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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



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30 Seconds to someone you
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When the 30 seconds are
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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 Question...
"WHAT DO YOU
"
"WHAT DO YOU SOLVE?"

The basis of
ANY GREAT PITCH



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



They understand **EVERYTHING...?**

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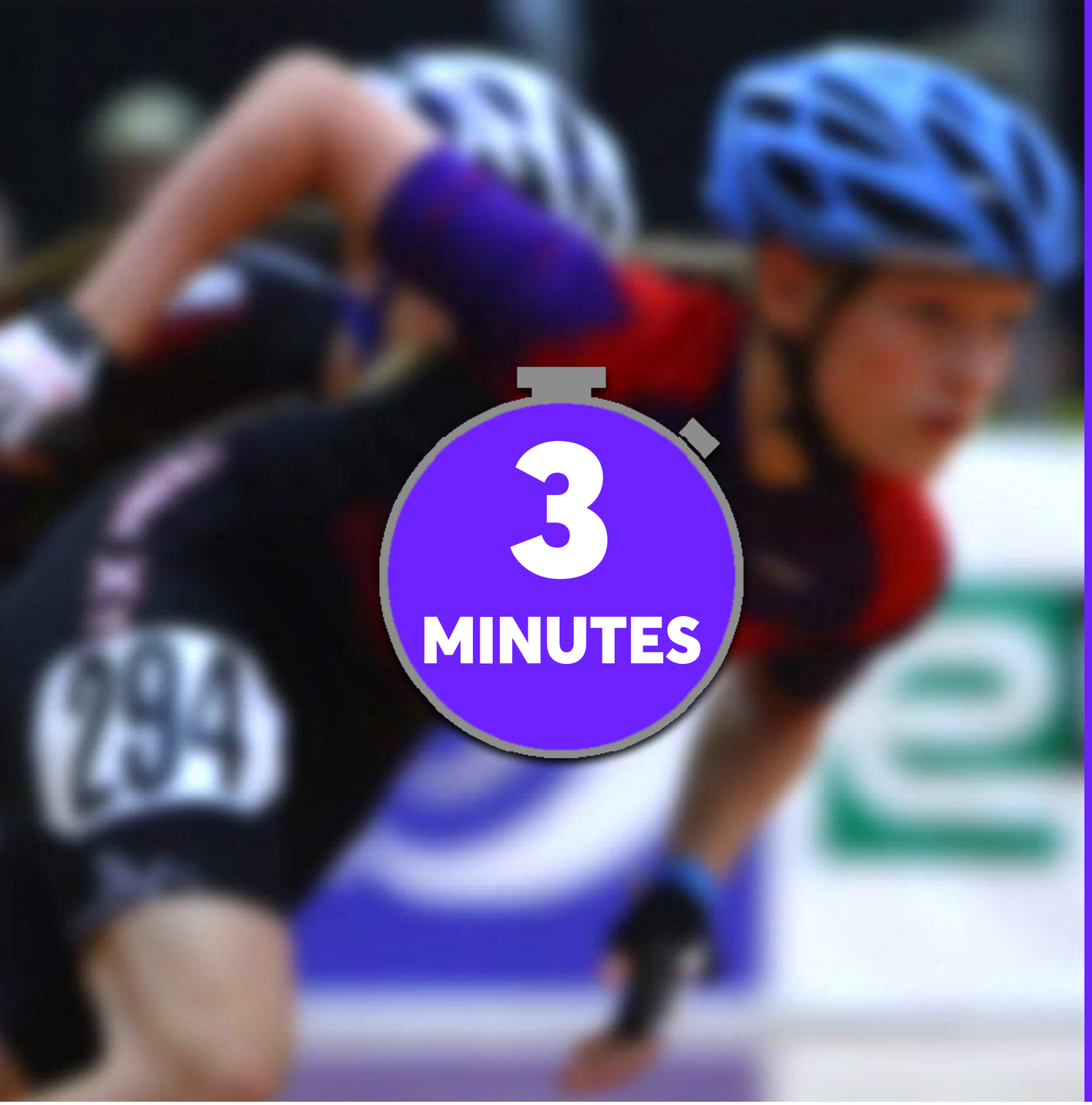
They ask **Questions**



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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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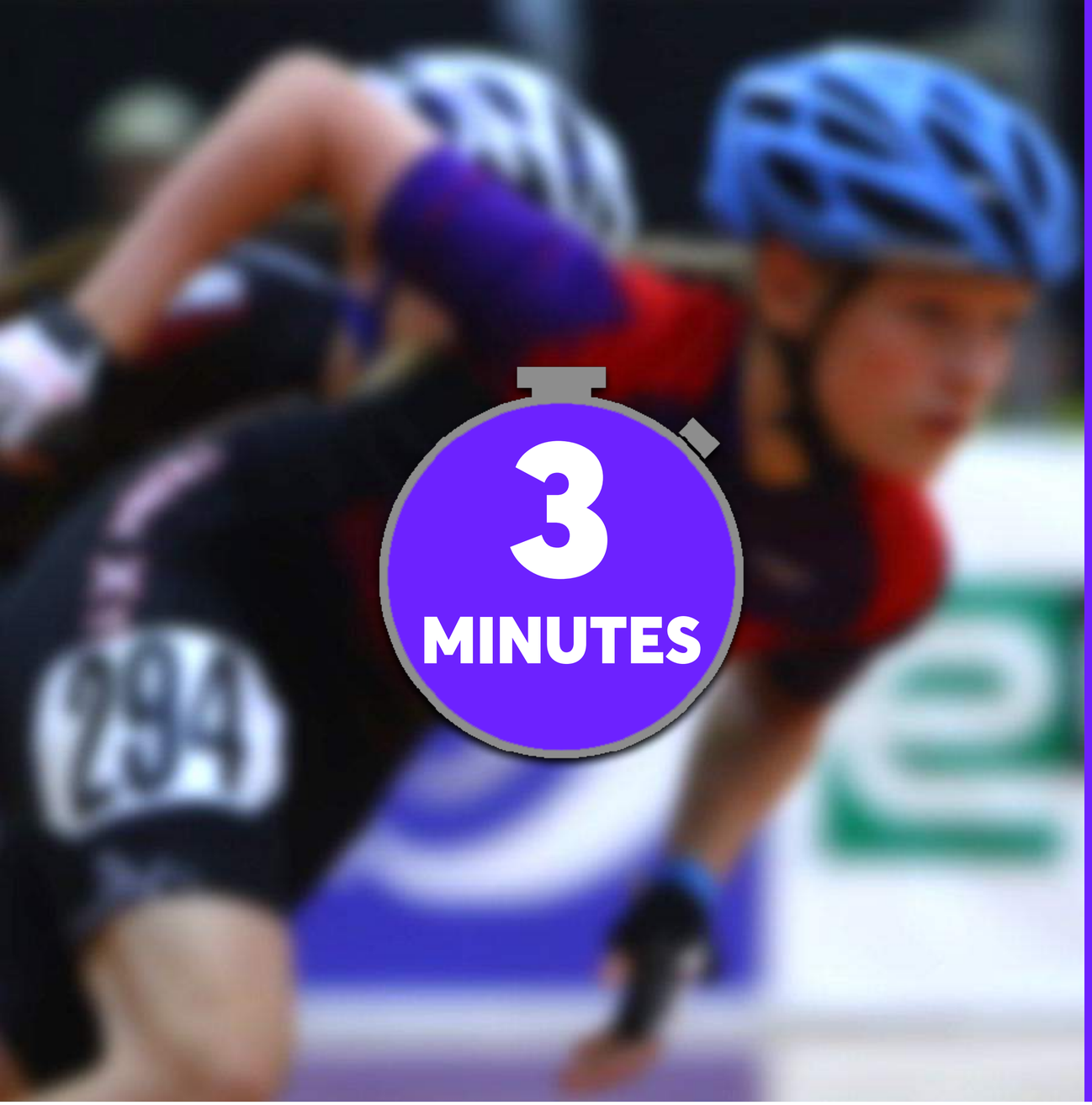

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7 MINUTES

FEEDBACK

- **Which ONE thing stood out as memorable?**
- **Which ONE thing did you NOT understand?**
- **One FRIENDLY piece of advice for improvement**

