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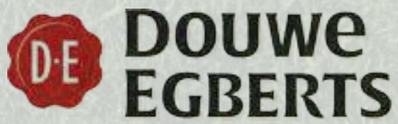










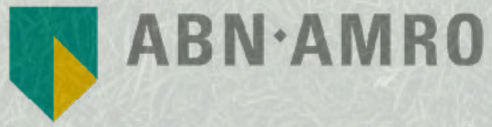



















We are all trying to
CONVINCE BUSY PEOPLE


Prepare you to
PRESENT TO LEADERSHIP
COLLEAGUES, EXTERNAL,
OTHER DEPARTMENTS

# The tightrope you walk
# IN PITCHES TO MANAGEMENT



"We understand the **detail** to manage the task **complexity**"

"We give you **clarity**, so you understand the **value proposition**"



Marketing Assistant

Canon



COUNTRY DIRECTOR






# LONG STORY

# SHORT



# This is a **DO** workshop

not just a think session



# ACTION STEP

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

**NOTE**:
You will be pitching to
one other person in
**Break-Out Rooms**

You will receive

# SLIDES AND MANY MATERIALS













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QUESTIONS?
Please ask
IN THE CHAT OR WITH VOICE!

Hmm…
sounds **Ok** but…
I don't think that works in
**real life**… in the **meetings**
**that I have**…



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Please
**CHALLENGE!**




# THE PLAN

Tools and Frameworks for
how to **build**, **test** and **improve**
any pitch or presentation

Practical **Exercises** to put the tools
straight into **action**

**Approximate plan**

Session 1: 09:00-10:20
Session 2: 10:30-12:00
Session 3: 12:45-14:15
Session 4: 14:30-16:00
Session 5: 16:05-17:00

Final

# PRACTICAL STUFF

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**Link in the Chat!**

**Download the Workbook**



# ACTION STEP

Imagine, you're at an event
and are asked:
**"Tell me about you?"**

Pitch yourself in **30 Seconds**
(no one can hear you!)

**No Other Instructions**

# LET'S DO IT!



# ACTION STEP

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# HOW LONG DID YOU NEED?

**20 seconds?**



Only just got **started?**

**TICK, TOCK, TICK, TOCK**


What did you
TALK about?


Don't **know** your **Audience?**
No **time** to **Prepare?**


Don't **know** your **Audience?**
No **time** to **Prepare?**
How would you know
**WHAT TO SAY?**



**Who** are we pitching to?

**Why** are we pitching?

**What** should we pitch?

# What is **A PITCH?**

Which **3 words** you think of when you hear the word **'Pitch'?**

**Type** 3 words in the **Chat**



**David Beckett**

A Pitch is a **Time-Pressured** Presentation about **Solving** a Problem, with a **Clear Ask,** and a **Personal Edge.**

# When are we **PITCHING?**

Any time you want to **persuade** someone to **take action**


QUESTIONS?
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# What we'll cover **TODAY**



**The Most Frequent Pitch You Ever Make**



**What Goes Wrong in Meetings with Leadership (and How to Fix it)**



**Create and Test a 2-Minute Pitch**

# The most frequent pitch
# YOU WILL EVER MAKE




2




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


The Question...
"WHAT DO YOU
"
"WHAT DO YOU SOLVE?"


"WHAT DO YOU SOLVE?"
"What is the
RESULT of WHAT YOU DO?"

So let's

# IMAGINE


You're joining a
NETWORK EVENT

# The basis of
# ANY GREAT PITCH



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



They understand **EVERYTHING...?**

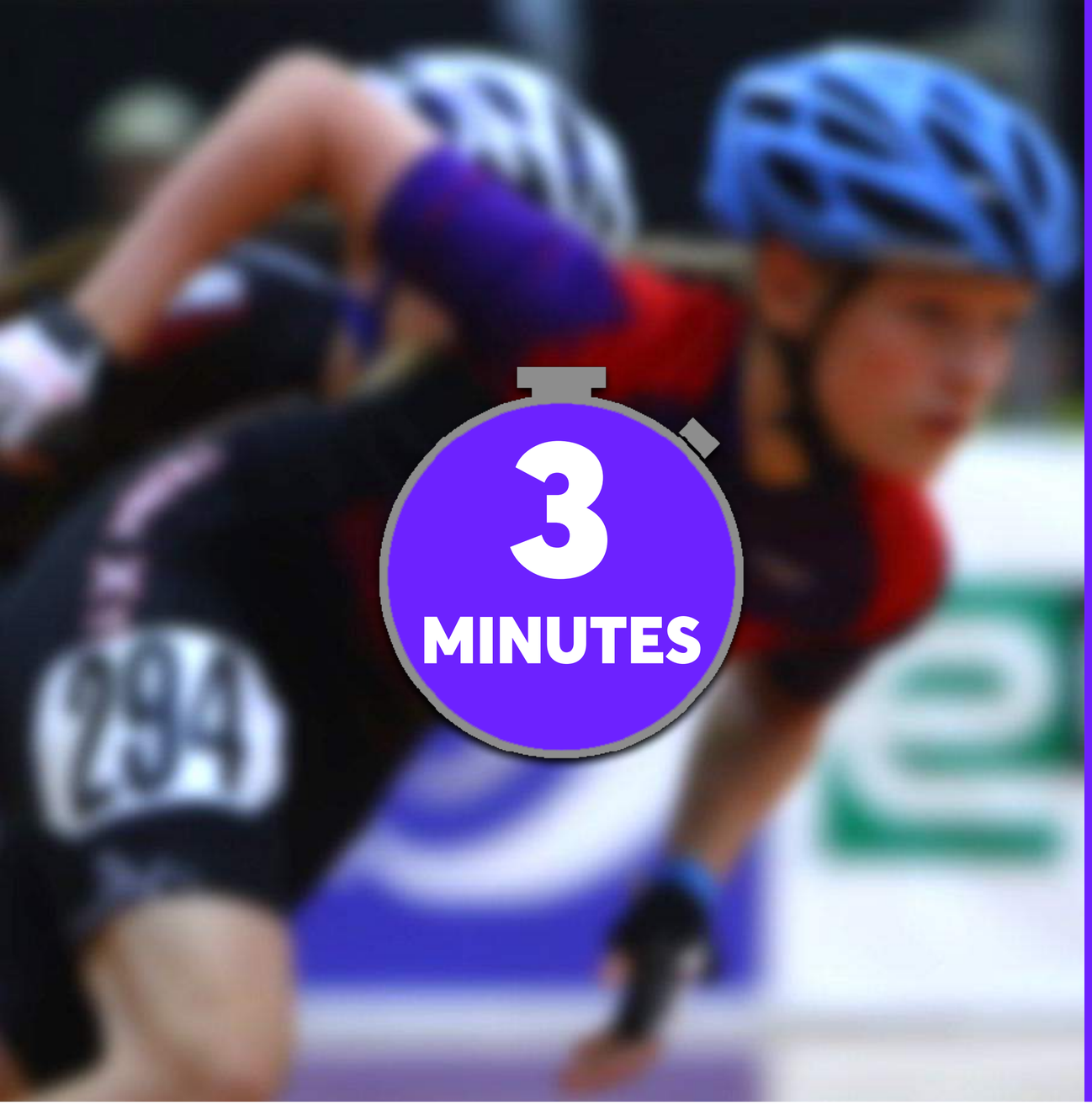
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**Someone** who **doesn't know much** about your role



They ask
**Questions**




# ACTION STEP

**Write down your Handshake Pitch:**
25 seconds, 4 sentences

What do **you** do?

What kinds of **customers**?
(Internal/External)

What **problems** do they face?

What's **unique** about how you solve those problems?



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# ACTION STEP

## *Improve* your Handshake Pitch:

25 seconds, 4 sentences

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# How to **talk** about **CUSTOMER PAINS**

What they're **struggling** with is…

They're **losing money** every day because…

What's driving them **crazy** is…

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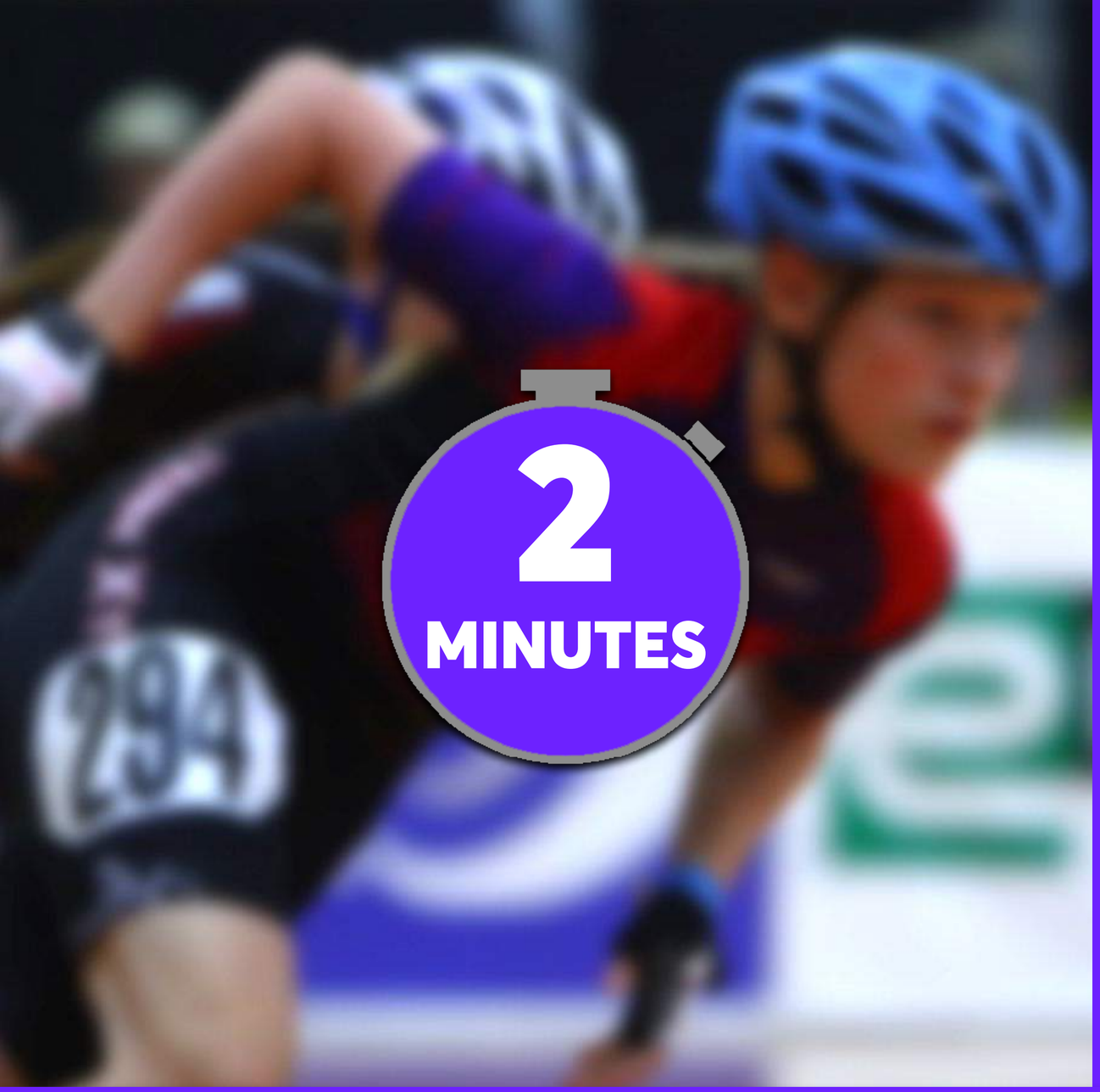
# How to **talk** about **CUSTOMER PAINS**

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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# ACTION STEP

**Test your Handshake Pitch:**

In Breakout Rooms, 2 per room

What do **you** do?

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Take one minute
TO REFLECT
Write down:
What did you learn?
From receiving and giving feedback?
What will you change?


Take one minute
TO REFLECT
Write down:
What did you learn?
From receiving and giving feedback?
What will you change?


