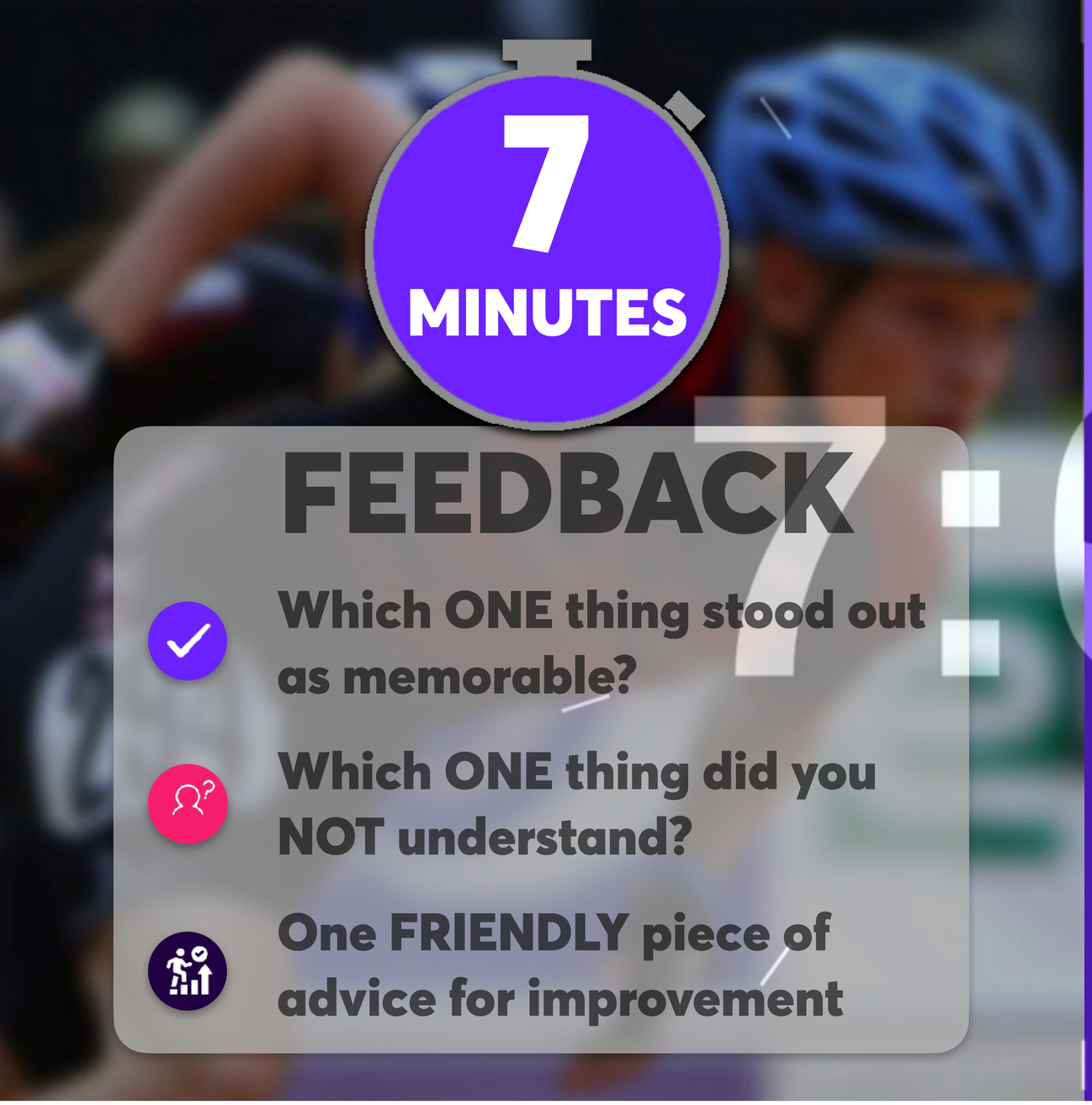

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Anyone want to share
WHAT YOU LEARNED?


You've just gone through the
BEST WAY TO PRACTICE



Think it through



Write it down



Say it out loud



GET FEEDBACK



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What stood out?



What did you not understand?



Friendly advice for improvement

Let's make it

REAL & PRACTICAL



ACTION STEP

Write down the
the next important pitch
you have coming up

and one sentence on
WHO you will pitch it to

(Important Pitch = a moment
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someone to **take action**)



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Prepare you for
ANY TIME-PRESSURED PITCH

What goes wrong in the first

2 MINUTES OF A PITCH MEETING?

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2 MINUTES OF A PITCH MEETING?



- Too much history
- Too much product
- Too long a story

What happens in the **FIRST 2 MINUTES?**

I put the company into one of **3 mental buckets...**



EXCITING!

Tell me more!



MAYBE..

Let's see…



NO!

Not for me

You can fix what goes wrong in

FIRST 2 MINUTES



Give them your BEST STUFF in the first 2 Minutes

Tell them the things
THEY WANT TO KNOW



You understand their Pain



Your Unique Product



Track Record/ Proof

Tell them the things
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And tell them **QUICK!**

You understand their Pain

Your Unique Product

Track Record/ Proof


STRUCTURING YOUR
NEXT PITCH MEETING

How we usually **plan** a 30-Minute Meeting

Pitch	Q&A
20 Mins	**10 Mins**

The **reality** of how it actually goes!

Tech	Pitch	Q&A
3 Mins	**25 Mins**	**5 Mins**

A **Better Plan** for a 30-Minute Meeting

Tech	Pitch	Q&A	Next Steps
3 Mins	**3-5 Mins**	**15 Mins**	**5 Mins**

Ask the magic question… 🪄

What would you like to know more about?


TOOLS

OPEN-3-CLOSE©

Pitch Model

The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model

Who is your
AUDIENCE

Establish your
OBJECTIVE

STORYLINE
with Post-It Notes

Opening



THE POWER OF THREE

Closing




We're going to build and test
A 2-MINUTE PITCH

The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model



Who is your
AUDIENCE



WHO'S YOUR AUDIENCE?

What do they **CARE** about?



ACTION STEP

Write down in 2 minutes who the **audience** is for your pitch

---

What is their biggest **challenge**?

Conservative or **Innovative**?

Money focused? Environment, Social?

Theoretical or doers?

What do they **already** know?

What might be their biggest **objection?**



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Make a profile of your audience

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The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model







WHAT'S YOUR OBJECTIVE?

What do you want them to **do**?

Action, not just thinking



WHAT'S YOUR OBJECTIVE?

"What could they **do** at **09:30** on a Monday morning?"



WHAT'S YOUR OBJECTIVE?