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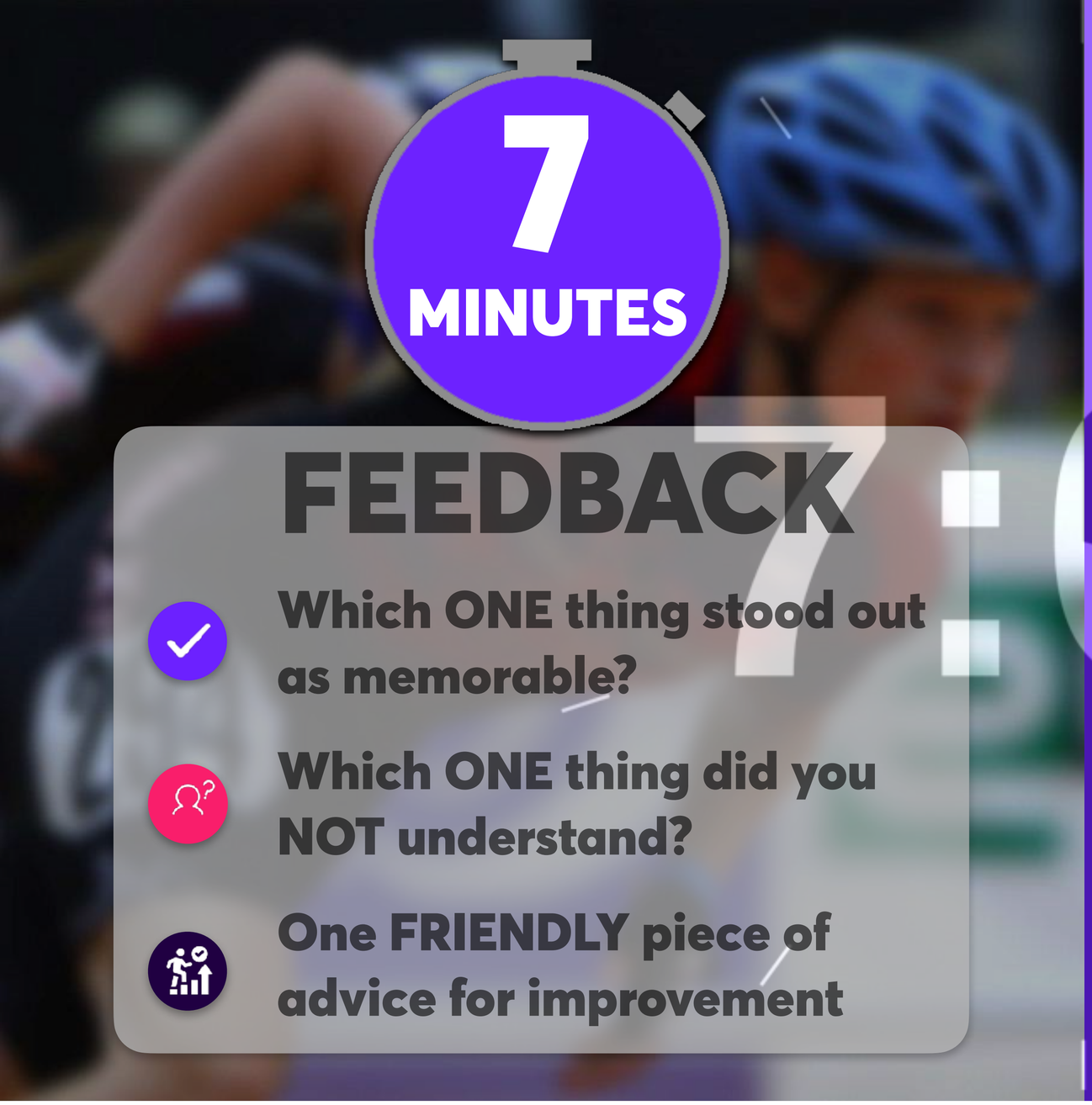

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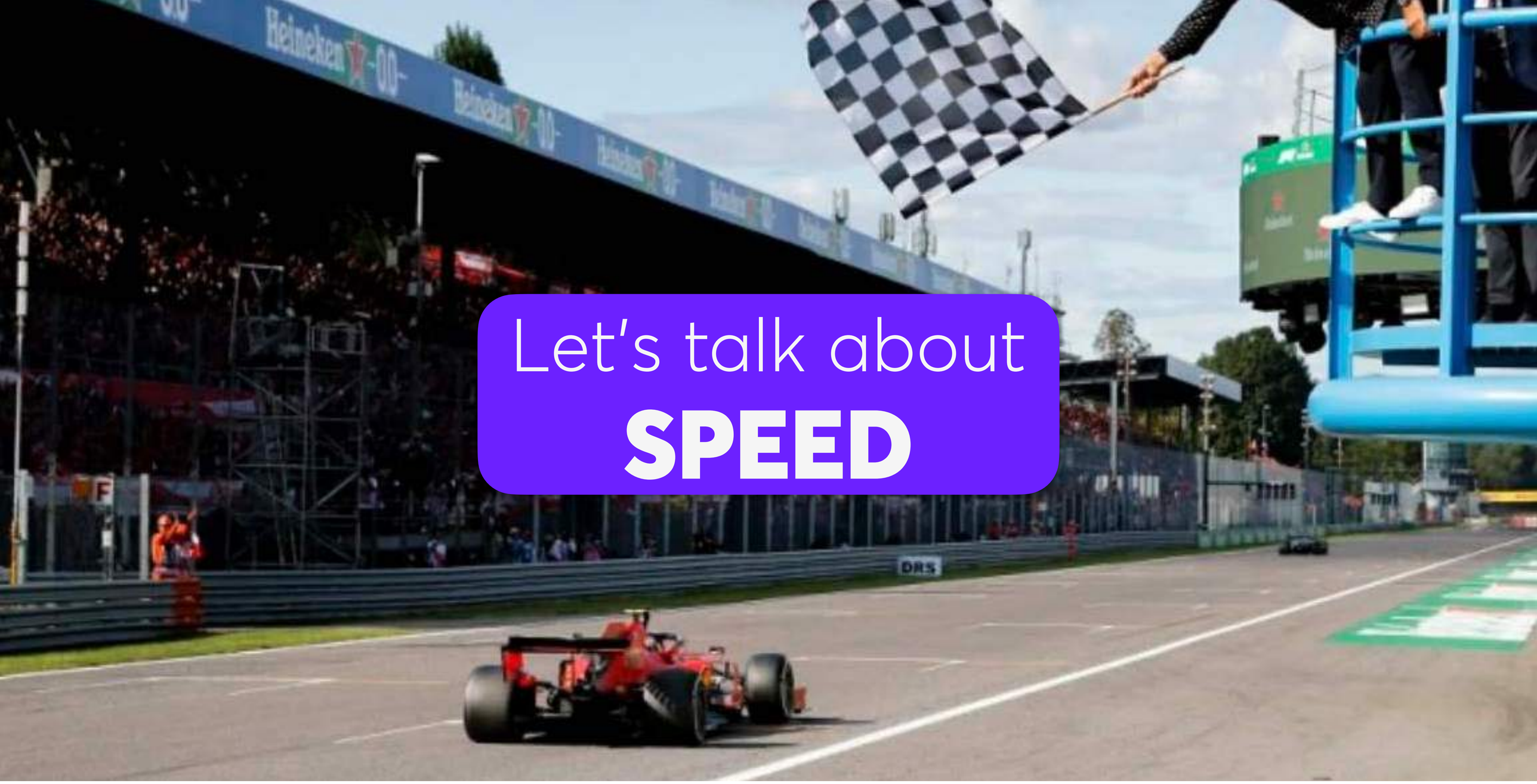
Friendly advice for improvement