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



# GET FEEDBACK



**What stood out?**



**What did you not understand?**



**Friendly advice for improvement**

10 mins

# 5 BREAK ENDS

# What we'll cover **TODAY**



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# Why do pitches to Senior Management **GO WRONG?**



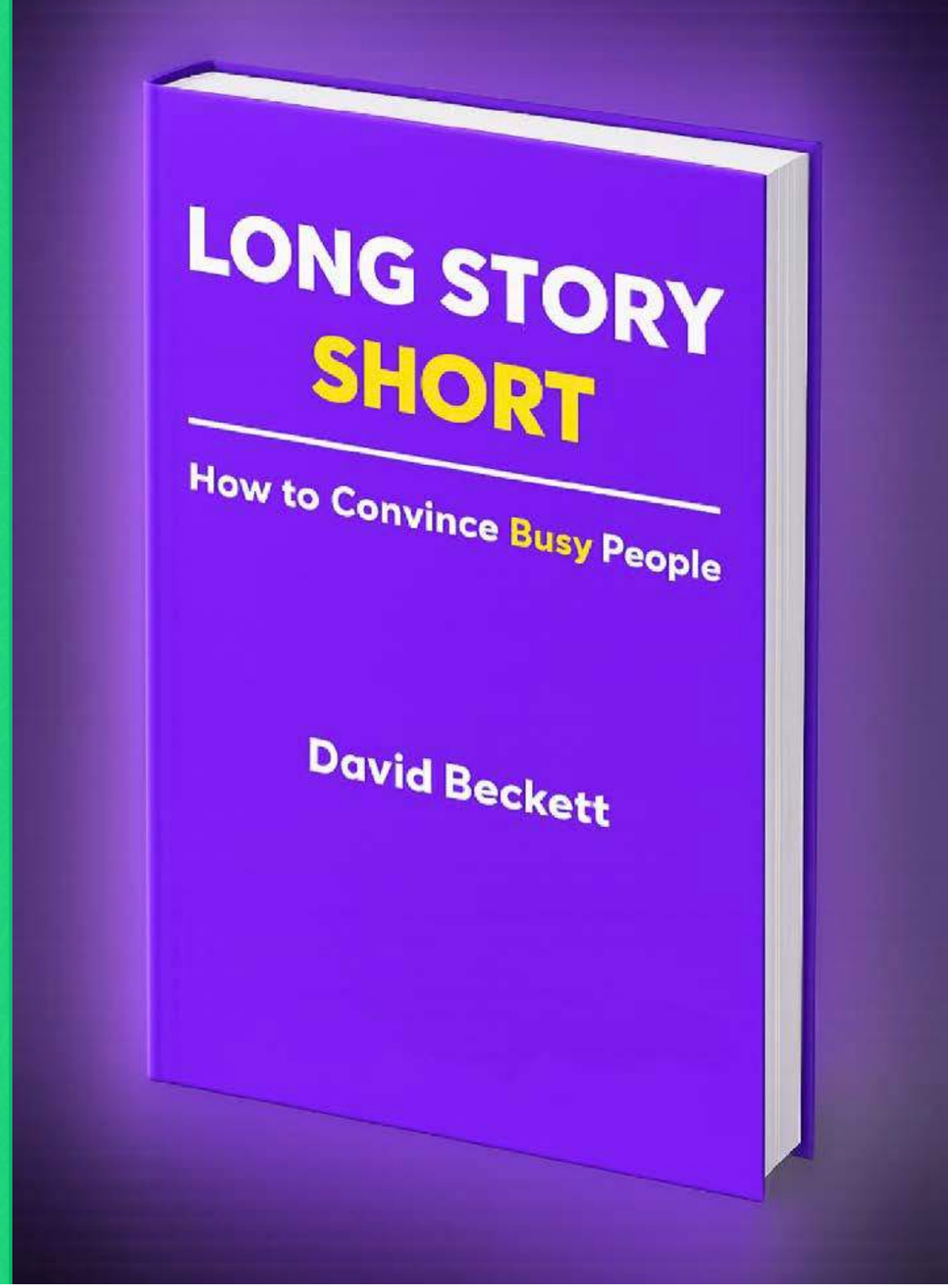

Senior Management
ARE BUSY PEOPLE

# My New Book

(To be published 2026)

I'm Interviewing

# SENIOR EXECUTIVES





Partner & BU Leader

pwc



Vice President Legal

tomtom



Executive Vice President

Capgemini



Strategic Planning Director

Canon



CEO NL

ENGIE



CEO NL

PARADOR



Founder & CEO

BT SOURCED



Executive Director & CEO, AEF

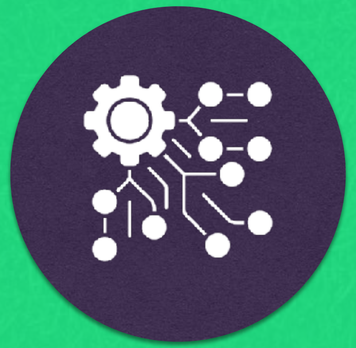
Alibaba

For many companies

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Too Much
**Information**



Focused on **Process**,
not **Value**



**Time**
Runs Out

For many companies

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No **clarity** on
key messages



Get caught up in
**data** and **detail**



Slides too
**complex**

For many companies

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**Gap:** what **they want,** vs.
what **we think** they want



**Gap:** How vs **Why**
Process vs **Value**

For most companies

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Time
**Runs Out**



Too much info =
**Can't finish** on time



Not enough time to
answer **questions**



Running out of time =
**less trust** from them,
**less confidence** for you

You can fix what goes wrong in

# THE FIRST 2-3 MINUTES



## Give them your BEST STUFF:

## the things THEY really care about

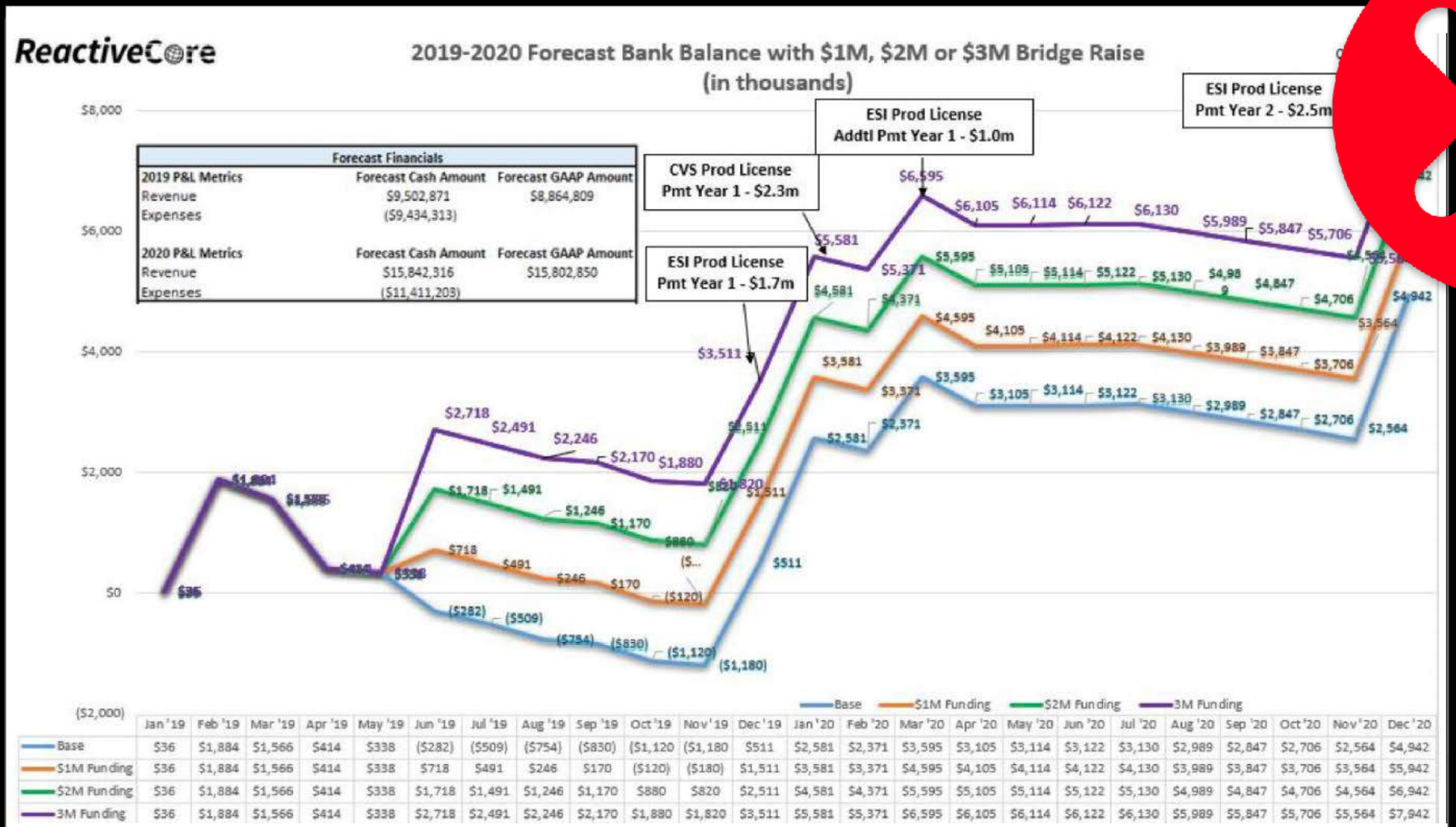
# Agenda

- Introduction to the project
- The research we did
- How we set up the project
- The SWOT analysis
- The Project Plan for the coming years
- Key milestones across the project plan
- The Resource analysis to bring it to fruition
- Longer term horizon to see where we go next
- Summary and questions

ReactiveCore

# 2019-2020 Forecast Bank Balance with $1M, $2M or $3M Bridge Raise
(in thousands)

| Forecast Financials | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2019 P&L Metrics | Forecast Cash Amount | Forecast GAAP Amount |
| Revenue | $9,502,871 | $8,864,809 |
| Expenses | ($9,434,313) | |
| 2020 P&L Metrics | Forecast Cash Amount | Forecast GAAP Amount |
| Revenue | $15,842,316 | $15,802,850 |
| Expenses | ($11,411,203) | |

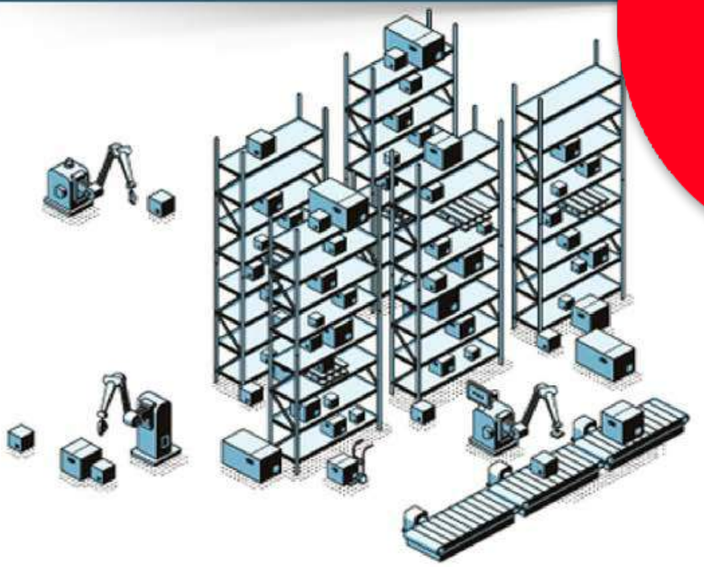



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| Base | $36 | $1,884 | $1,566 | $414 | $338 | ($282) | ($509) | ($754) | ($830) | ($1,120 | ($1,180 | $511 | $2,581 | $2,371 | $3,595 | $3,105 | $3,114 | $3,122 | $3,130 | $2,989 | $2,847 | $2,706 | $2,564 | $4,942 |
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# INDUSTRIAL RACKING SYSTEMS MARKE

## Asia Pacific Industrial Racking Systems Market (US$ Mn), 2018



## Global Industrial Racking Systems Market Share, By System Type, 2018




## Global Industrial Racking Systems Market, (US$ Mn) 2018 to 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| 2018 | $ 10,179.2 Mn |
| 2026 | $ 15,186.1 Mn |

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# Project Phases Planning




| Key Milestones | Completed by | |
|---|---|---|
| | 4Q 2023 | 1Q 2024 |
| Developing a detailed project plan, including timelines and resources. | 15 Oct | |
| Reaching milestones in the development of a new product or service. | 20 Dec | |
| Reaching savings, investment, or debt reduction targets. | | 2 Jan |
| Building a functional prototype of the product & Ensuring the product meets quality standards. | | 12 Feb |
| Reaching key construction milestones like framing, roofing, and finishing. | | 18 Apr |