Provide **introductions**

Agree to a **pilot/test**

Plan a **follow up** meeting

Sign a **deal!**



ACTION STEP

Write down in 1 minute what you want the audience **to do** as a result of the pitch

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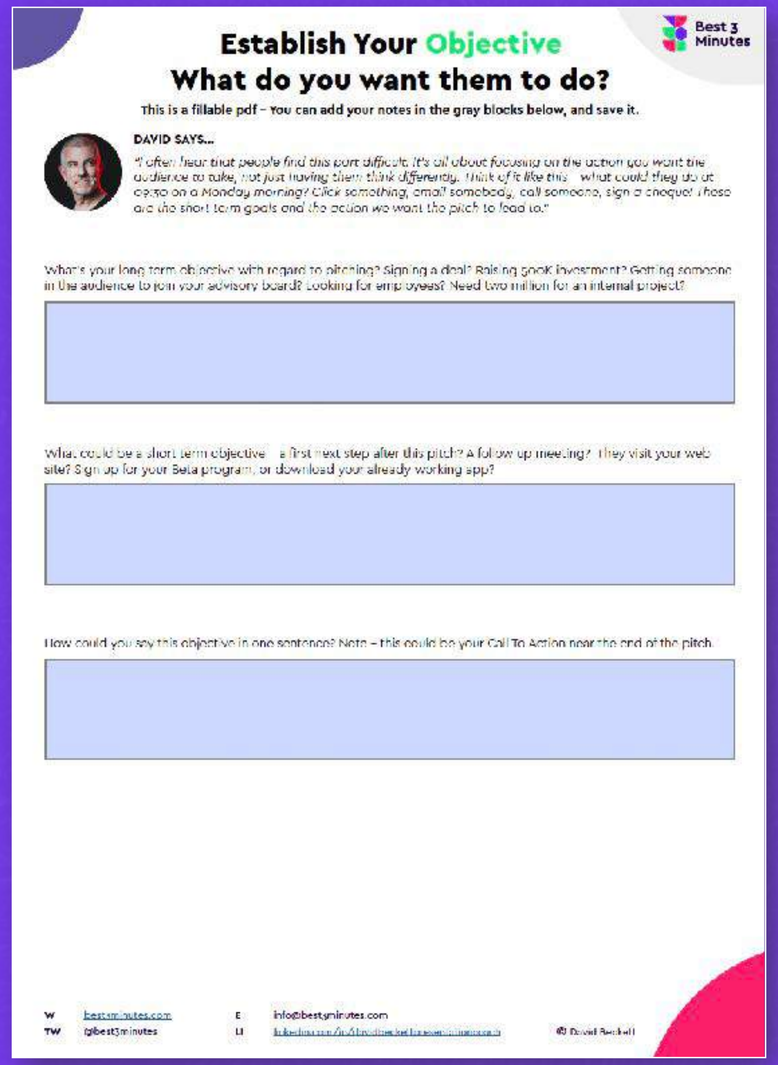

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Establish Your Objective
What do you want them to do?

This is a fillable pdf – You can add your notes in the gray blocks below, and save it.

DAVID SAYS...

"I often hear that people find this part difficult. It's all about focusing on the action you want the audience to take, not just having them think differently. Think of it like this – what could they do at 09:30 on a Monday morning? Click something, email somebody, call someone, sign a cheque! These are the short term goals and the action we want the pitch to lead to."

What's your long term objective with regard to pitching? Signing a deal? Raising 500K investment? Getting someone in the audience to join your advisory board? Looking for employees? Need two million for an internal project?

What could be a short term objective – a first next step after this pitch? A follow up meeting? They visit your web site? Sign up for your Beta program, or download your already working app?

How could you say this objective in one sentence? Note – this could be your Call To Action near the end of the pitch.

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Write down your Objective

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How do you create

YOUR STORYLINE?

Process

HOW?

Content

WHAT?

How long will **YOU** spend preparing presentations?

38 MONTHS 🤬





...of your working life

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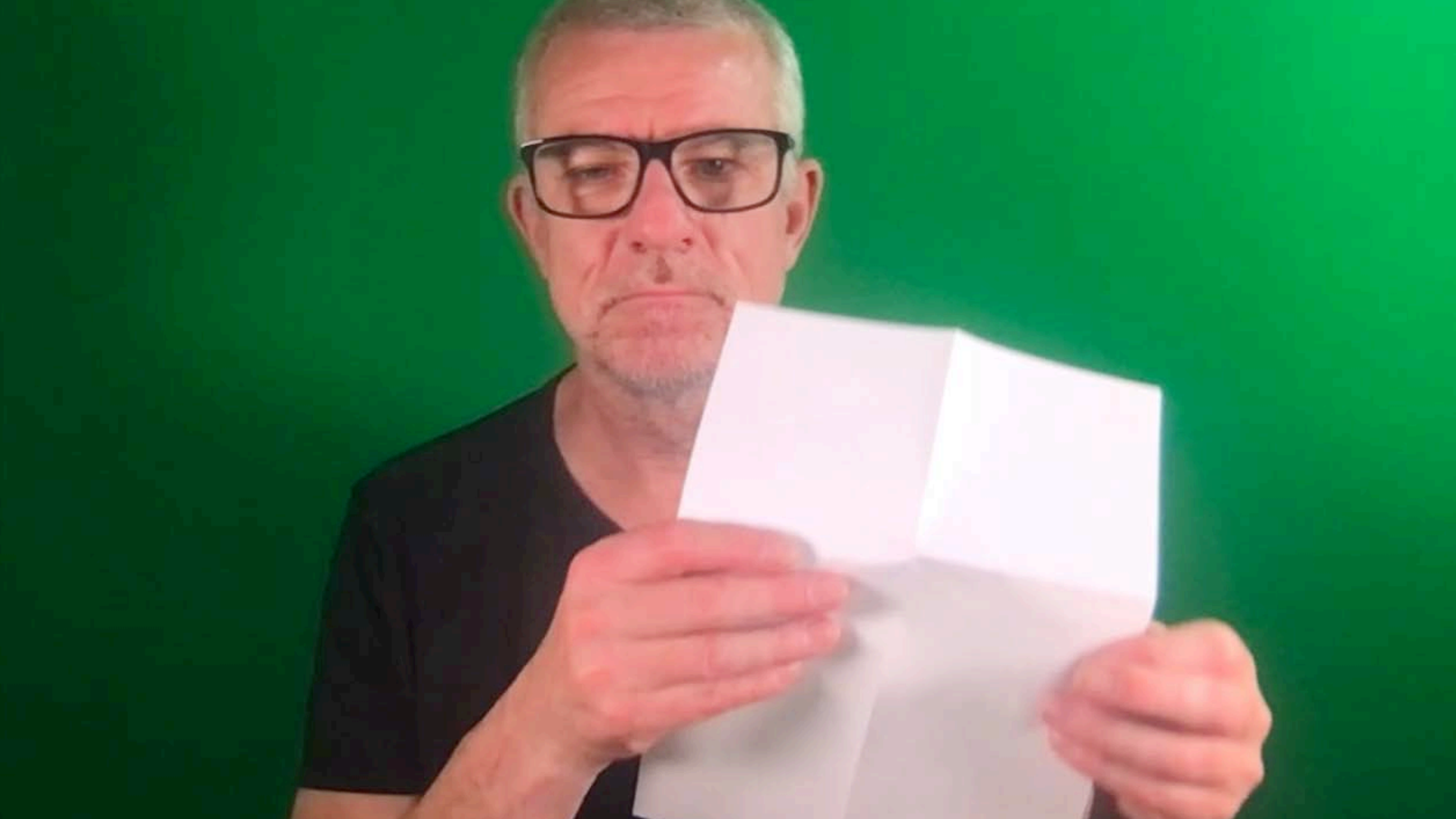
STOP!