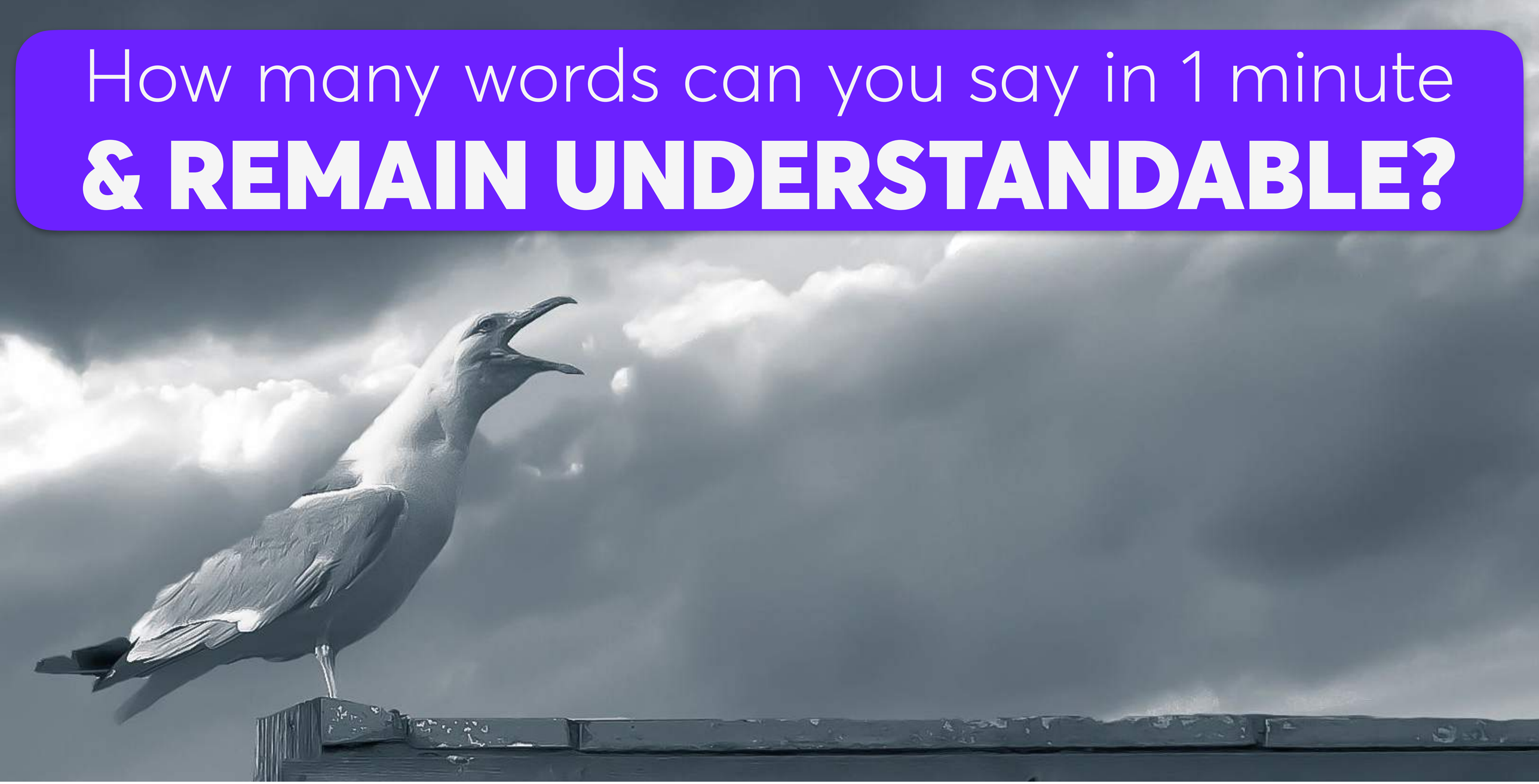


Prepare you for your **5-MINUTE PITCH**



Let's talk about **SPEED**

How many words can you say in 1 minute **& REMAIN UNDERSTANDABLE?**



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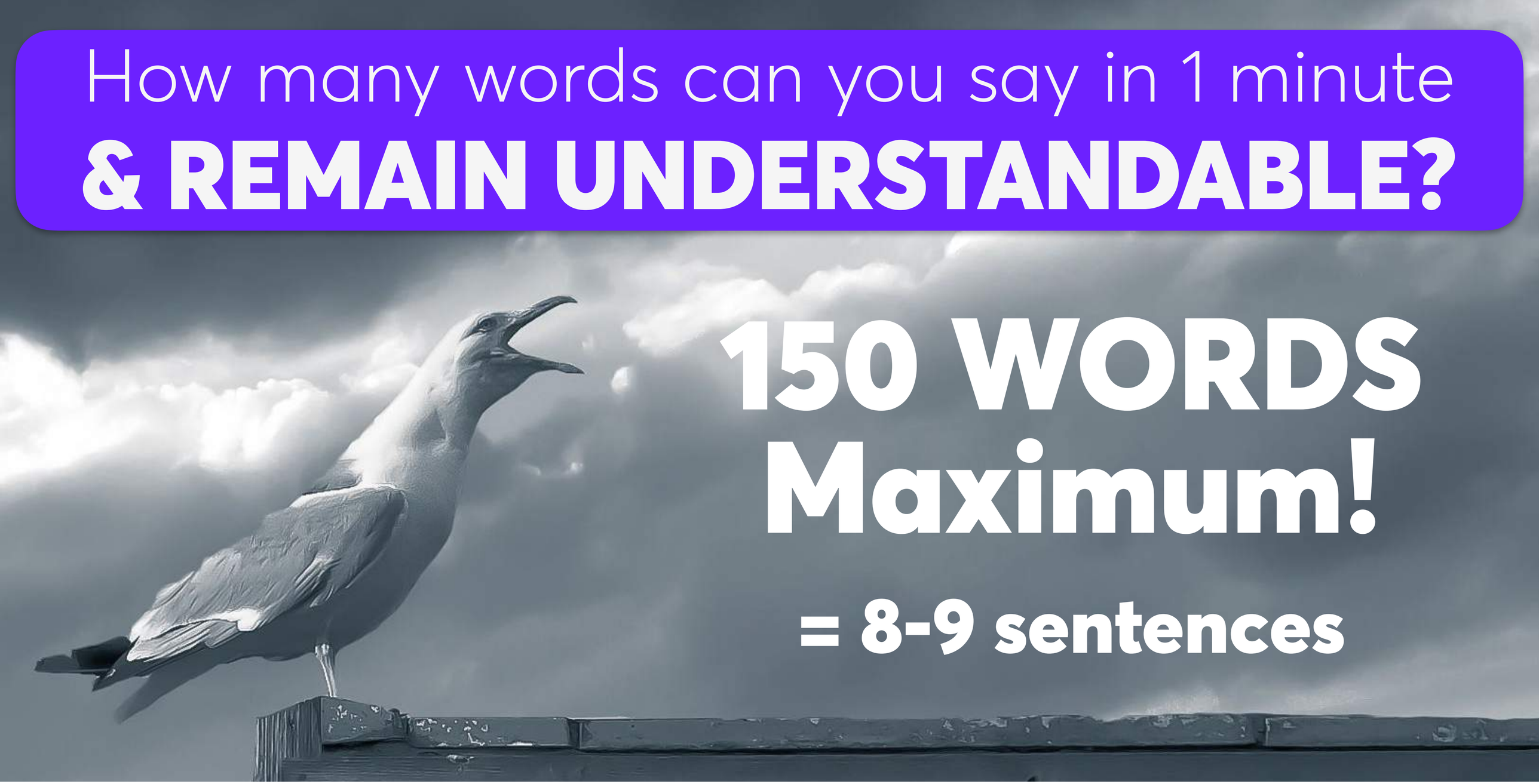
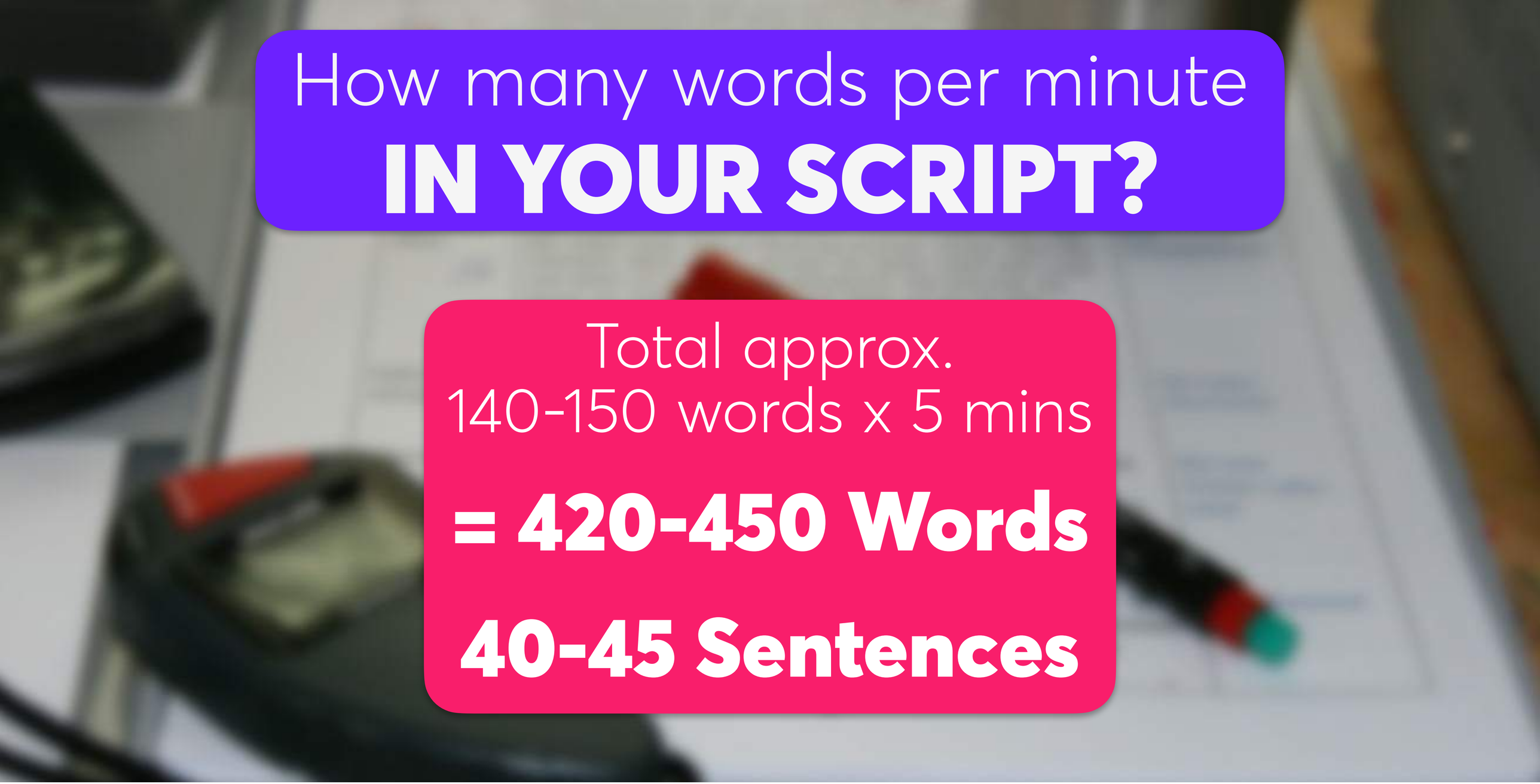