Tell them the **headlines** of what
THEY WANT TO KNOW

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The **Problem**
you are solving



What you **Propose**
to do to solve it



What will **Improve**
as a result



The **Problem**
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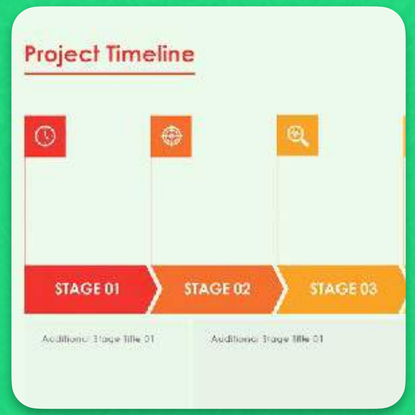
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**Proof** that it
will work




**Timeline** and
next steps



**Resources**:
money, time

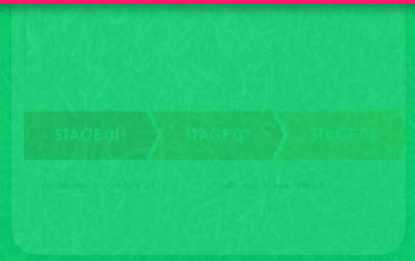
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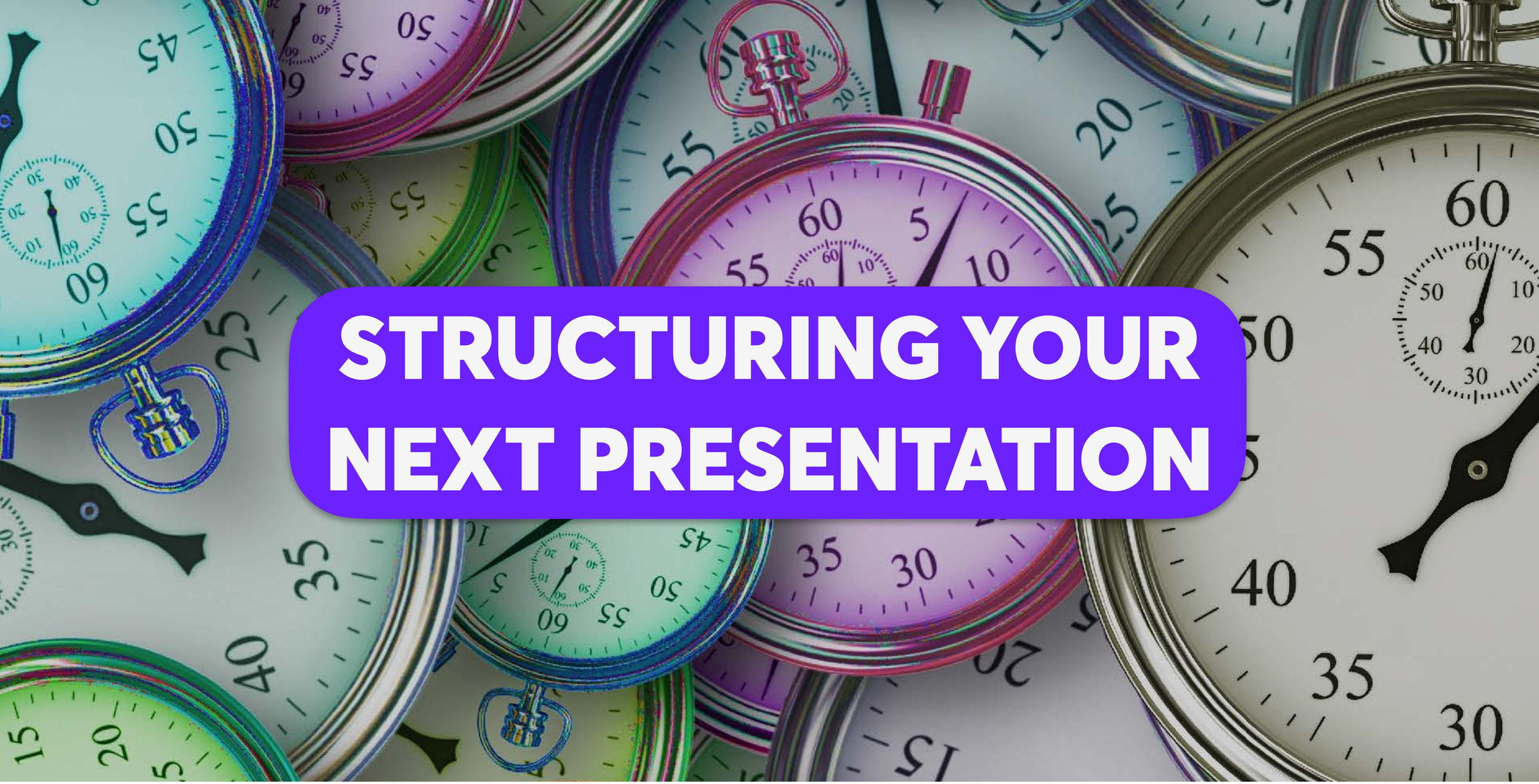


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## And tell them **QUICK!**


STRUCTURING YOUR
NEXT PRESENTATION

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

| Presentation | Q&A |
| --- | --- |
| **20 Mins** | **10 Mins** |

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

| Meeting Tech | Presentation | Q&A |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **3 Mins** | **25 Mins** | **5 Mins** |

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

Meeting Tech **3 Mins**

Presentation **5 Mins**

I'm going to make a **5 minute presentation**
Then I'd love to **answer all your questions**

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

Meeting Tech
**3 Mins**

Presentation
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Q&A
**15 Mins**

Ask the magic question… 🪄

**What would you like to know more about?**

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

| Meeting Tech **3 Mins** | Presentation **5 Mins** | Q&A **15 Mins** | Next Steps **3-4 Mins** |
|---|---|---|---|

We're having a good conversation, I'm conscious of **Your Time**… Shall we **plan next steps?**

When under time pressure...

# AND THAT'S ALMOST ALWAYS!

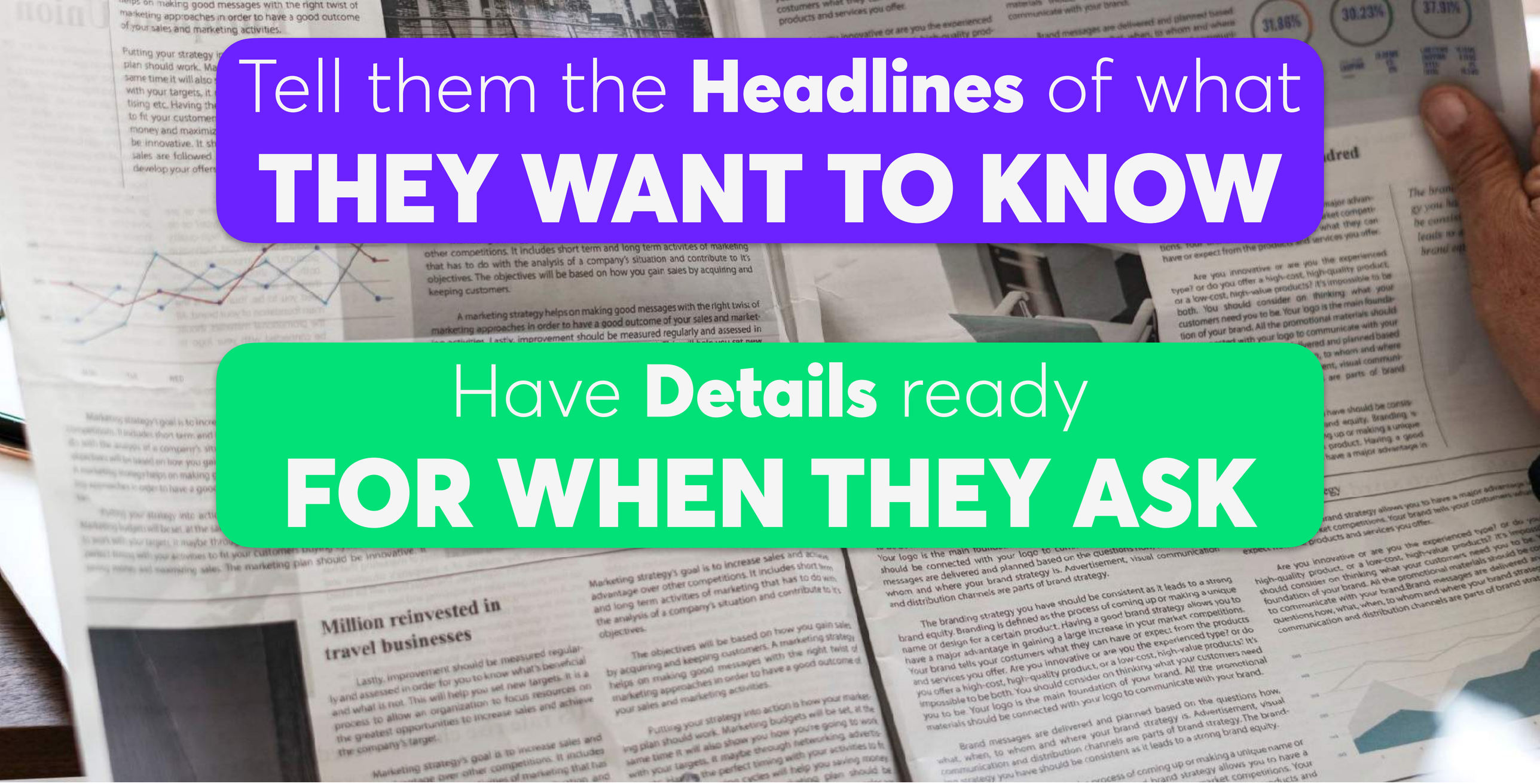


**CLARITY FIRST**



**DETAILS ON DEMAND**

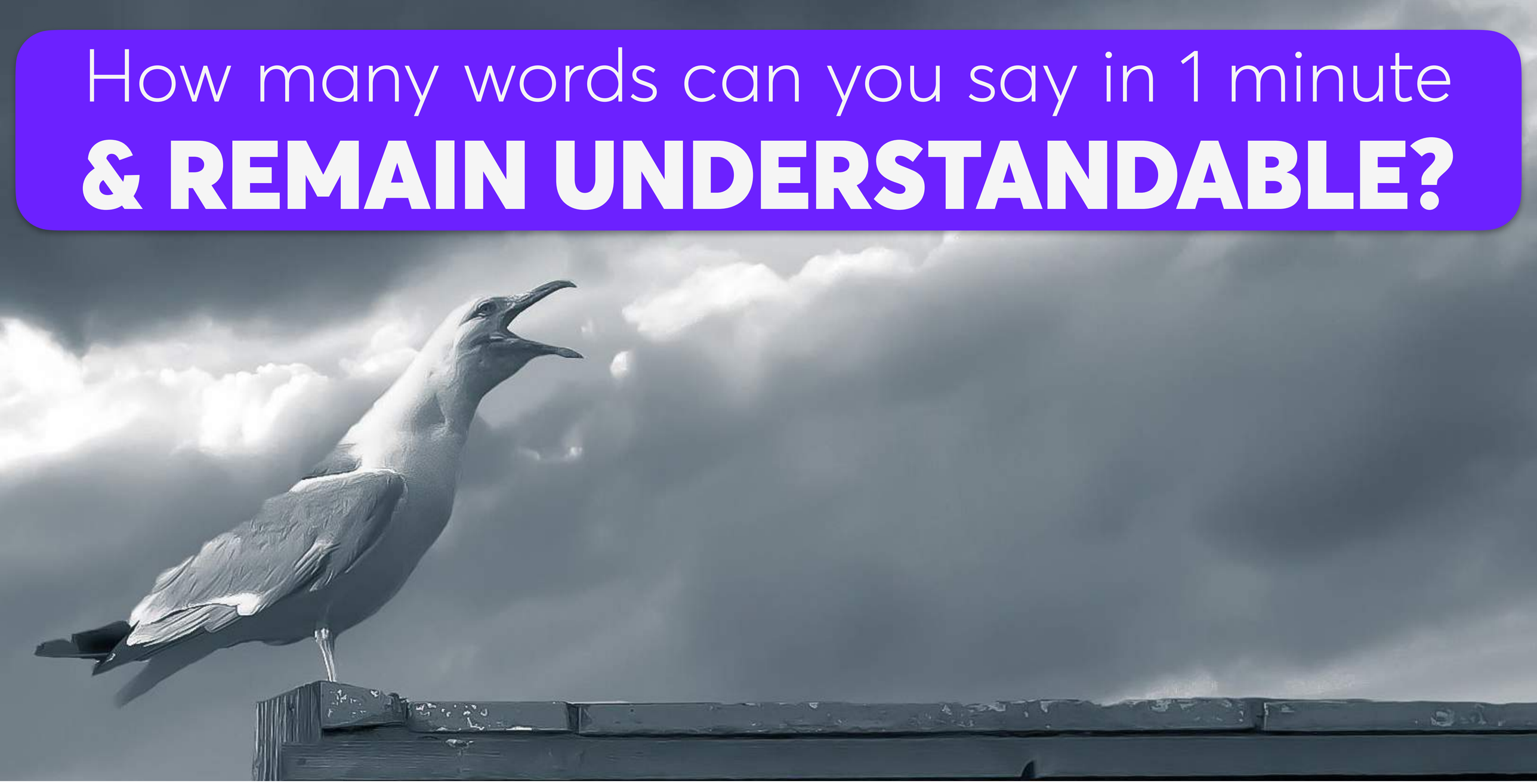

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Have **Details** ready
FOR WHEN THEY ASK