Don't Open
POWERPOINT
Until you know what you
are going to say...



Use POST-IT NOTES To Build Your Storyline





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THE PAIN



THE PRODUCT



WHAT'S UNIQUE



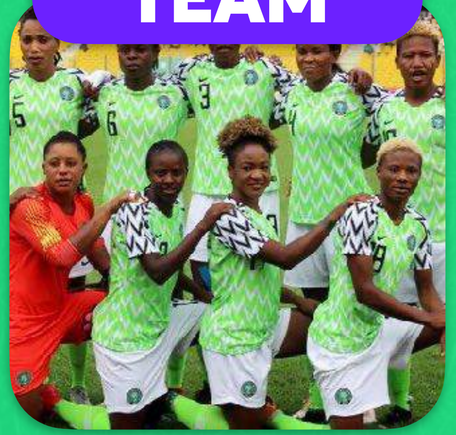
PROOF/ TRACK RECORD



WHY YOU?



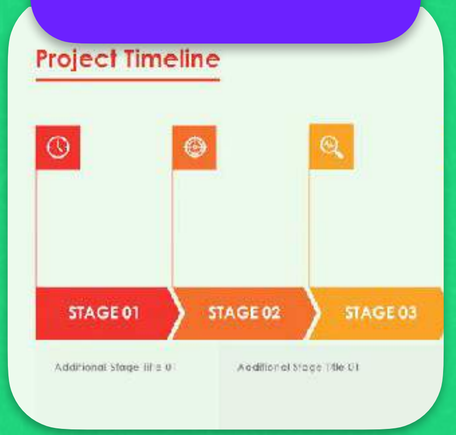
THE TEAM



THE ASK



TIMELINE/ NEXT STEPS





PAIN

What is the **problem** you solve?

The **Why** of the product



PAIN

What's the
Human Result
of the problem
you're solving?



PAIN

"We built a parking app, which integrates sensors using Internet of things technology, and it's all on the blockchain, and we use open Api's to..."



PAIN

"In **major cities**, like Rotterdam, Berlin & Tokyo, it takes over **100Million drivers** over **20 minutes** to find a parking space…"



Lost time?

More cost?

Complex steps?

Irritation?

Lost customers?

Bad reputation?

Quantify it:
put a **number** on it

Be specific
PUT A NUMBER ON IT

"It wastes a lot of hours"

"They have to make a lot of calls"

"It takes up to **72 hours**"

"They have to make up to **12 calls**"

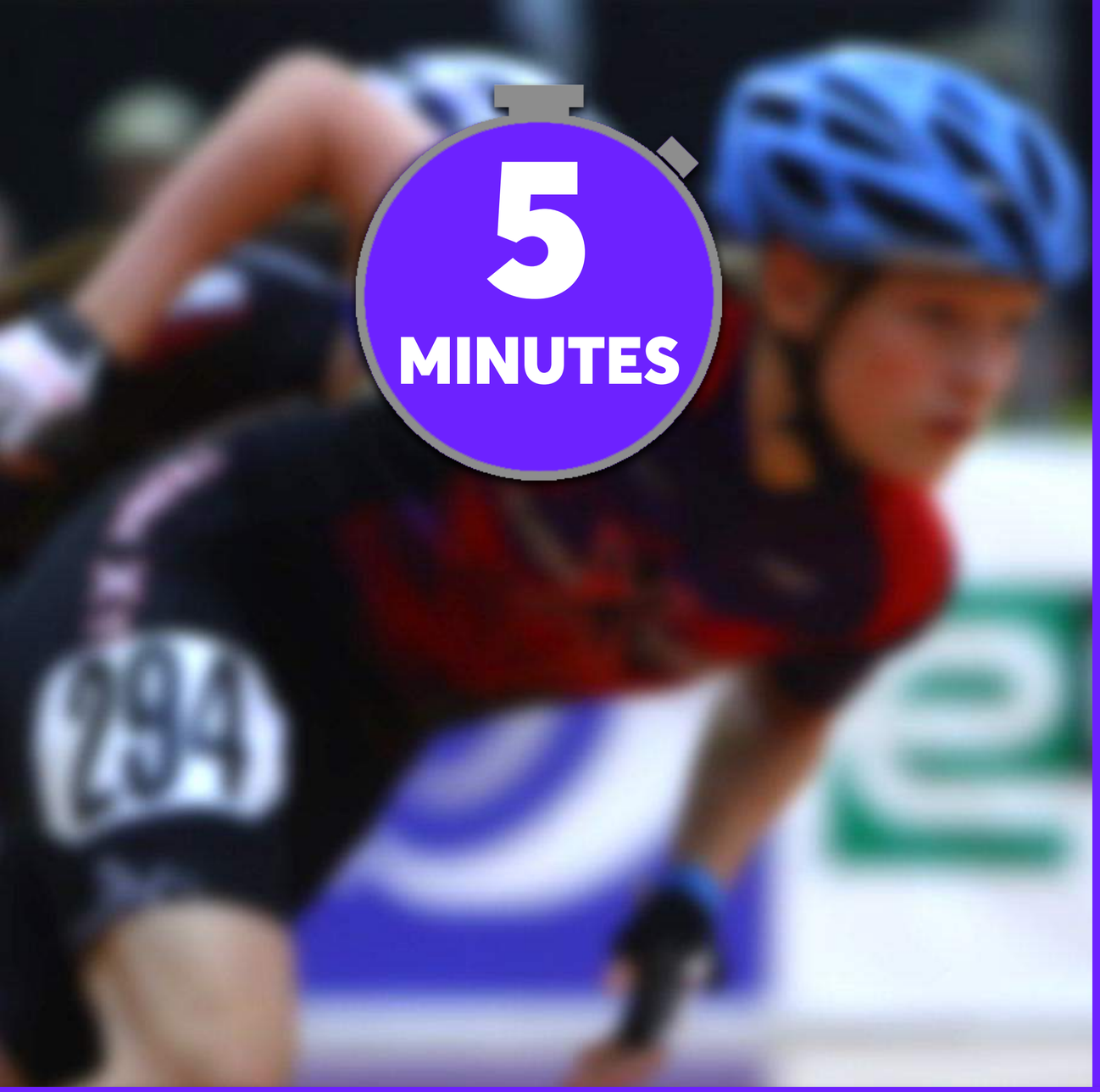
Be specific
PUT A NUMBER ON IT

"Many companies experience data hacks"