150 WORDS Maximum!

= 8-9 sentences



How many words per minute **IN YOUR SCRIPT?**

Total approx.
140-150 words x 5 mins

= 420-450 Words

40-45 Sentences

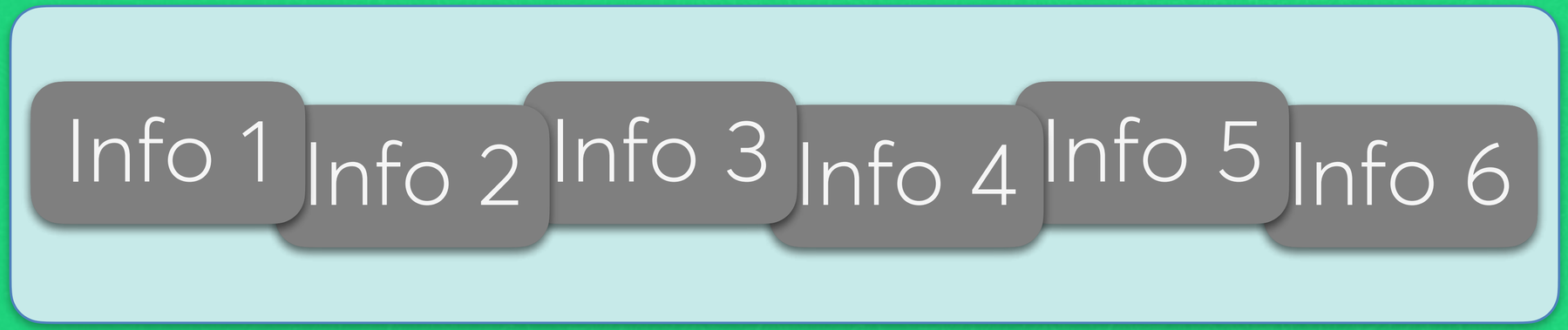

143
Words/min



The **No.1** Reason why **PEOPLE GET CONFUSED?**

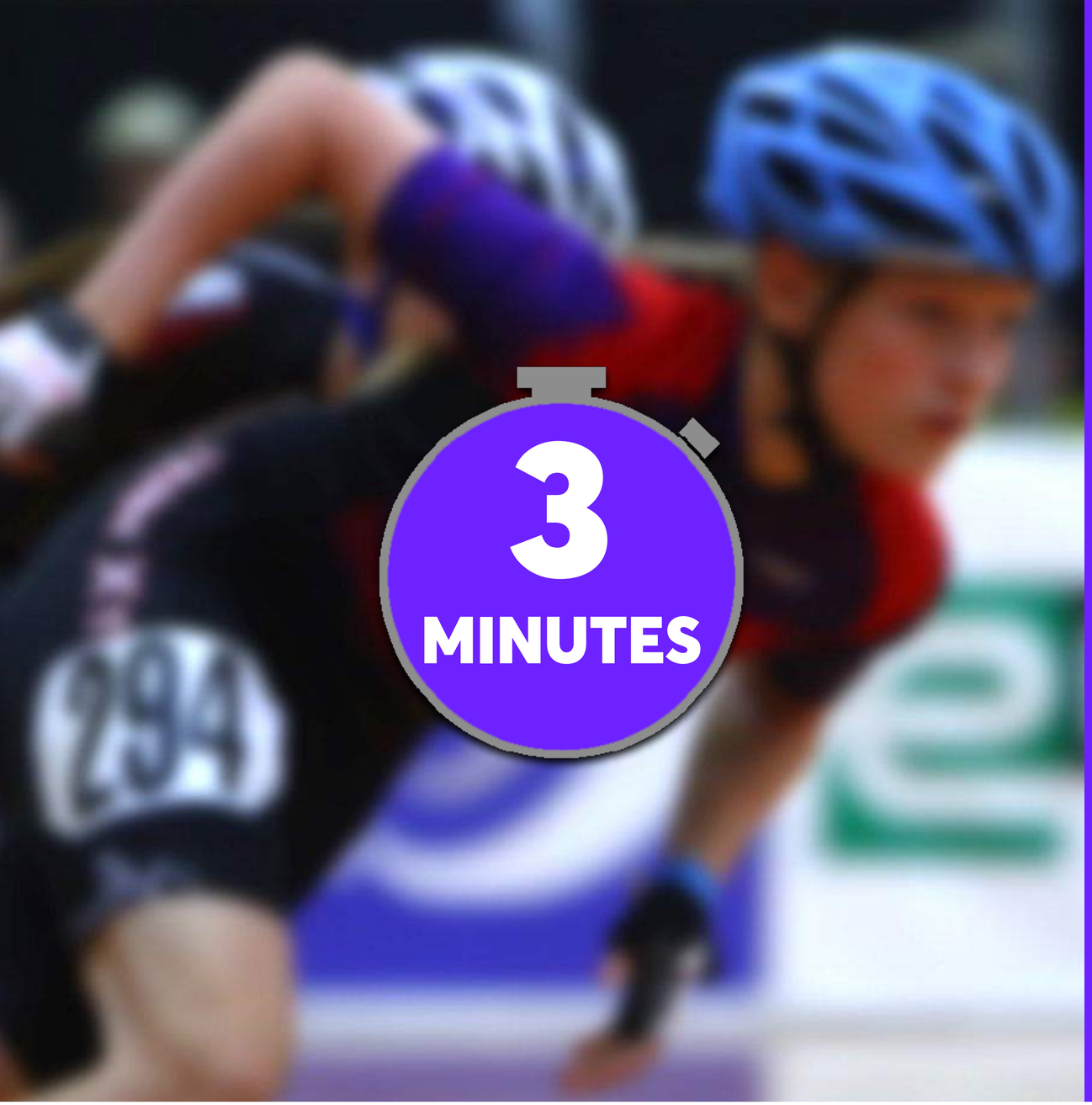

Not enough **AIR** around
THE IMPORTANT POINTS

Information **flowing into** each other



AIR in-between each **separate** piece of information





ACTION STEP

Tell your Handshake Pitch
to one other person, **focusing on;**

Speed
Not too fast

Air
Around separate pieces of information

No feedback required
Just tell it, and see how it goes



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TOOLS

How do we usually create **A NEW PITCH?**



A **NEW WAY** to create **A NEW PITCH!**



WHO'S YOUR AUDIENCE?

What do they **CARE** about?



Make a profile of your audience

Fillable pdf downloads available

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WHAT'S YOUR OBJECTIVE?

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

Action, not just thinking



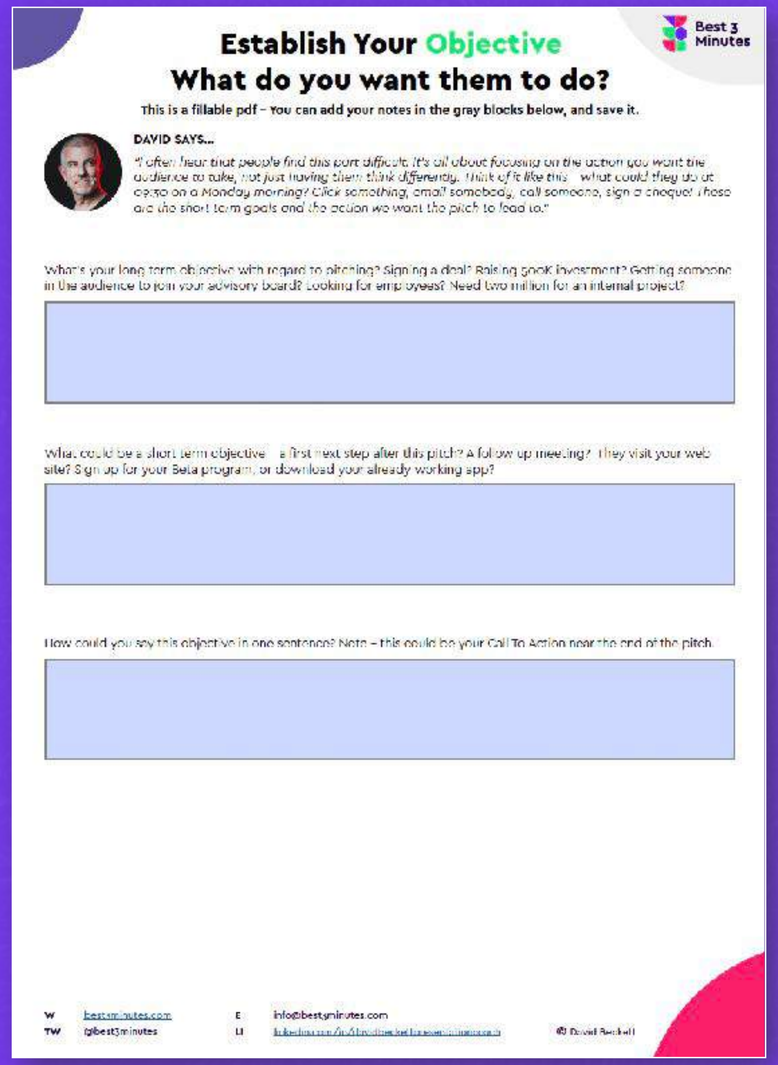
WHAT'S YOUR OBJECTIVE?

Provide **introductions**

Agree to a **pilot**

Plan a **follow up** meeting

Sign a **deal!**



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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?




STOP!!!