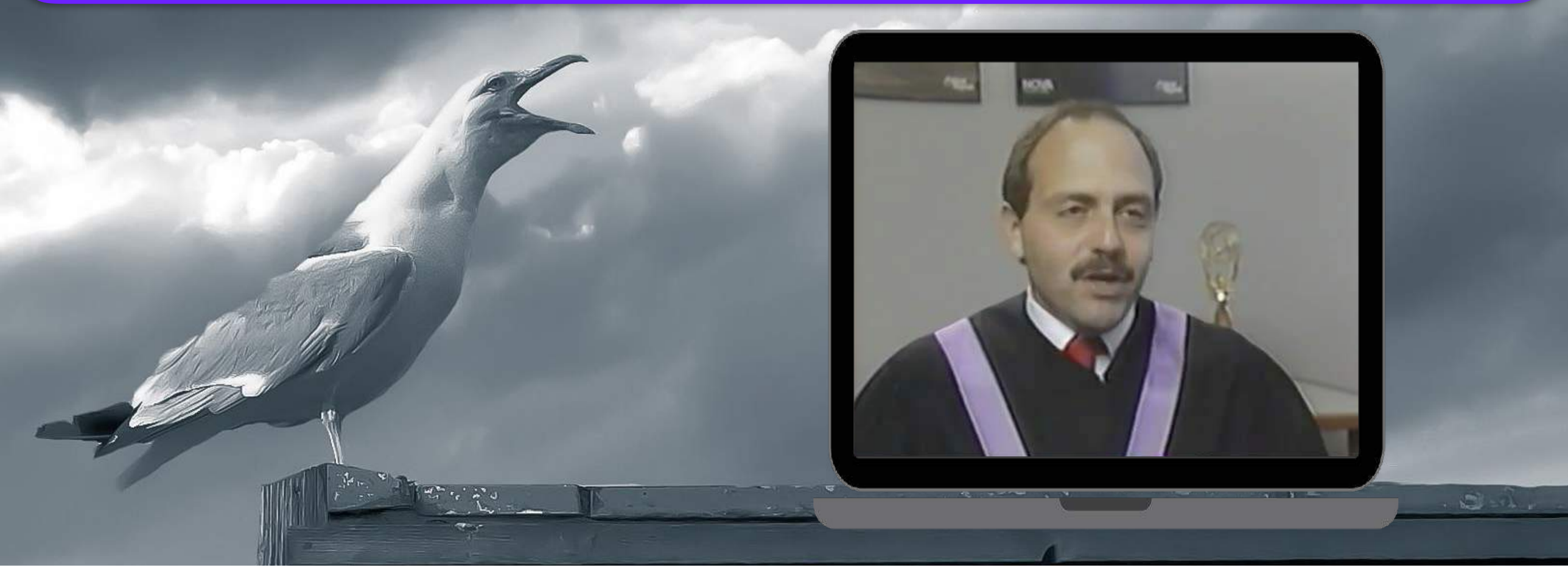

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Let's talk about
TIME

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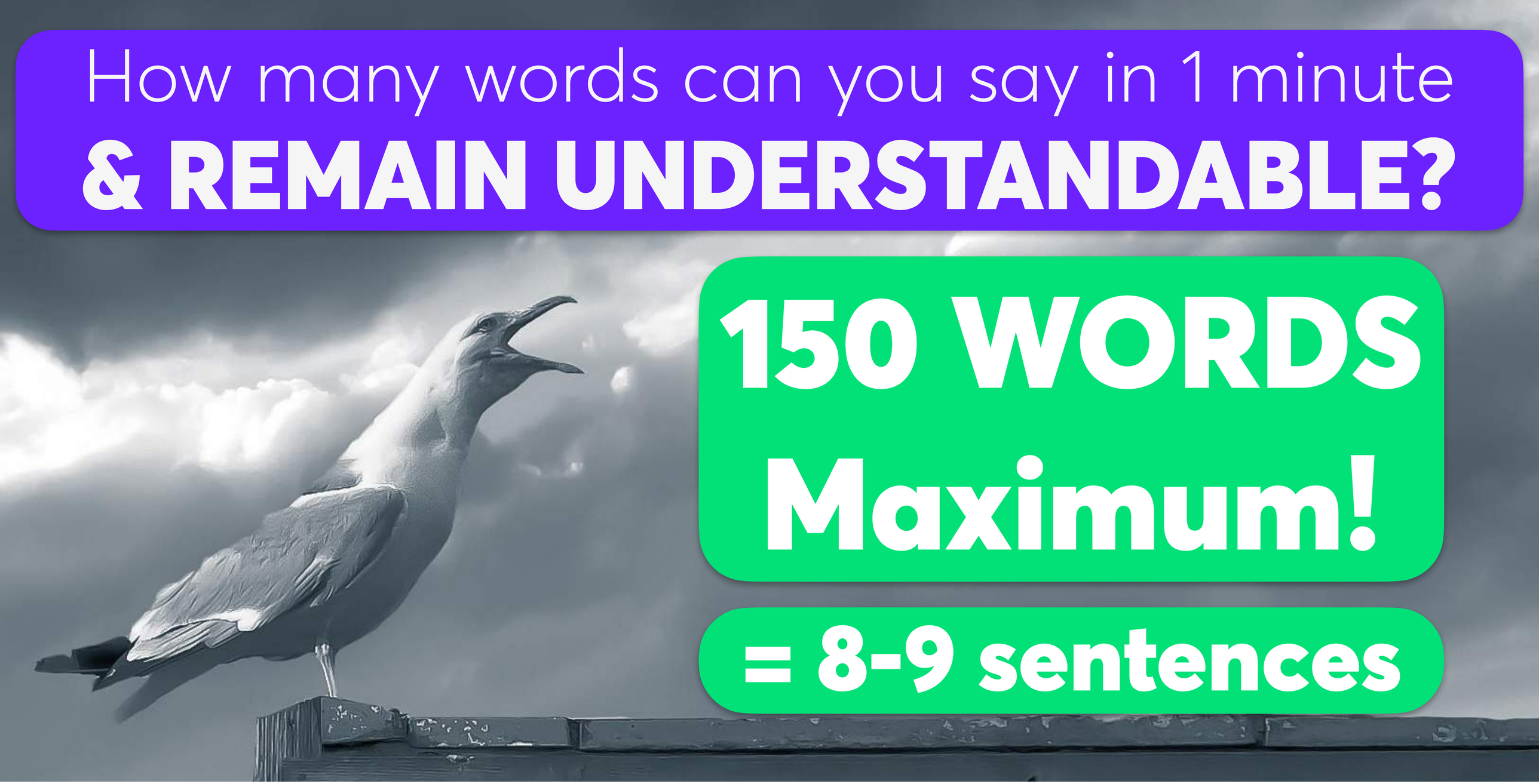
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## 150 WORDS Maximum!

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



**150 WORDS Maximum!**

**= 8-9 sentences**


5 Minute Pitch?
40-45 SENTENCES


143
Words/min

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We're going to work on a
2-MINUTE PITCH

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
you need to **persuade**
someone to **take action**)



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




Let's do some
THINKING FIRST

# 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**



# The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model



Who is your
**AUDIENCE**



# WHO'S YOUR AUDIENCE?

What do they **Care** about?

What do they **Know?**

What do they **Expect?**




# 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 low-detail?

What do they **already** know?

What might be their biggest **objection?**



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# Make a profile of your audience

Fillable pdf downloads available

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# The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model

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

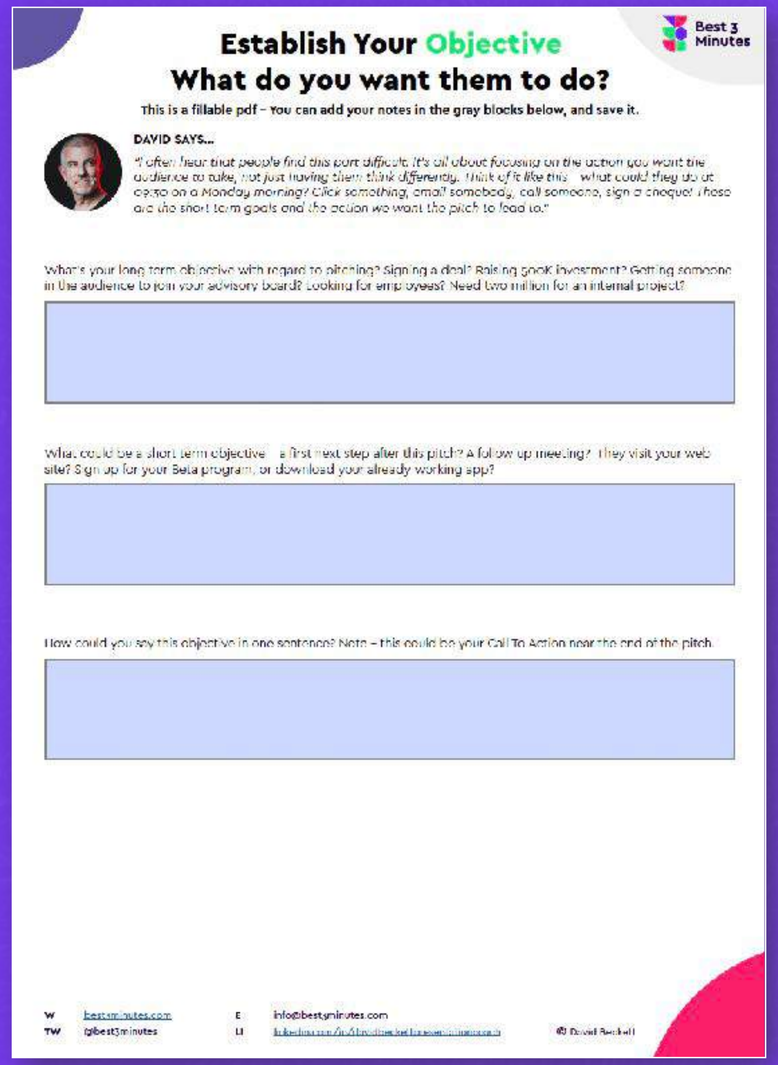
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Focus on **Action** - not just thinking differently



## Establish Your Objective
## What do you want them to do?

Best 3 Minutes

**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! Those 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 seed 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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QUESTIONS?
Please ask
IN THE CHAT OR WITH VOICE!

# Time For

# LUNCH

## Be back at: 12:45

15 mins

# 5 BREAK ENDS

# The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model









How do you create

# YOUR STORYLINE?

Process

# HOW?

Content

# WHAT?




STOP!


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


For this workshop
WRITE & SKETCH



# Use POST-IT NOTES To Build Your Storyline




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For this workshop
WRITE & SKETCH

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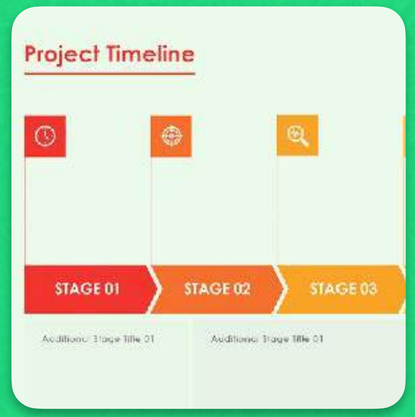
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How can you tell all of this
IN JUST 2 MINUTES?