"There is too much energy inefficiency"

"**XK** companies had data hacks in the **last 3 years**"

"**Up to 20%** of energy is lost through inefficiency"



ACTION STEP

Brainstorm: write down
at least **7 things** about the **PAIN**

Who are the **customers**?

What **problems**
do they face today?

How much time, money, frustration,
waste, lost opportunity?

Don't think too much:
just write

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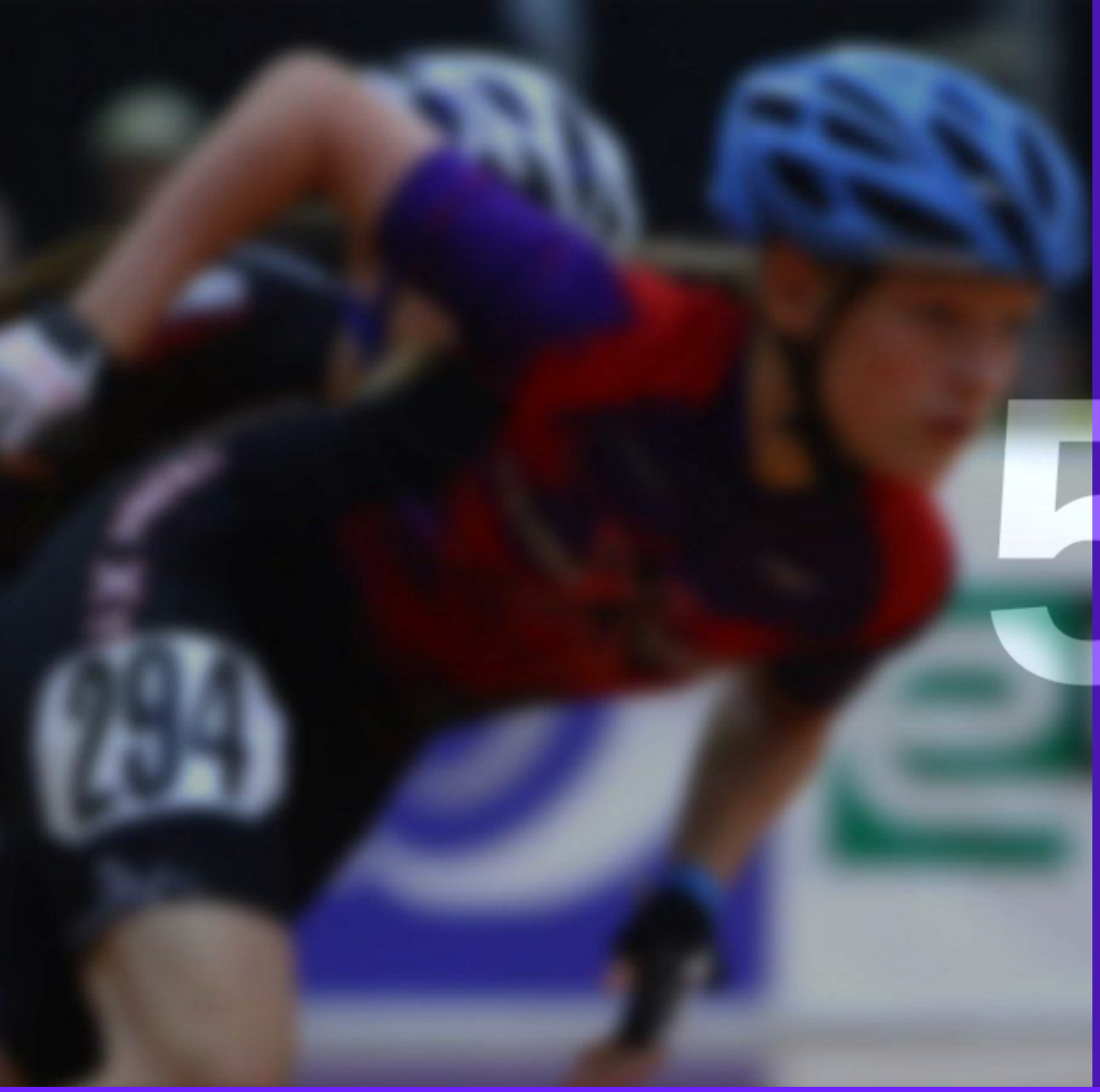

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PRODUCT

How do you **solve** the problem?

What **improvement** does your product deliver - & **how much?**



UNIQUE

What's **special** and **new** about your proposition?

Technology, **partnerships**, **complete** solution?

(Any competitors to mention?)



PROOF/ TRACK RECORD

Who's already **buying**?

Recognisable brands?

Customer success **stories?**

Past product track record?

ONE LAST THING...





WHY YOU?