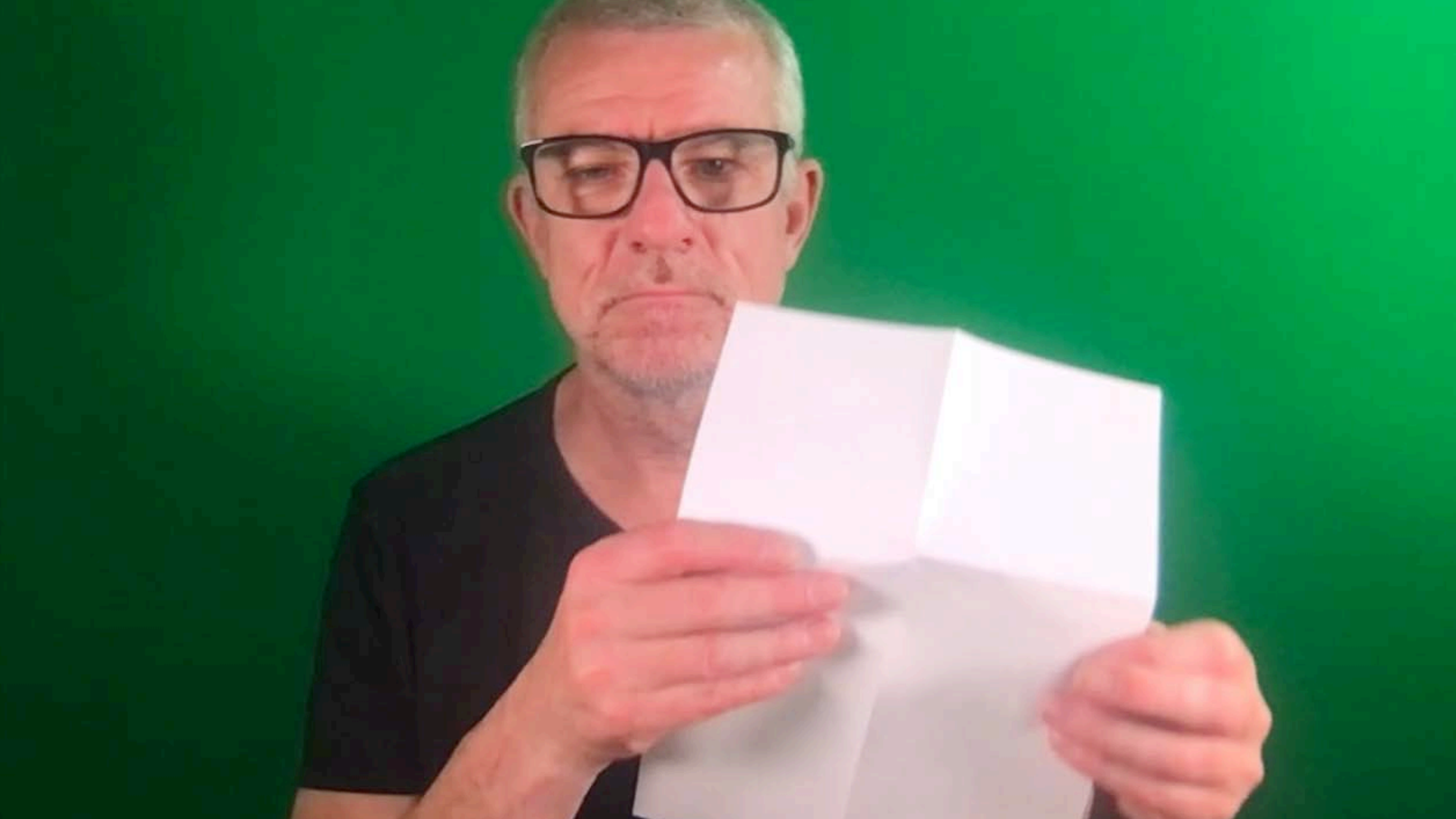


Don't Open **POWERPOINT**

Until you **know** what you are going to **say...**



Use POST-IT NOTES To Build Your Storyline





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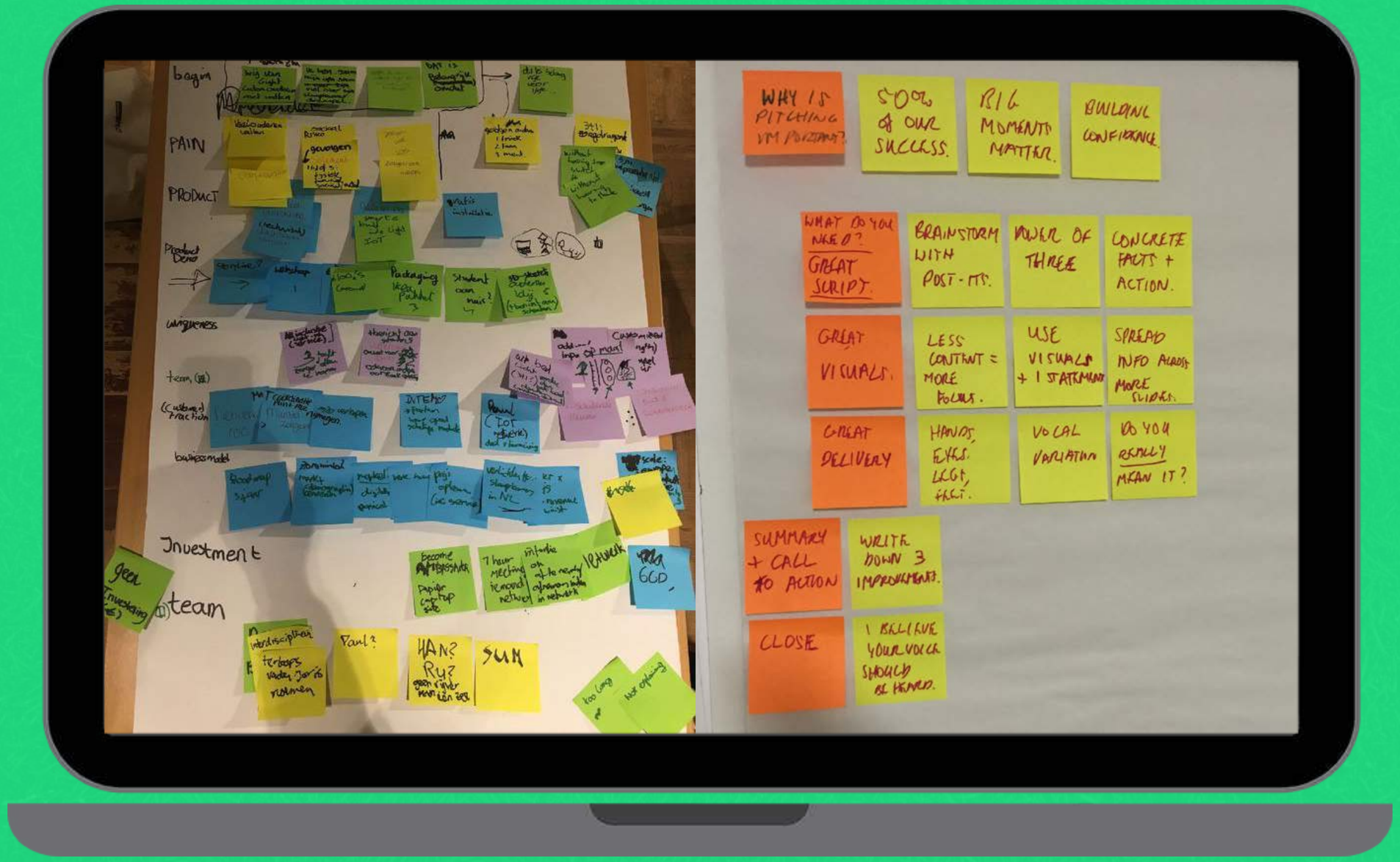

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ADAM GRANT

Brainstorm for **VARIETY**

Filter for **QUALITY**







Today:

Just sketch it out on paper

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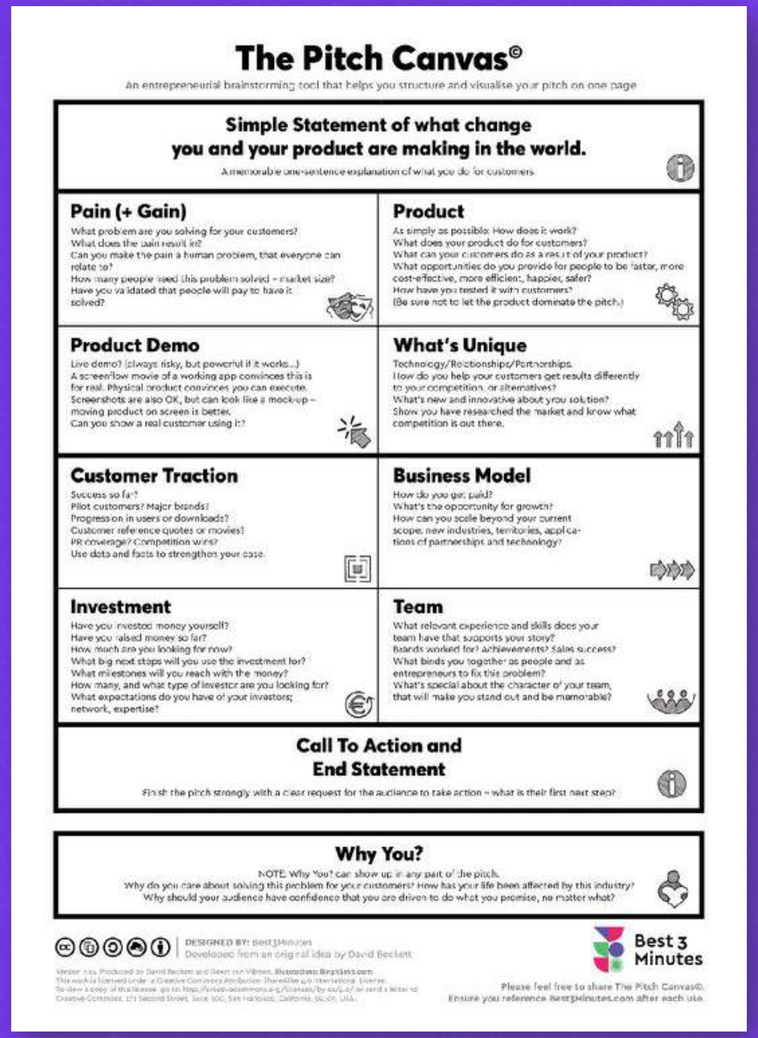

The Pitch Canvas©

An entrepreneurial brainstorming tool that helps you structure and visualise your pitch on one page

Simple Statement of what change you and your product are making in the world.