# How to build this 2 Minute Pitch

**Step One:** Brainstorm widely, 5-7 (or more) points on each topic

**Step Two:** Narrow down the story to **max. THREE POINTS ON EACH TOPIC**

**Proof** that it will work

**Timeline** and next steps

**Resources**: money, time



The **Problem** you are solving



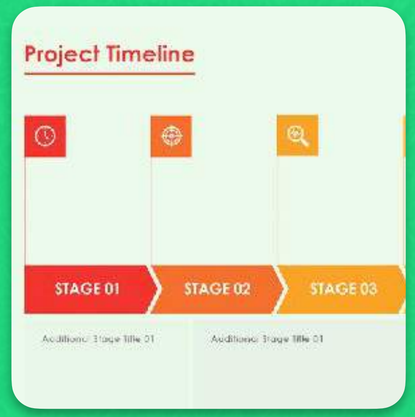
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# PAIN

What is the **problem** you solve?

The **Why** of the product/project/ proposition



# PAIN

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



# PAIN

"We need to move our 6 data systems into one combined system"



# PAIN

"Every day I travel 1 hour by train…"

I waste **3 hours** per week

Over **100 people** struggling with the same problem

Costing the company **13,000 hours every year** - and **hundreds of thousands Euros per year**



Lost **time?**

More **cost?**

**Complex** steps?

Frustration?

Lost opportunities?

Bad **reputation?**

# 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**"

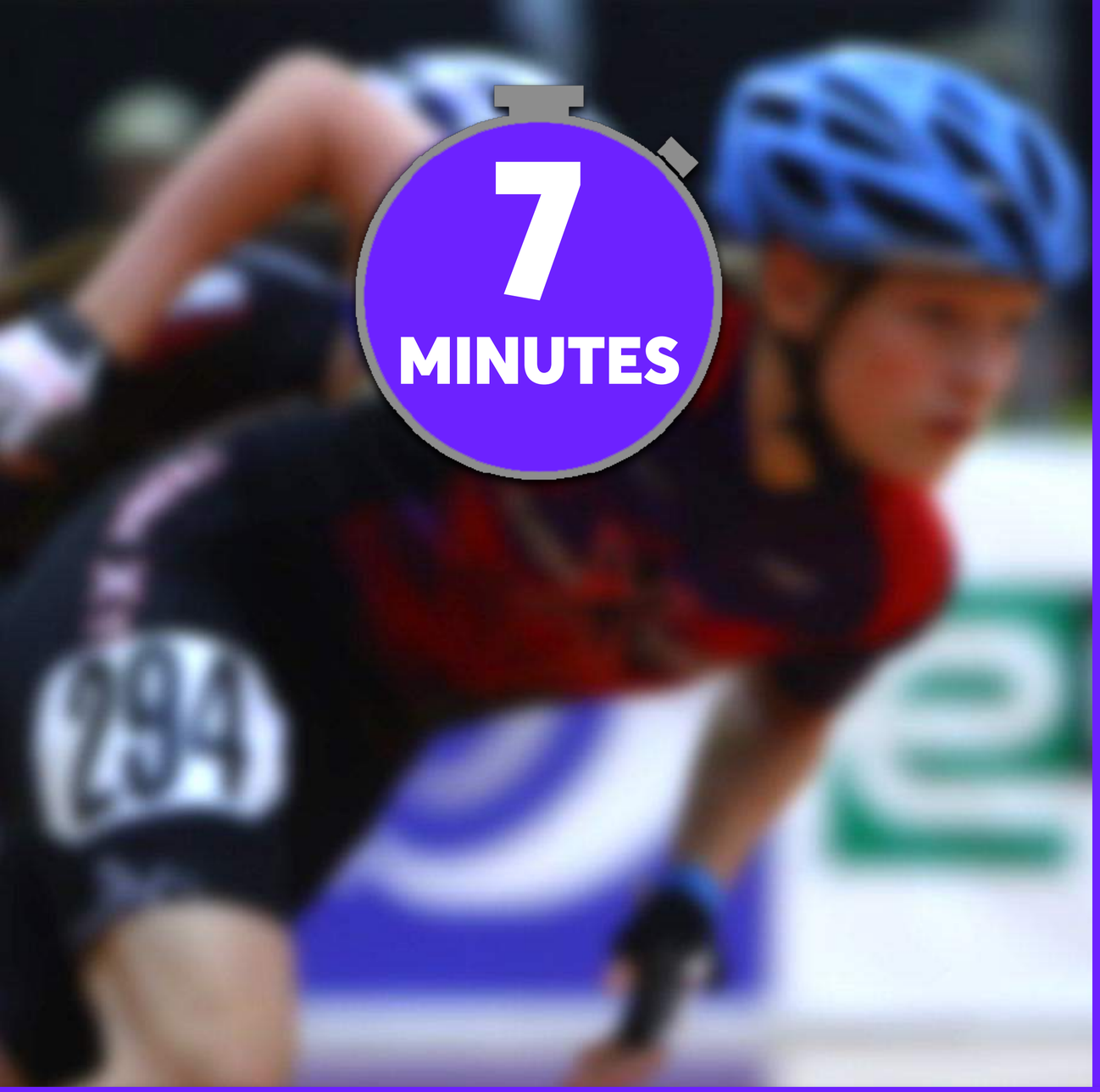
"They have to make up to **12 calls**"

# Be specific
# PUT A NUMBER ON IT

"There is too much energy inefficiency"

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


QUESTIONS?
Please ask
IN THE CHAT OR WITH VOICE!




# 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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For this workshop
WRITE & SKETCH



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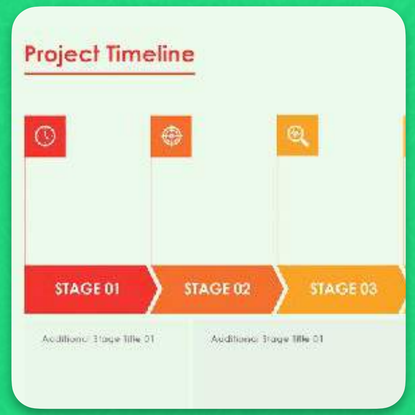
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# PRODUCT

*Project, Proposition, Proposal*

How do you propose to **solve** the problem?

NOTE: **Start** with the **Pain**, then introduce the product



# WHAT WILL IMPROVE?

You've anchored the **Problem** in **Numbers**

Now show what **Improvement** will/**might** be possible

Be **Specific**!