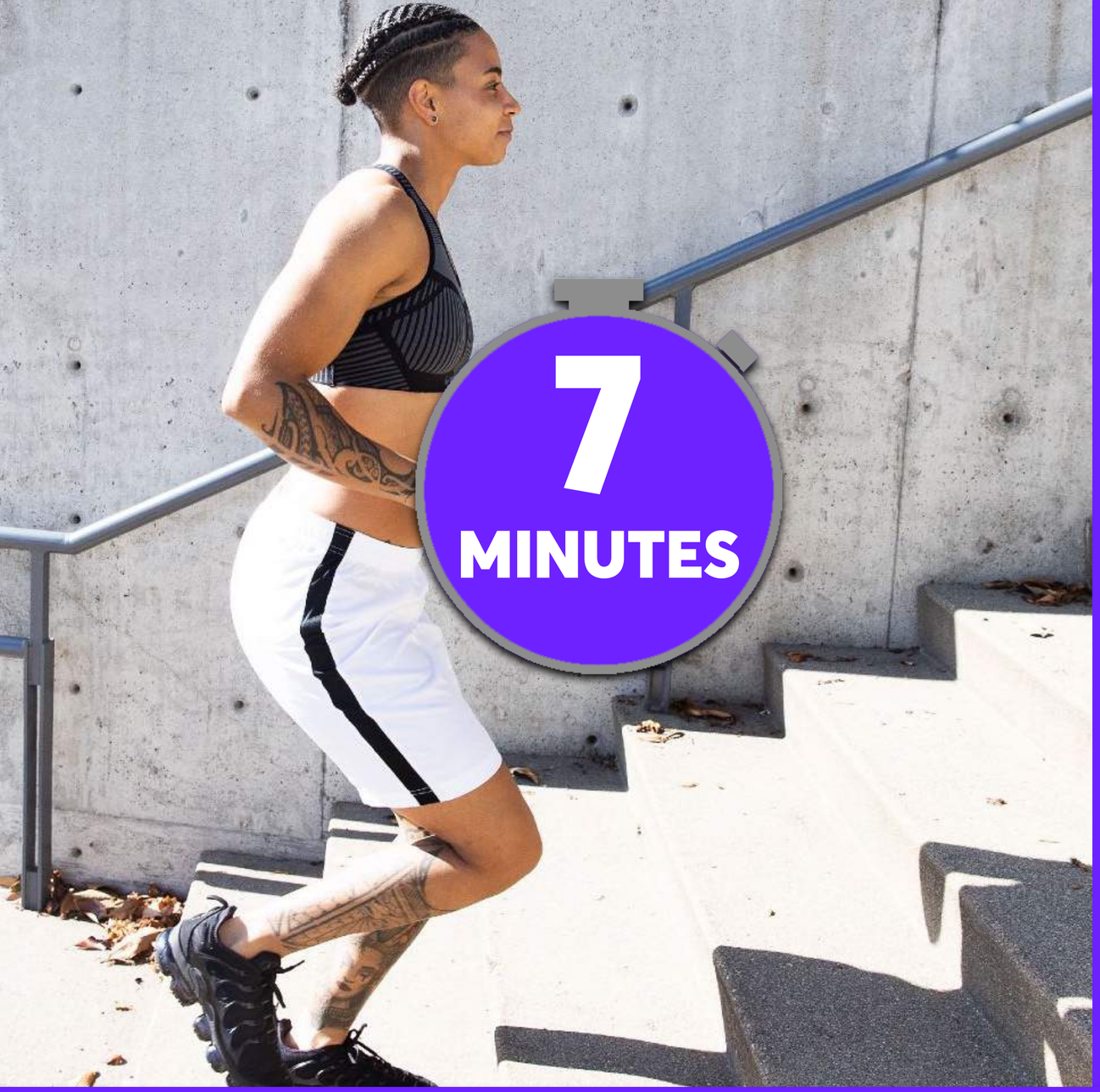
What's your **personal motivation** to offer this proposition?



WHY YOU?

What makes **you excited** about your proposition?

Your **Enthusiasm** Counts!



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Traction/Validation
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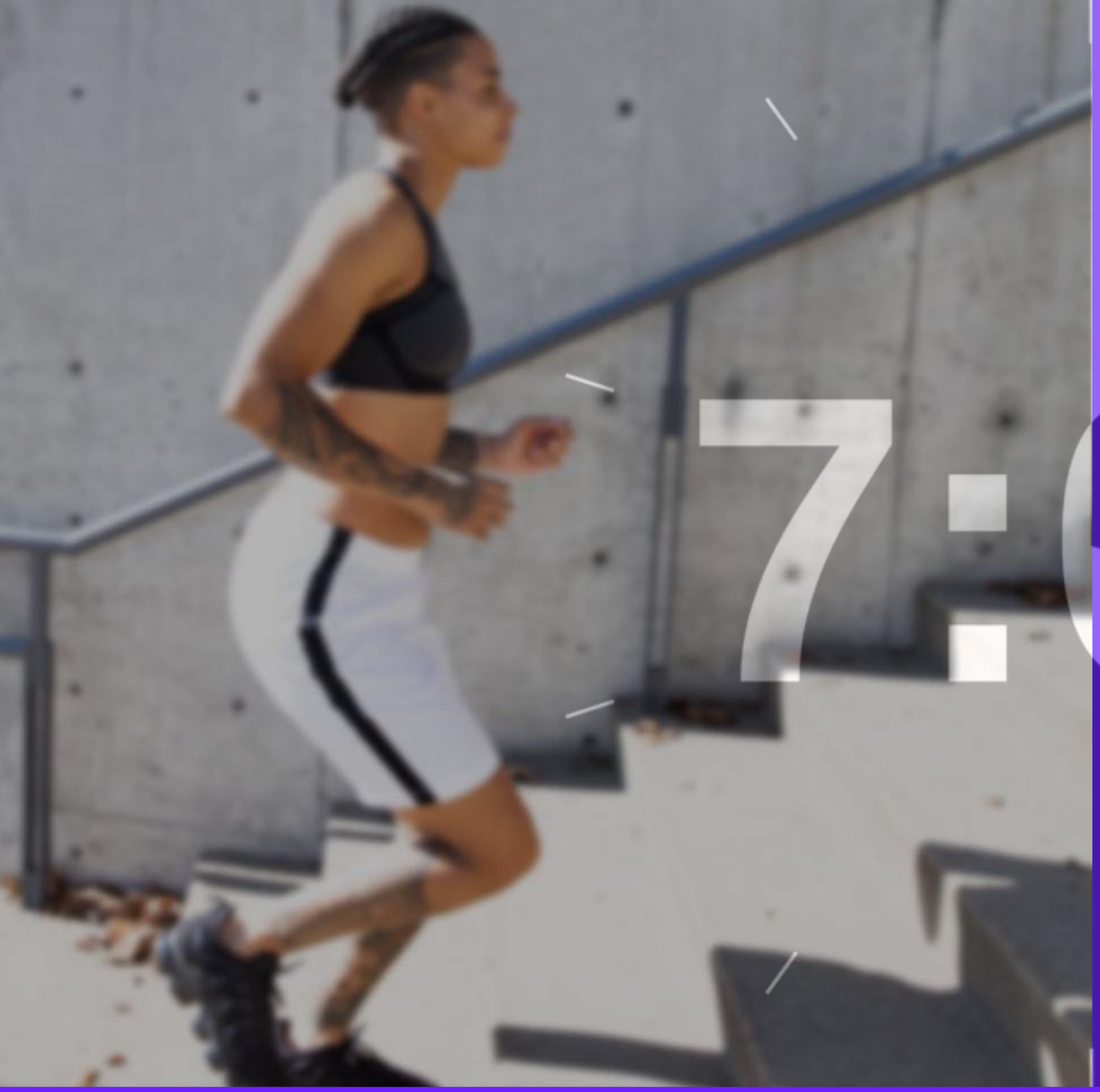

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Let's put the thinking
INTO ACTION!