A memorable one-sentence explanation of what you do for customers

Pain (+ Gain)

What problem are you solving for your customers?
What does the pain result in?
Can you make the pain a human problem, that everyone can relate to?
How many people need this problem solved = market size?
Have you validated that people will pay to have it solved?

Product

As simply as possible: How does it work?
What does your product do for customers?
What can your customers do as a result of your product?
What opportunities do you provide for people to be faster, more cost-effective, more efficient, happier, safer?
How have you tested it with customers?
(Be sure not to let the product dominate the pitch.)

Product Demo

Live demo? (always risky, but powerful if it works...)
A screen/flow movie of a working app convinces this is for real. Physical product convinces you can execute.
Screenshots are also OK, but can look like a mock-up – moving product on screen is better.
Can you show a real customer using it?

What's Unique

Technology/Relationships/Partnerships.
How do you help your customers get results differently to your competition, or alternatives?
What's new and innovative about your solution?
Show you have researched the market and know what competition is out there.

Customer Traction

Success so far?
Pilot customers? Major brands?
Progress on in users or downloads?
Customer reference quotes or movies?
PR coverage? Competition wins?
Use data and facts to strengthen your case.

Business Model

How do you get paid?
What's the opportunity for growth?
How can you scale beyond your current scope: new industries, territories, applications of partnerships and technology?

Investment

Have you invested money yourself?
Have you raised money so far?
How much are you looking for now?
What big next steps will you use the investment for?
What milestones will you reach with the money?
How many, and what type of investor are you looking for?
What expectations do you have of your investors; network, expertise?

Team

What relevant experience and skills does your team have that supports your story?
Brands worked for? Achievements? Sales success?
What binds you together as people and as entrepreneurs to fix this problem?
What's special about the character of your team, that will make you stand out and be memorable?

Call To Action and End Statement

Finish the pitch strongly with a clear request for the audience to take action – what is their first next step?

Why You?

NOTE: Why You? can show up in any part of the pitch.
Why do you care about solving this problem for your customers? How has your life been affected by this industry?
Why should your audience have confidence that you are driven to do what you promise, no matter what?

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THE PAIN



THE PRODUCT



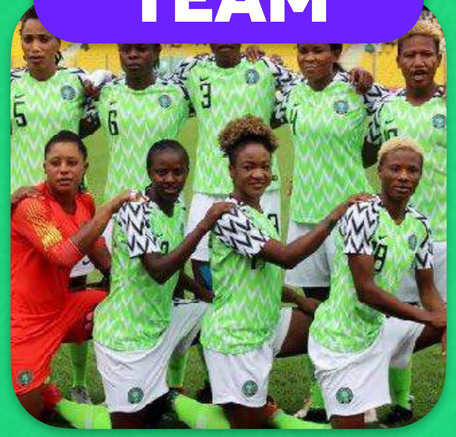
WHAT'S UNIQUE



TRACTION/ VALIDATION



THE TEAM



THE ASK



WHY YOU?




Create a 30-40 second
PITCH OF THE PAIN!



PAIN

What is the **problem** you solve?

The **Why** of the product



PAIN

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

Two kinds of

PAIN EXPLANATIONS THAT WORK



Quantified Story



Personal Story



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 Amsterdam, Berlin & Tokyo, over **300 Million** drivers take more than **20 minutes** to find a parking space…"



Lost time?

More cost?

Complex steps?

Irritation?

Lost customers?

Bad reputation?

Put a number on it!



For impact focused startups

Co2 emissions?

Kilos of plastic?

Damage to environment?

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

Be specific
PUT A NUMBER ON IT

"It wastes a lot of time"

"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

"It creates unnecessary CO2"

"There is too much energy inefficiency "

"It creates **X Thousand** Tonnes CO2"

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


Be specific
PUT A NUMBER ON IT
nuventura
Reducing Greenhouse Gases


nuventura
Getting rid of SF,
04:53
04:53


ASSETA
eBay for Capital Equipment
5 seconds

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THE CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE
VOXMEDIA
THE PITCH
with Josh Muccio
0:00 / 49:21
$1.4 MILLION Raised | Incredible Journey of Autistic Founder
The Pitch Show
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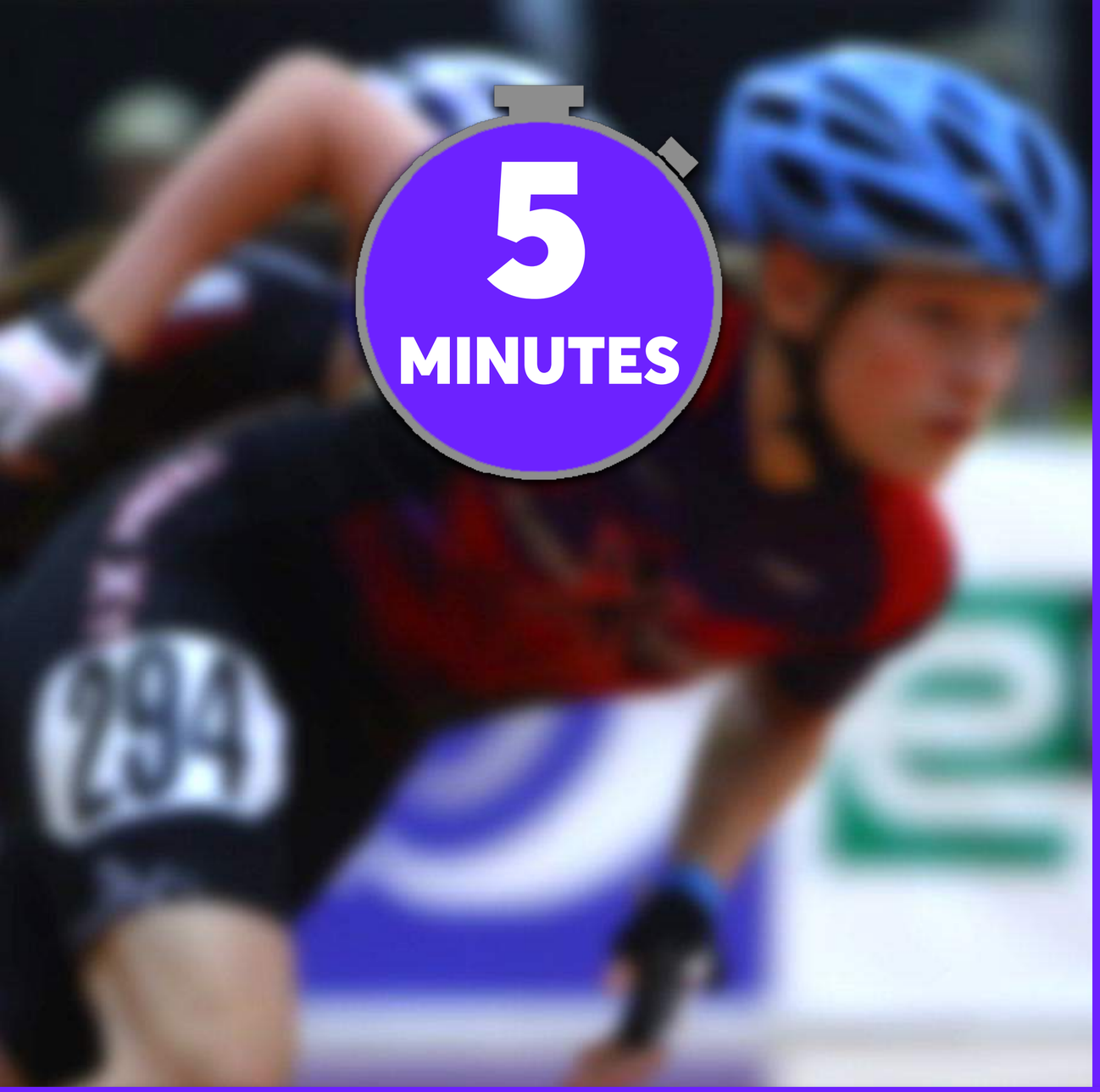