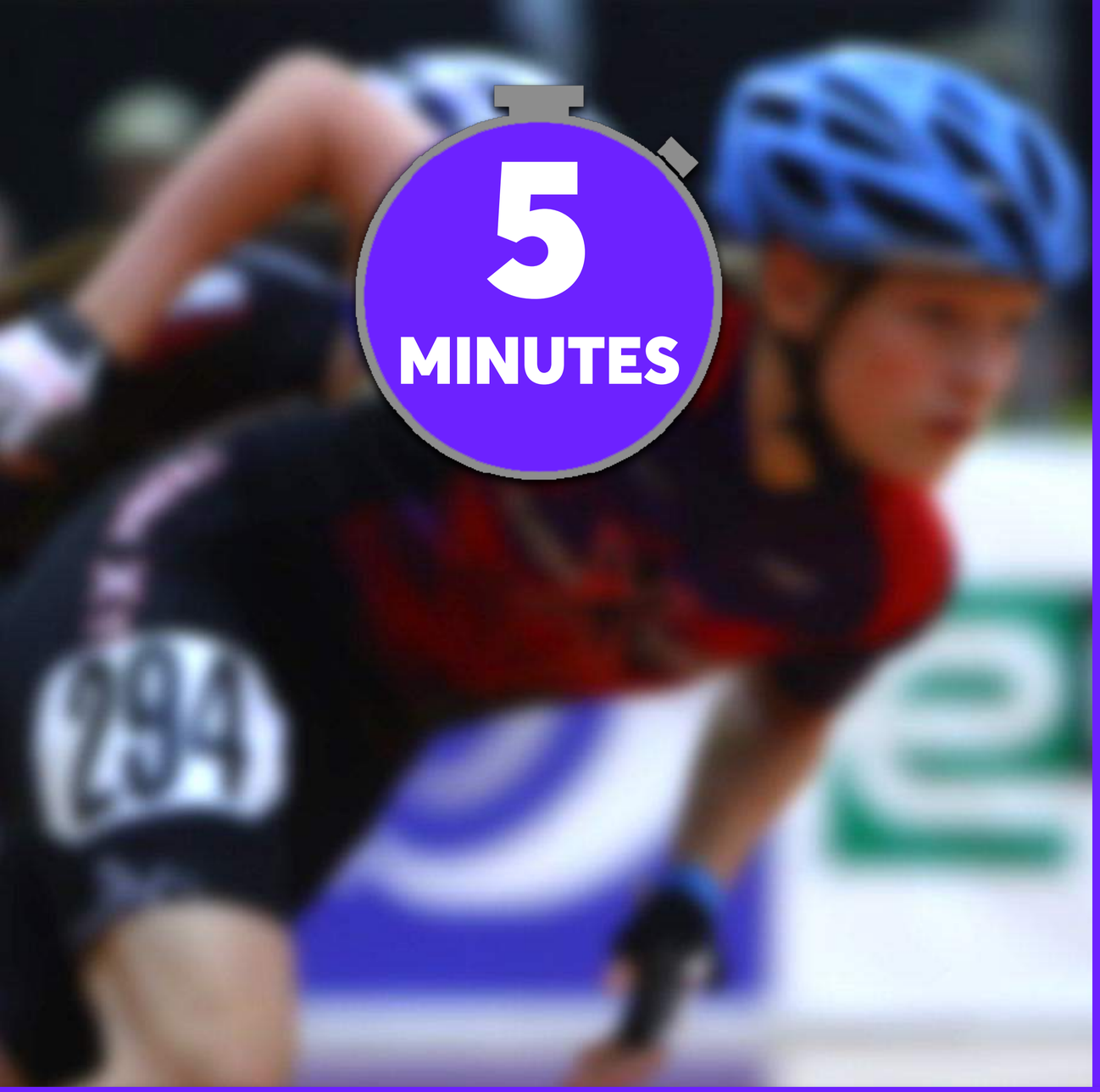




# WHAT WILL IMPROVE?

## Strategic Alignment

How does this improvement help the organisation reach its **Strategic Goals?**




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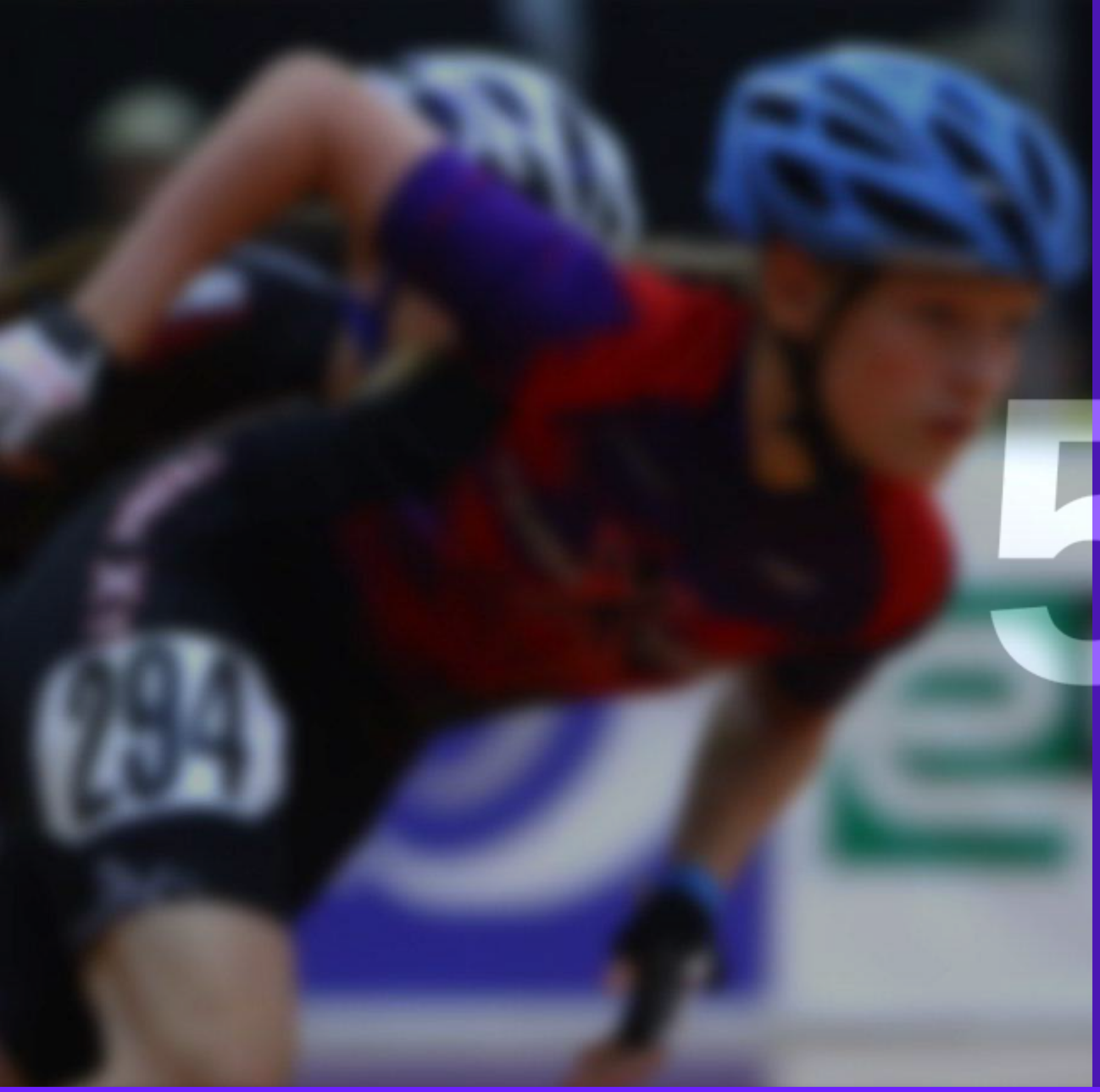
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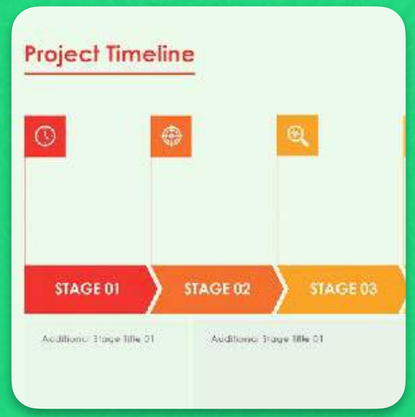
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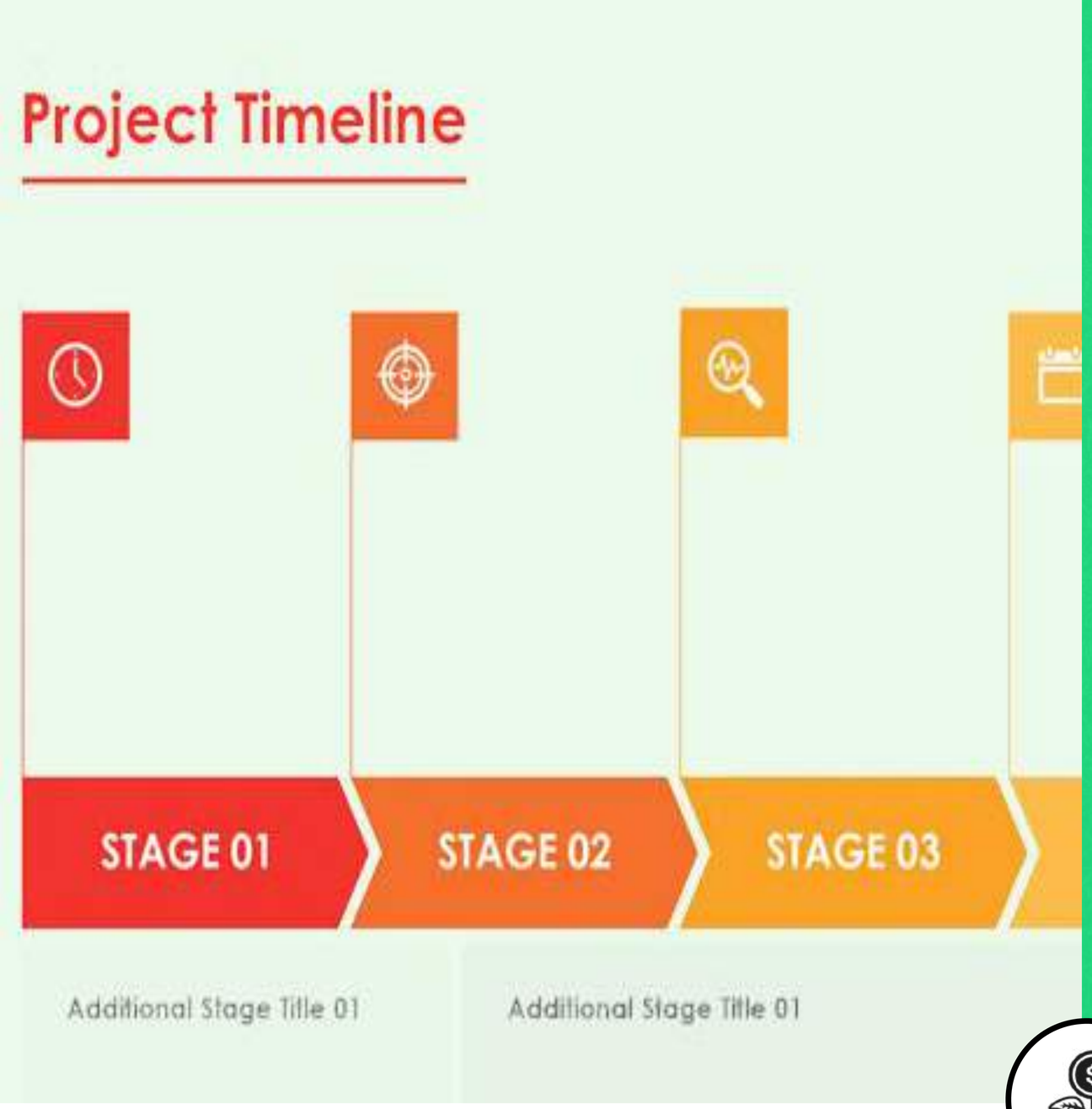


# PROOF

What have you done to **test** the solution?

Already **partly implemented**, now rolling out?

Teams, departments, individuals already **on board?**




# TIMELINE

What happens, **when**?

What happens **next** - first steps?

Keep it **simple**: 3-4 key phases/milestones



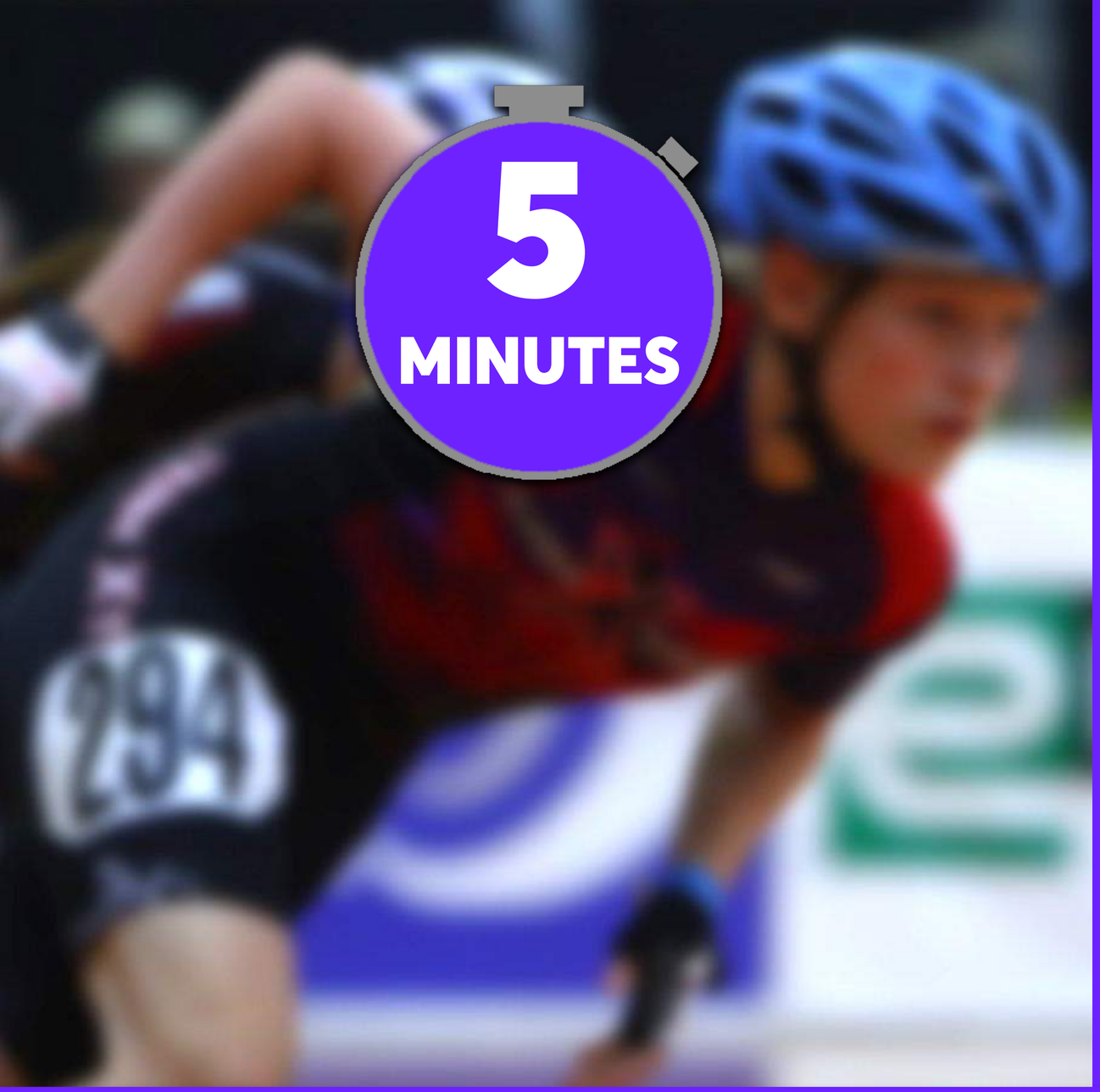
# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?

**People** resources?

Time **commitment**?

Advice? **Feedback?**

Project **Sponsorship?**




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Let's put the thinking
INTO ACTION!




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TO REFLECT
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From receiving and giving feedback?
What will you change?


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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