ACTION STEP

Prepare a **2-minute**
pitch with the following;

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Add a 1-2 sentence Call To Action,
to put your Objective into the pitch

120 seconds = 18 sentences



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Welcome Back!

LET'S MAKE IT REAL!



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What did you not understand?



Friendly advice for improvement

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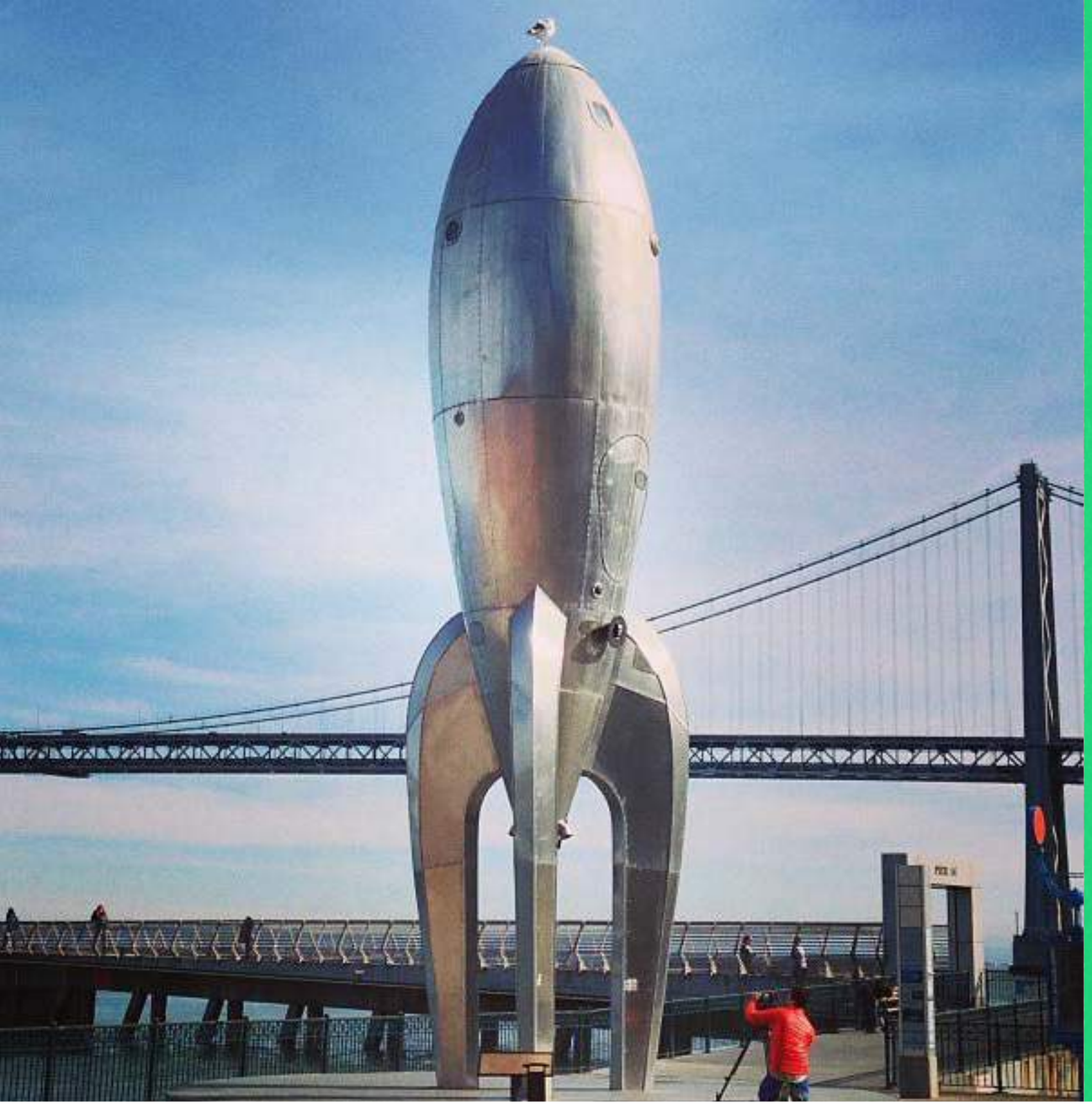
Make the first word count
OPEN POWERFULLY



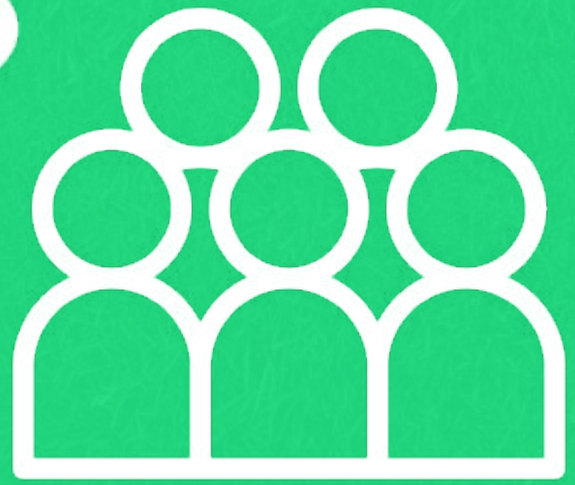
The first 20 seconds buys

ATTENTION

Is this person ***professional****?*

Do I ***want*** *to know more?*

Do I ***need*** *to know more?*





A professionally planned opening from
The Great Bubble Barrier


POSTCODE
LOTTERY
€500,000
TO THE WINNER OF THE GREEN CHALLENGE 2018

Quantify
THE PROBLEM



mobypark

The Problem
WITH PARKING



20 MINUTES



30%



1 YEAR

Simply

BE PROFESSIONAL

SADDL



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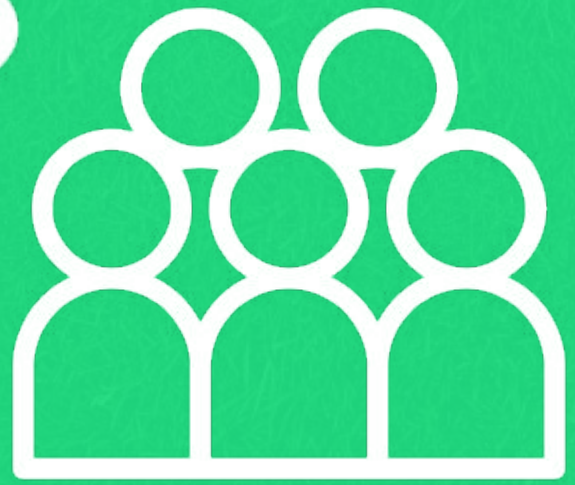