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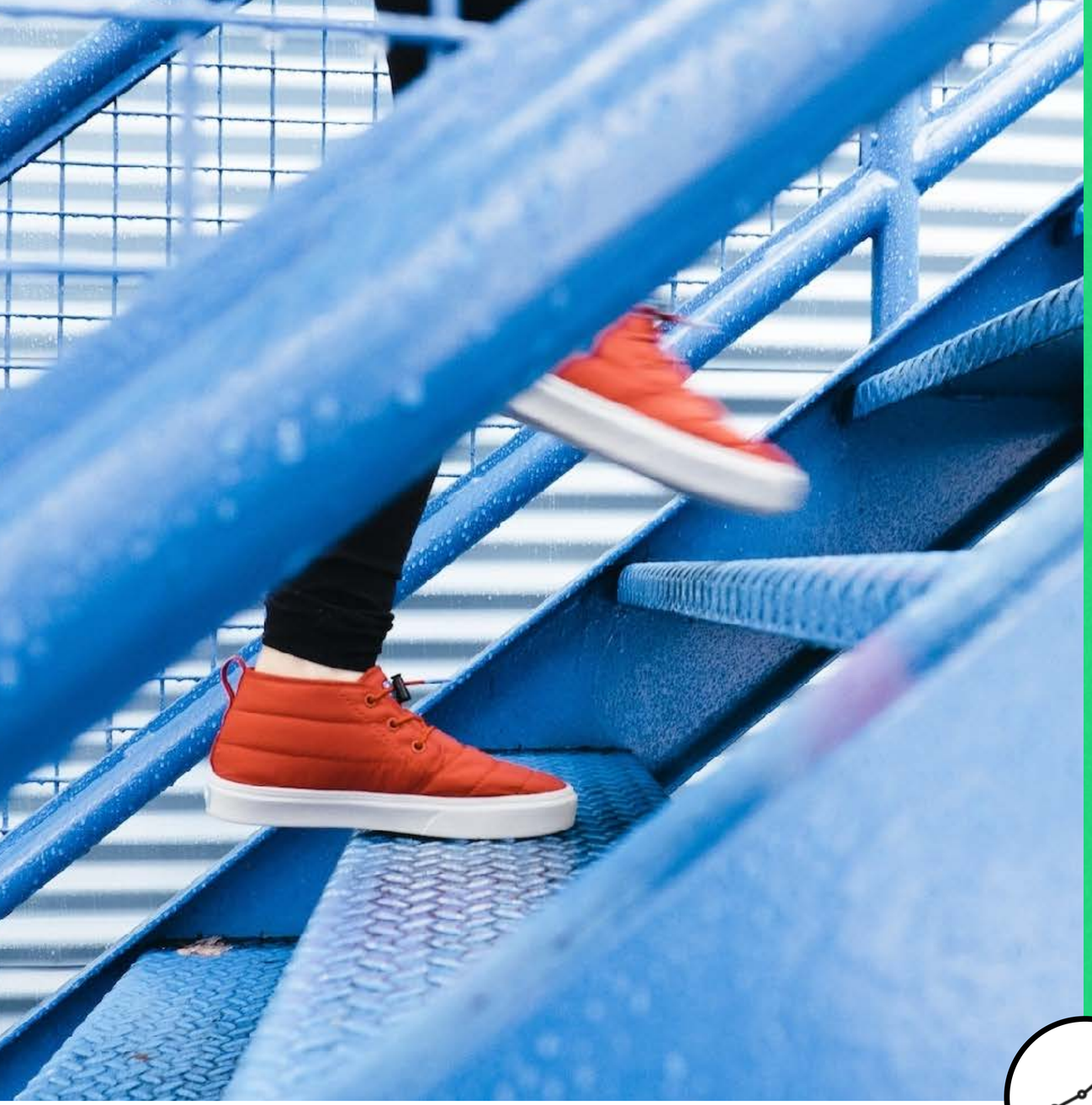
Friendly advice for improvement



PROOF/ TRACTION

Who's already **buying**?

Recognisable brands?

Numbers of users or customers? **Growth?**



EARLY STAGE VALIDATION

Customer **Interviews**?

Pilots, Proof of Concepts, **Partnerships?**

How have you **engaged** with potential **customers**?



Q: What's the most **important** thing in a **Startup**?



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A:TEAM!


And yet... you never have
ENOUGH TIME

Pick out 2-3

MEMORABLE POINTS





TEAM

Who will make it happen?

Complimentary **Skills**?
Years of Experience?
Previous startups/exits?

Shared **Purpose?**

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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Have you got the
main topics covered?

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Impact, Traction/Validation, Team,
The Ask, Why You

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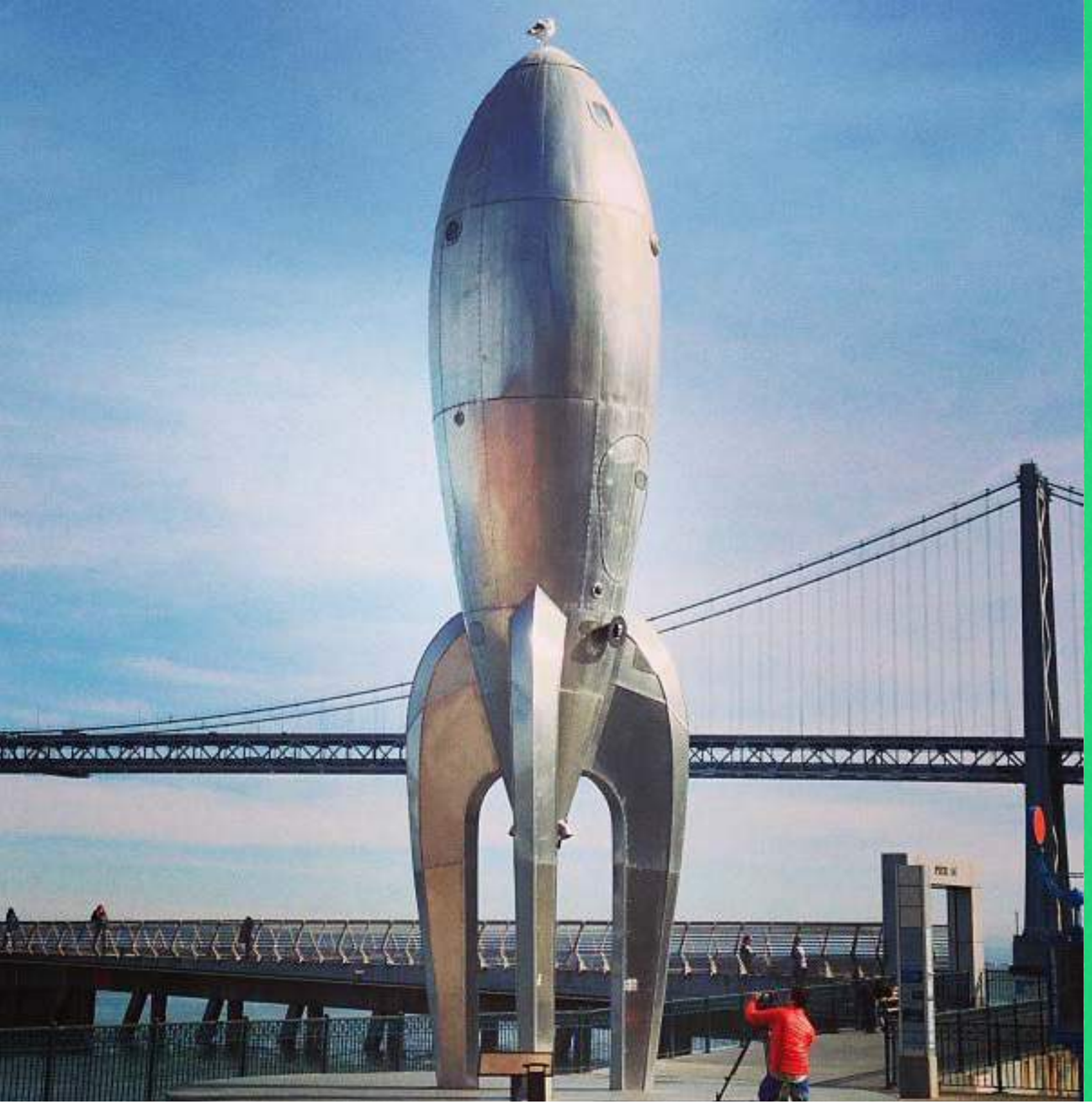
Make the first word count
OPEN POWERFULLY



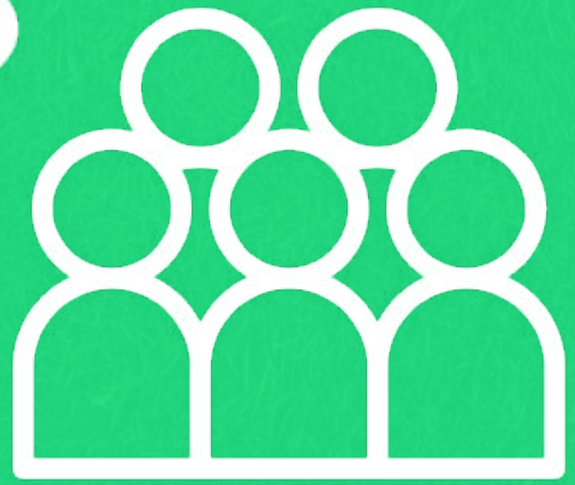
The first 20 seconds buys

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

How to open your pitch

WATCH THESE TWO VIDEOS!