# GET FEEDBACK



**What stood out?**



**What did you not understand?**

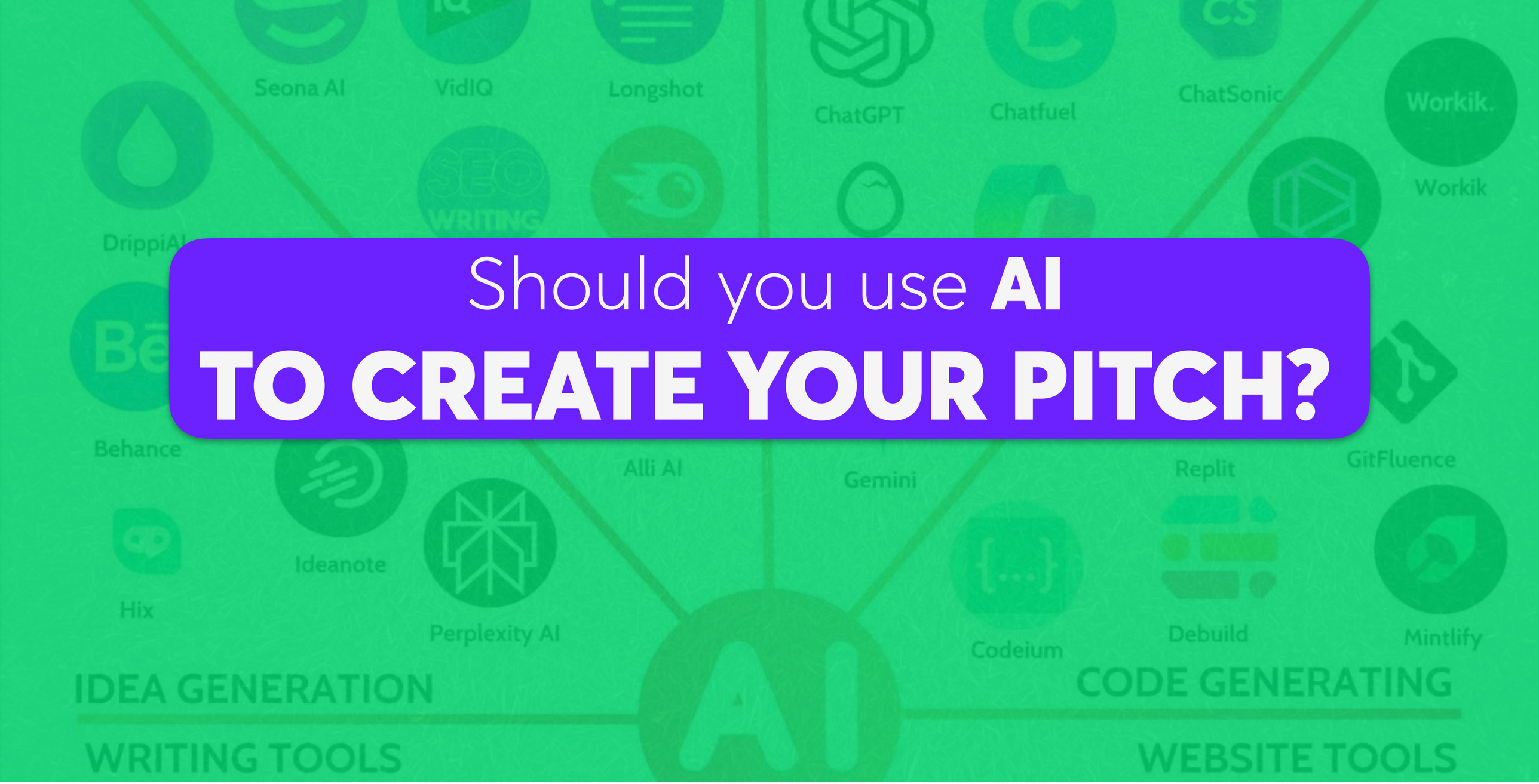


**Friendly advice for improvement**


QUESTIONS?
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10 mins

# 5 BREAK ENDS




# Should you use **AI**
# TO CREATE YOUR PITCH?

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# Why founders should never use AI-generated pitch decks

Gentle advice from a VC who's seen way too many of them.

SHARE ADD ON GOOGLE

FAST COMPANY



# Read this article written by an INVESTOR

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# RECOMMENDED WAYS TO TO USE AI TO CREATE YOUR PITCH

**After some of your own thinking...**

Ask AI to **work with you** and ask you questions - not just deliver output

Ask AI to **reduce** a part of your story to a **certain number** of sentences

**Find images** and graphics for your slides

**Clean up** your design

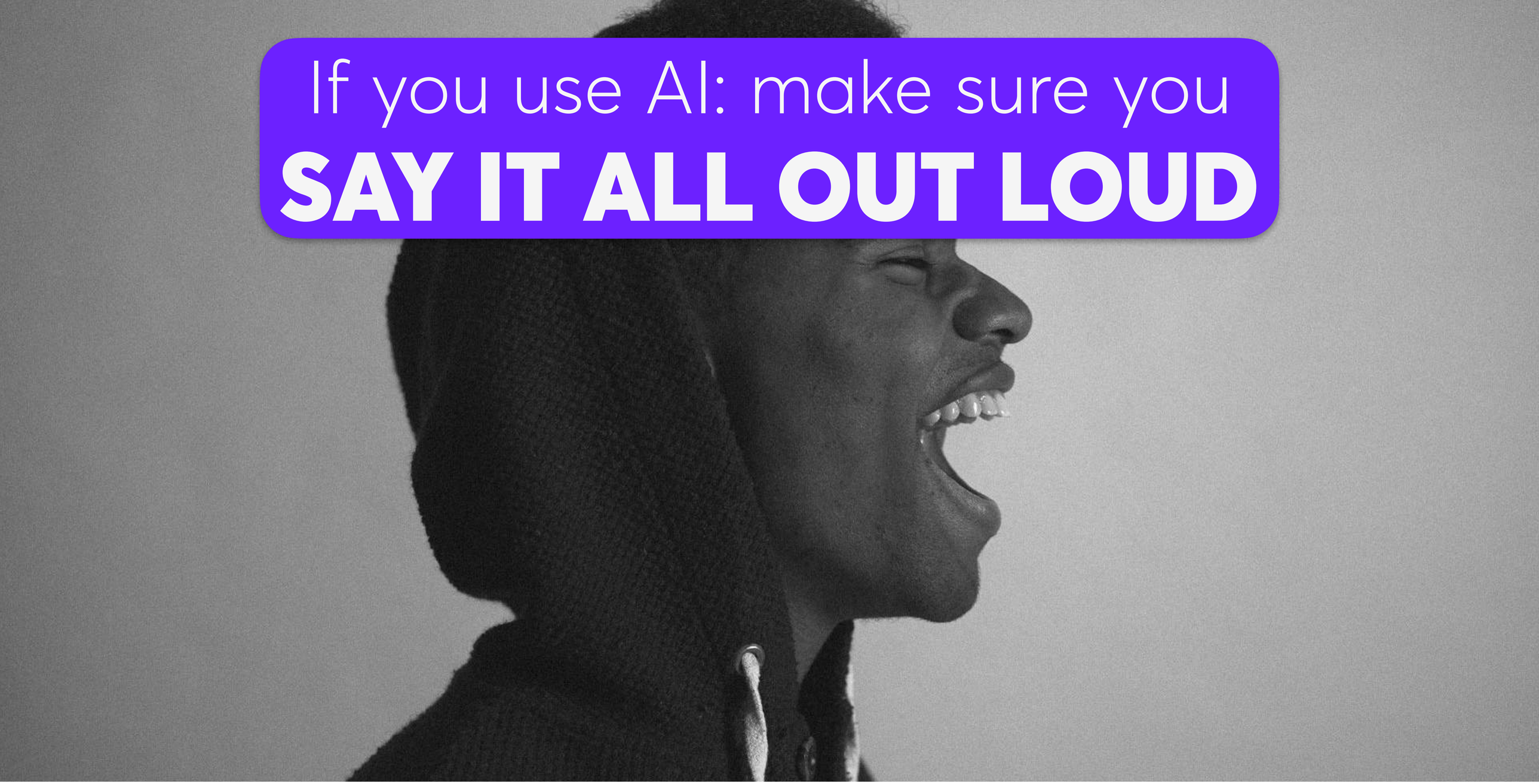
DON'T: Just ask AI to write the complete script

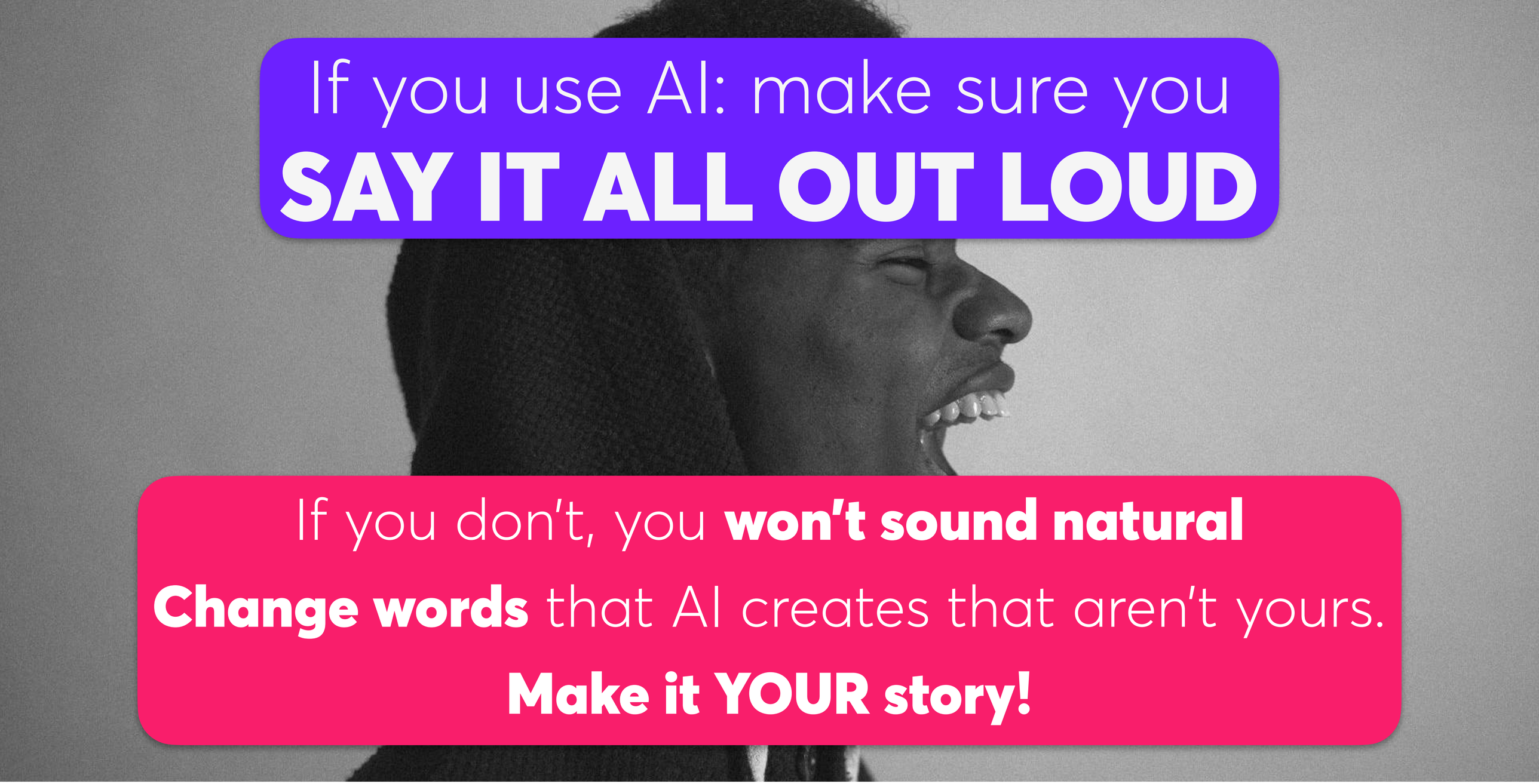
DON'T: **Outsource** your **thinking** to AI

DON'T: ask AI to create your **whole deck**

You won't be able to **answer questions** about the business

You won't sound **natural**


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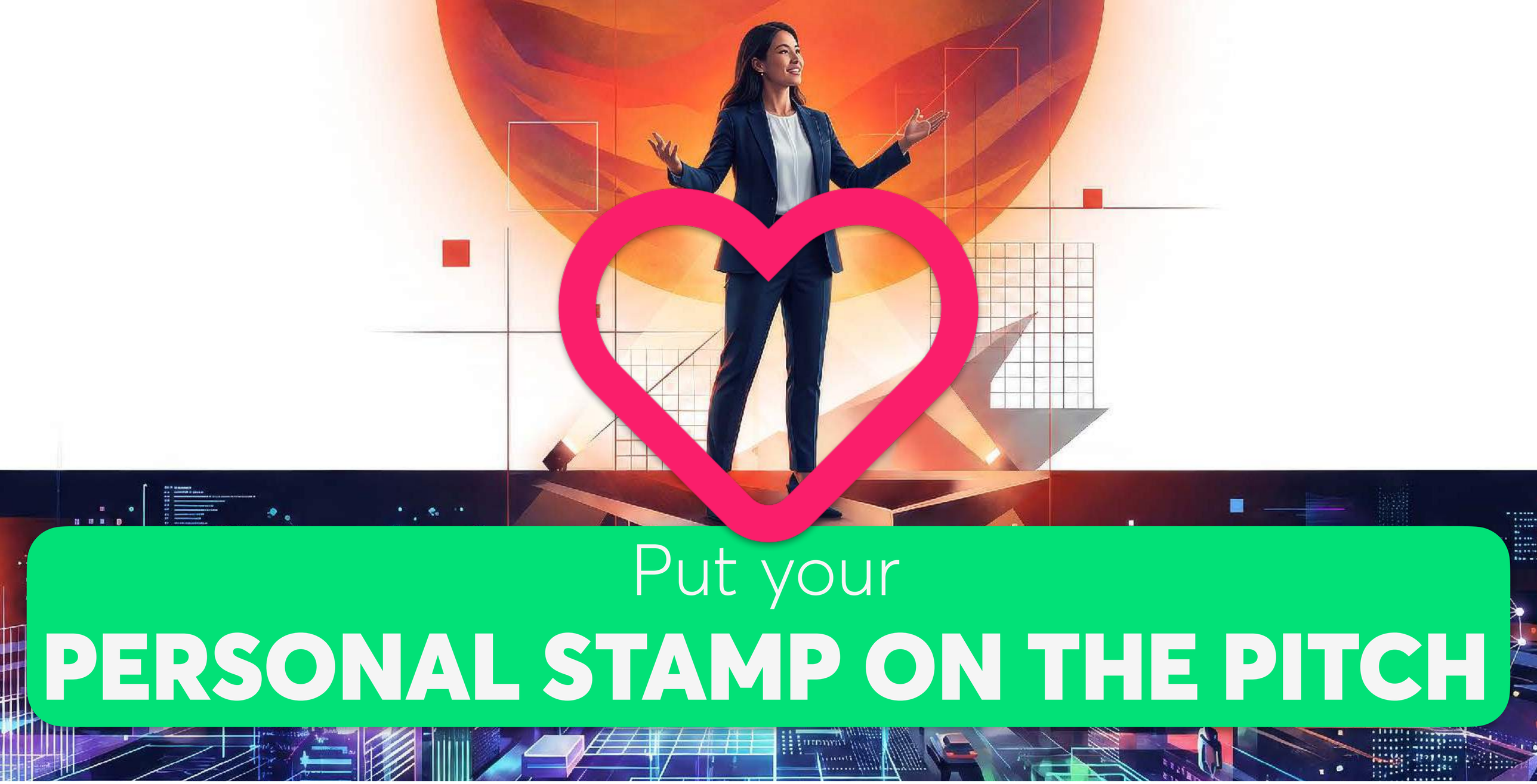
If you don't, you **won't sound natural**