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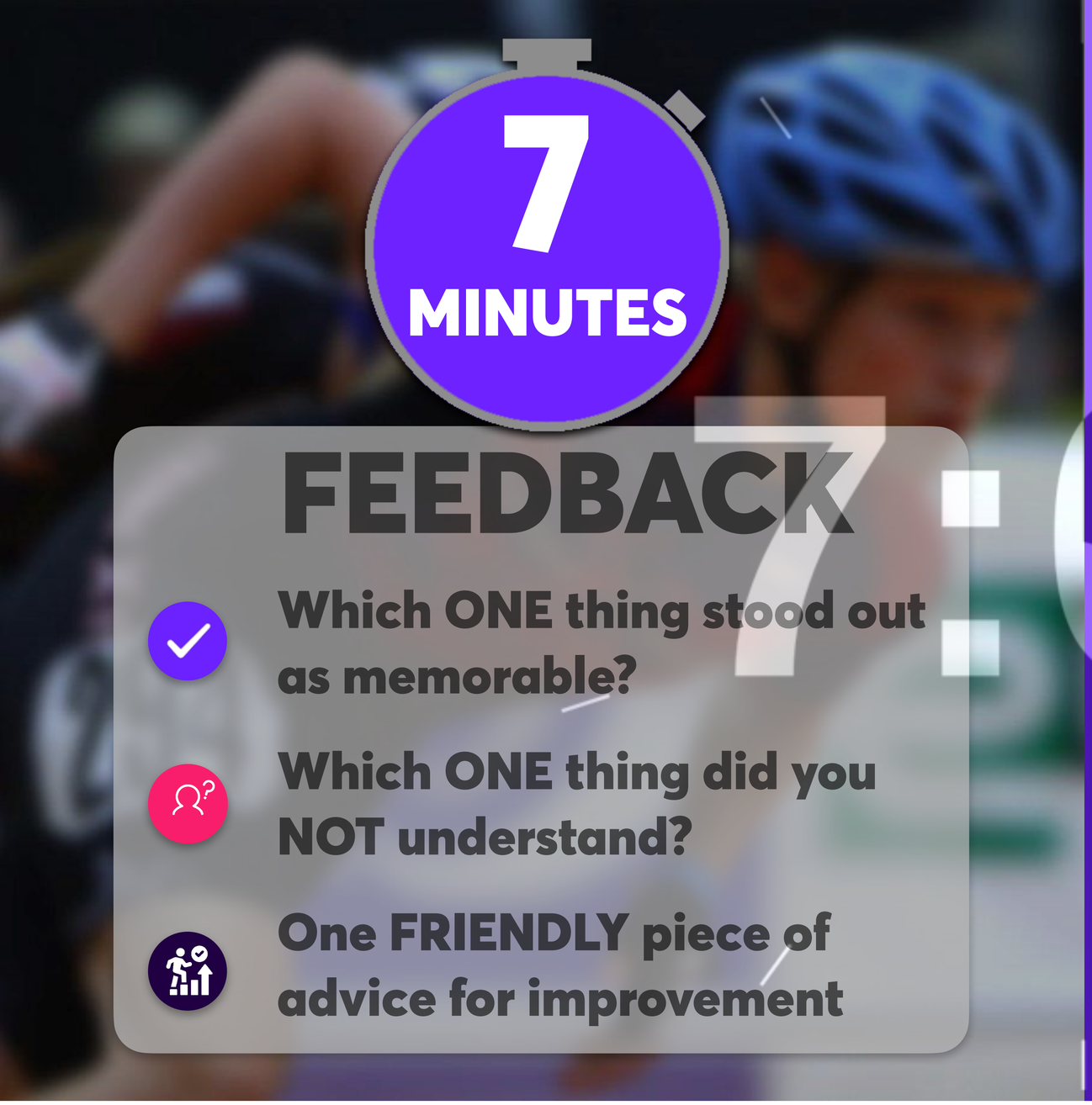
In **pairs**: 3,5 minutes each