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Making your story

FOCUSED & MEMORABLE


The Power of
THREE

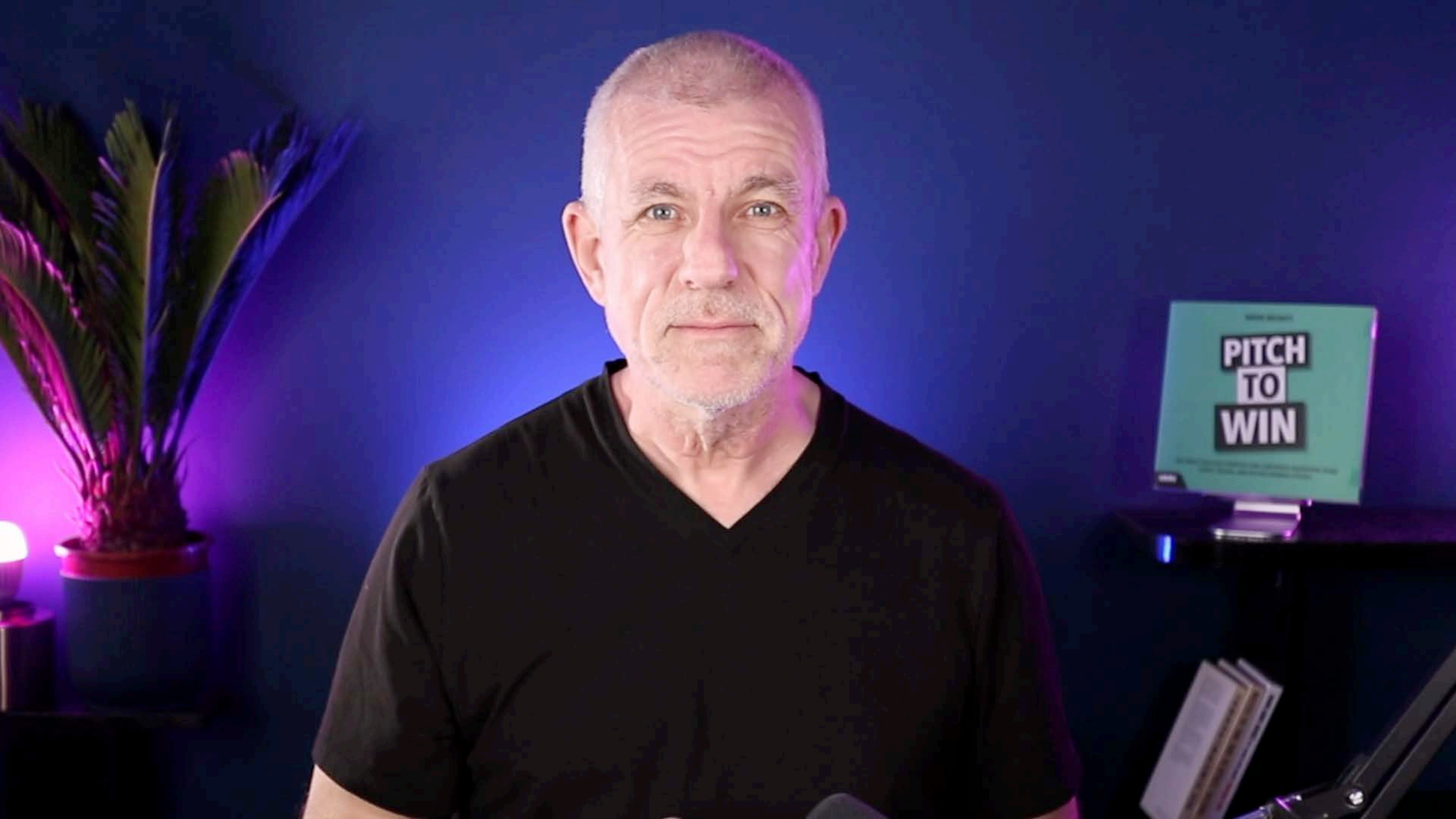
What happens if I say…

“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


Ryan Pandya (USA)
Muufri



ACTION STEP

Imagine:

They will only remember
3 things of this part of the story.

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

Write down the **3 most important**
things about your proposition;
1-2 sentences per item.



Finish your pitch

LIKE A TRUE PROFESSIONAL



The last thing you say is

THE 1st THING THEY REMEMBER

Make a plan for the

LAST 15 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!

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I've finished, you can clap now!

Pitch tools and

RESOURCES







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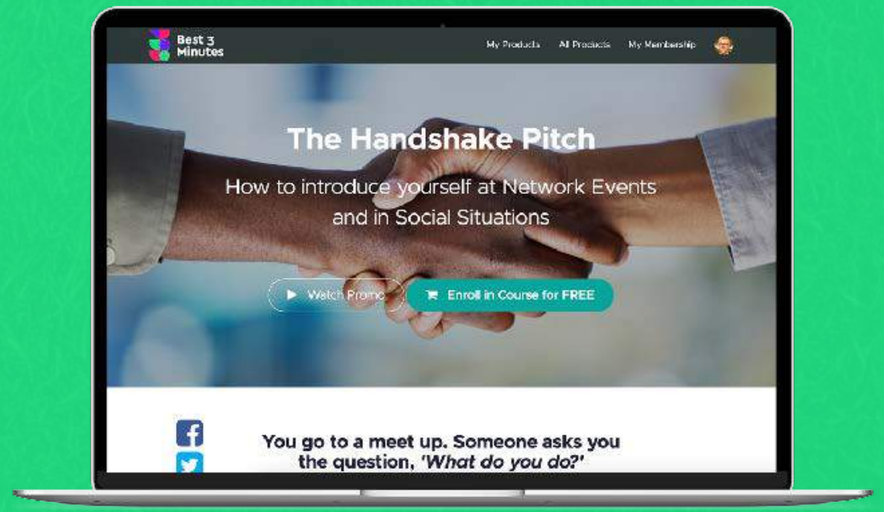

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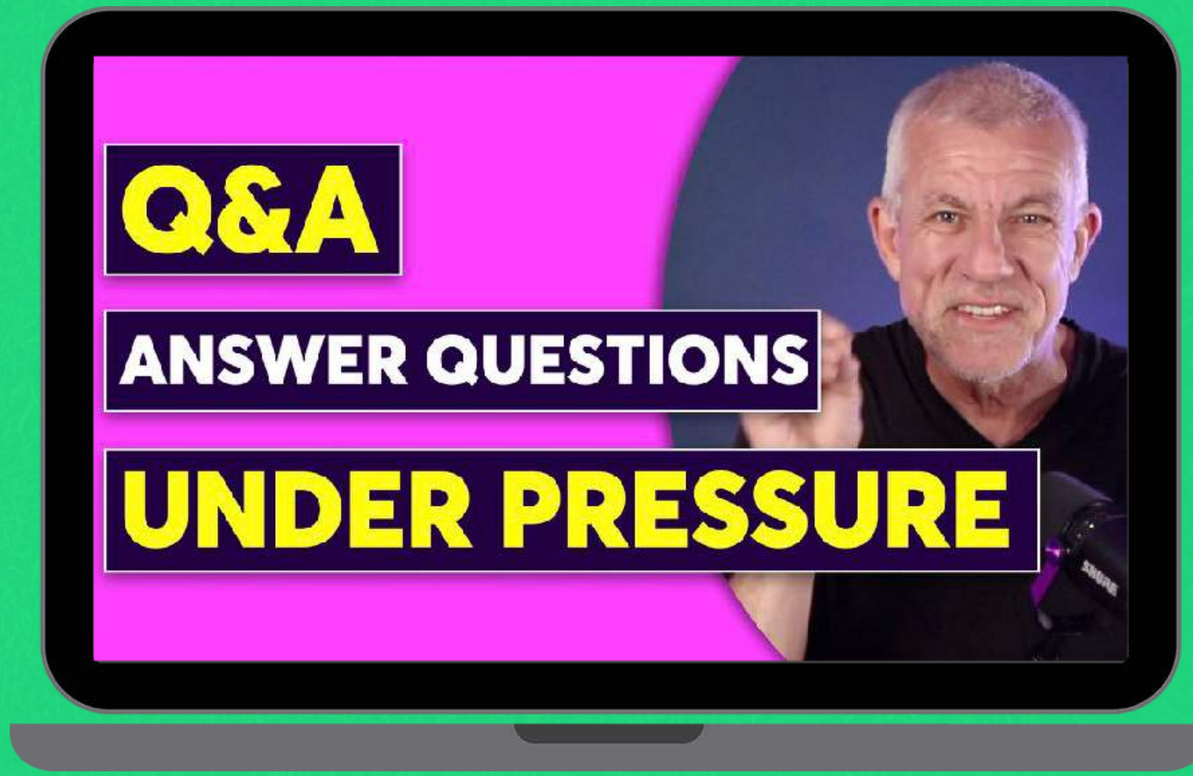

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