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THE POWER OF THREE

Making your story

FOCUSED & MEMORABLE


The Power of
THREE

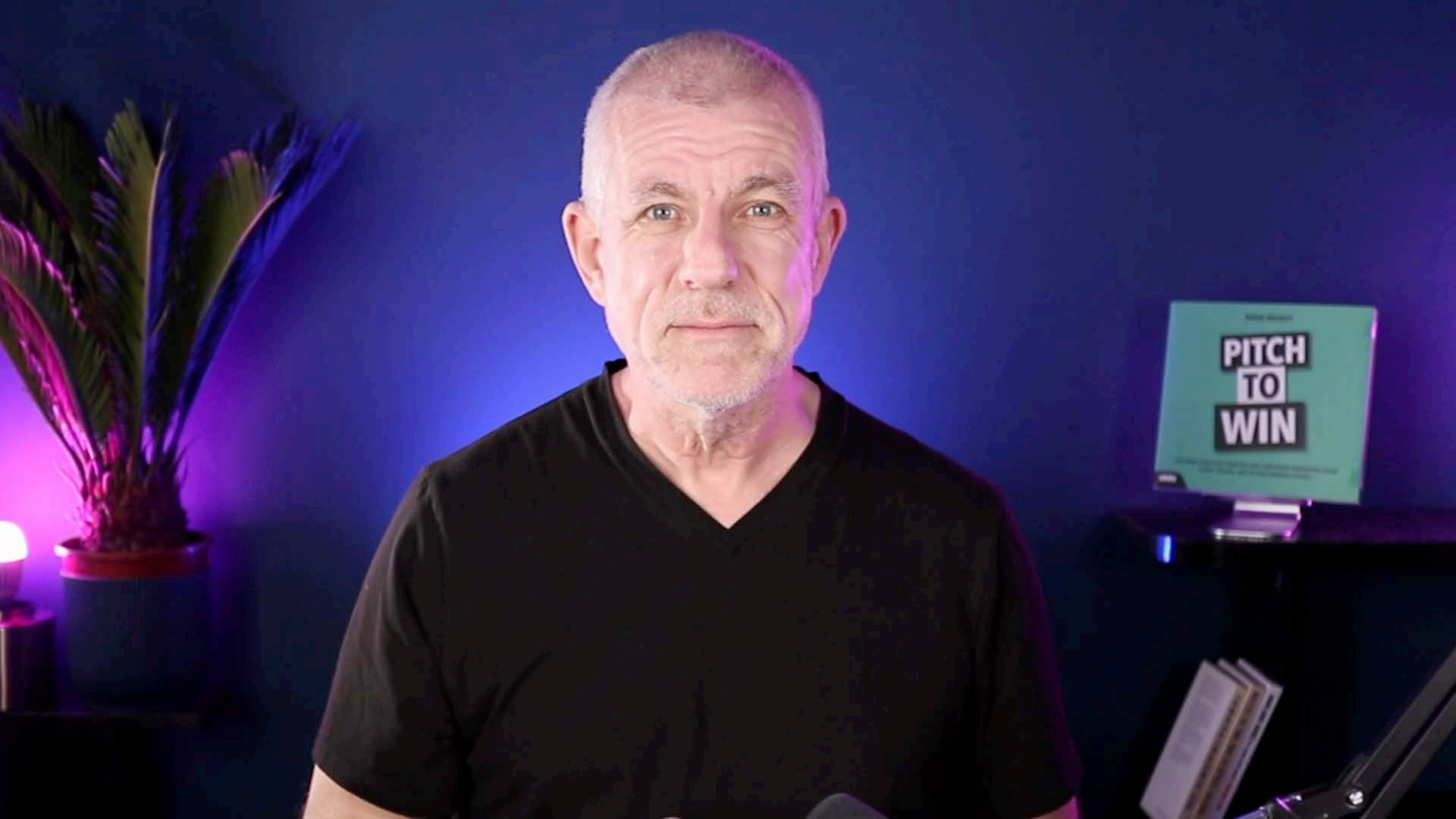
What happens if I say…

“Hi, I’VE GOT 11 THINGS I WANT TO TELL YOU…”




"There are many things I could tell you,
BUT THERE ARE 3 THINGS
I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER"


So why
THREE?


PITCH
TO
WIN

How do you apply
THE POWER OF THREE?



Break your product into
THREE BIG QUALITIES

FASTER

LOWER COST

MUCH EASIER TO USE



ACTION STEP

Imagine:

They will only remember
3 things of the **whole** story.

Which **3 things** would you tell,
that you really want them to
remember?

Write down the **3 most important**
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1-2 sentences per item.



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First Time

NO Hand Gestures

Second Time

Call out the numbers





ACTION STEP

Tell the 3 big things in
3 sentences to someone else;

"There are three things I want to tell you;

First…

Second…

Third…"

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Closing





Finish your pitch

LIKE A TRUE PROFESSIONAL



The last thing you say is

THE 1st THING THEY REMEMBER

Make a plan for the

LAST 20-30 SECONDS

What you've seen is...

(a 3-point, 1-sentence summary)

What we ask you to do is...

(give them a clear call to action)

THANK YOU!

=

I've finished, you can clap now!

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Pitch tools and

RESOURCES







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All the workshop
SLIDES



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Steps to Preparing your Winning Pitch



Thanks for joining the recent Pitch workshop!

Here's a quick high-level reminder of the main steps you need to take to make a great pitch.

Follow them all, and you'll be well on the way to convincing your audience and getting the result you want.

Don't miss out on all the tools available online at;
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Biggest Pitching Mistakes To Avoid



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Here's a quick checklist of mistakes that are regularly made during pitches. These are the errors to avoid: be sure they don't happen for you!

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Ways To Manage Your Pitching Nerves



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Here's a quick overview of some of the most powerful tools to overcome something that most people experience – getting nervous before a pitch.

Find out which ones work best for you, and you'll find yourself turning nerves into energy, and making confident pitches every time.

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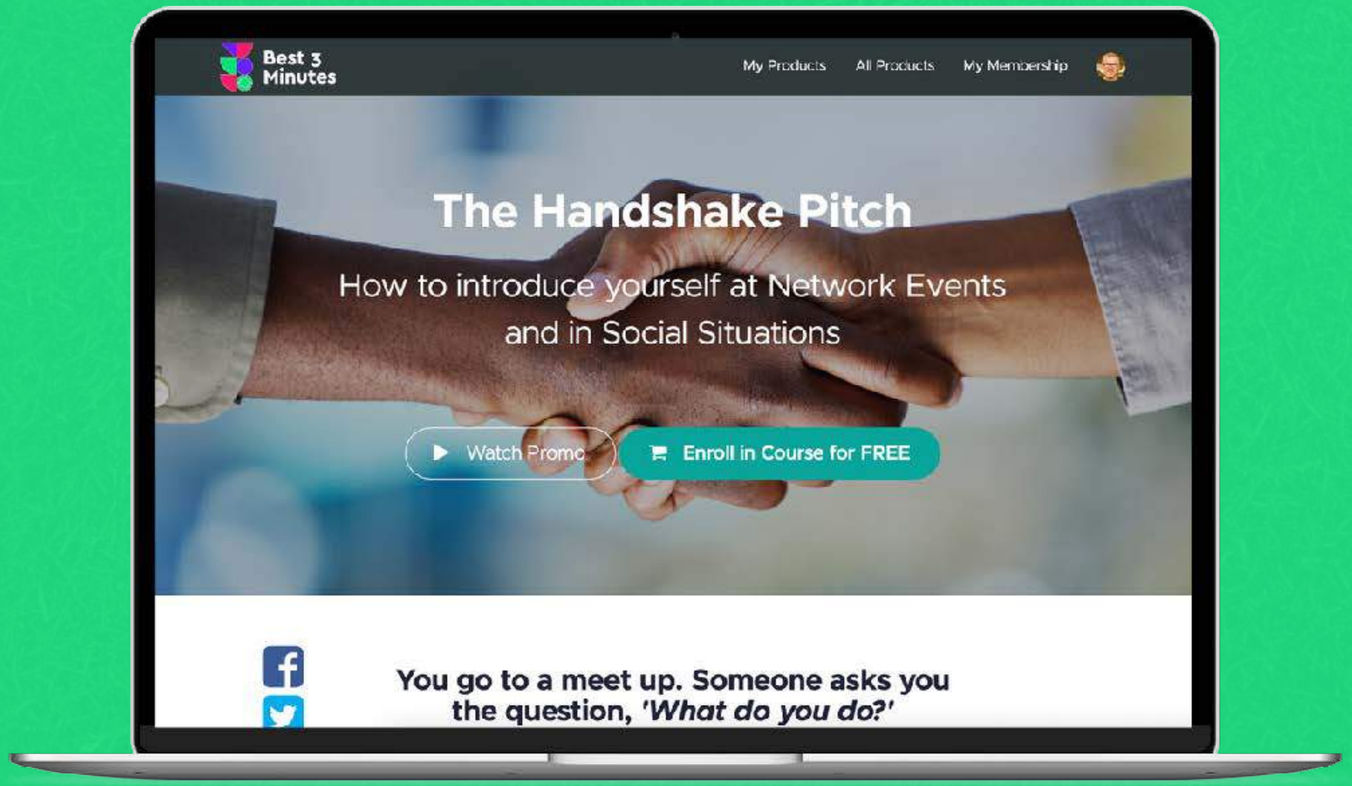

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