**Change words** that AI creates that aren't yours.

**Make it YOUR story!**



# How do you stand out
# IN A WORLD OF AI PITCHES?



Put your

# PERSONAL STAMP ON THE PITCH



# WHY YOU?

This is
**YOUR**
Unique Story!

Two ways to put your

# PERSONAL STAMP ON THE PITCH



You've **Experienced** the **Problem**



You're **Excited** about the **Product, Result**



# WHY YOU?

What's that one thing that **makes you happy?**

A **product** feature?

An **outcome** for a **customer?**

A company **breakthrough?**

# The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model

Who is your
**AUDIENCE**

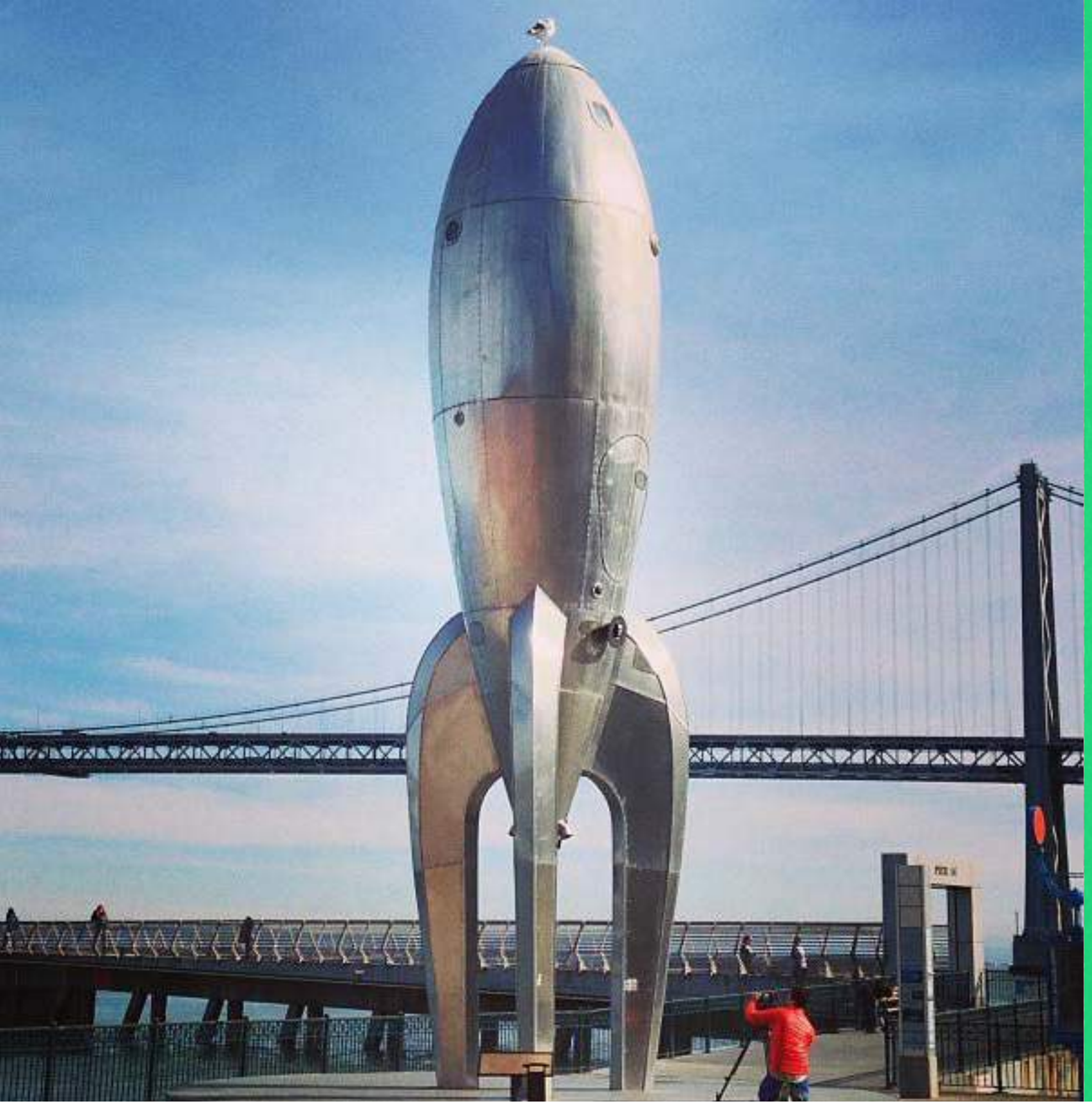
Establish your
**OBJECTIVE**

**BRAINSTORM**
with Post-It Notes

**Opening**




Make the first word count
OPEN POWERFULLY



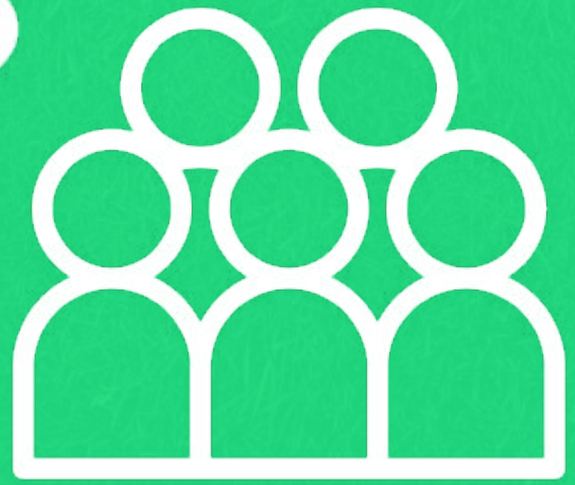
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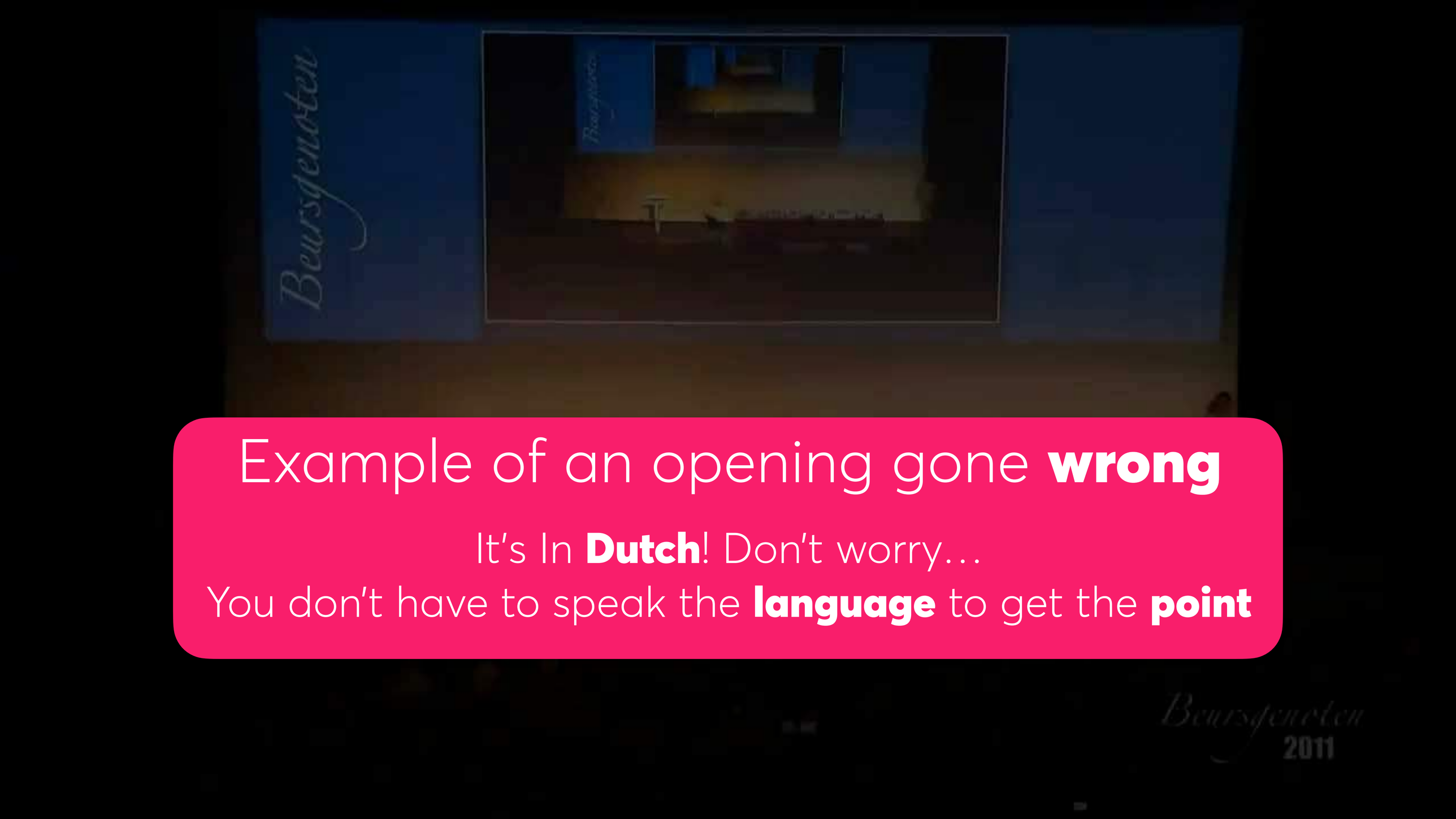
# ATTENTION

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

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

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






# Example of an opening gone **wrong**

It's In **Dutch**! Don't worry…
You don't have to speak the **language** to get the **point**




A professionally planned opening from
**The Great Bubble Barrier**


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# Quantify
# THE PROBLEM



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# The Problem
# WITH PARKING



**20 MINUTES**



**30%**



**1 YEAR**

Simply

# BE PROFESSIONAL

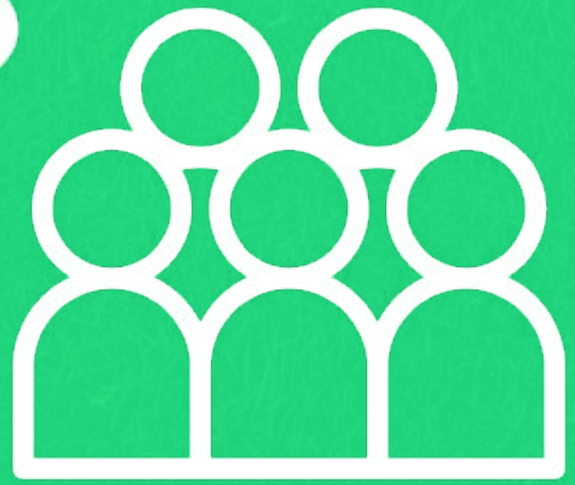
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# FOCUSED & MEMORABLE


The Power of
THREE

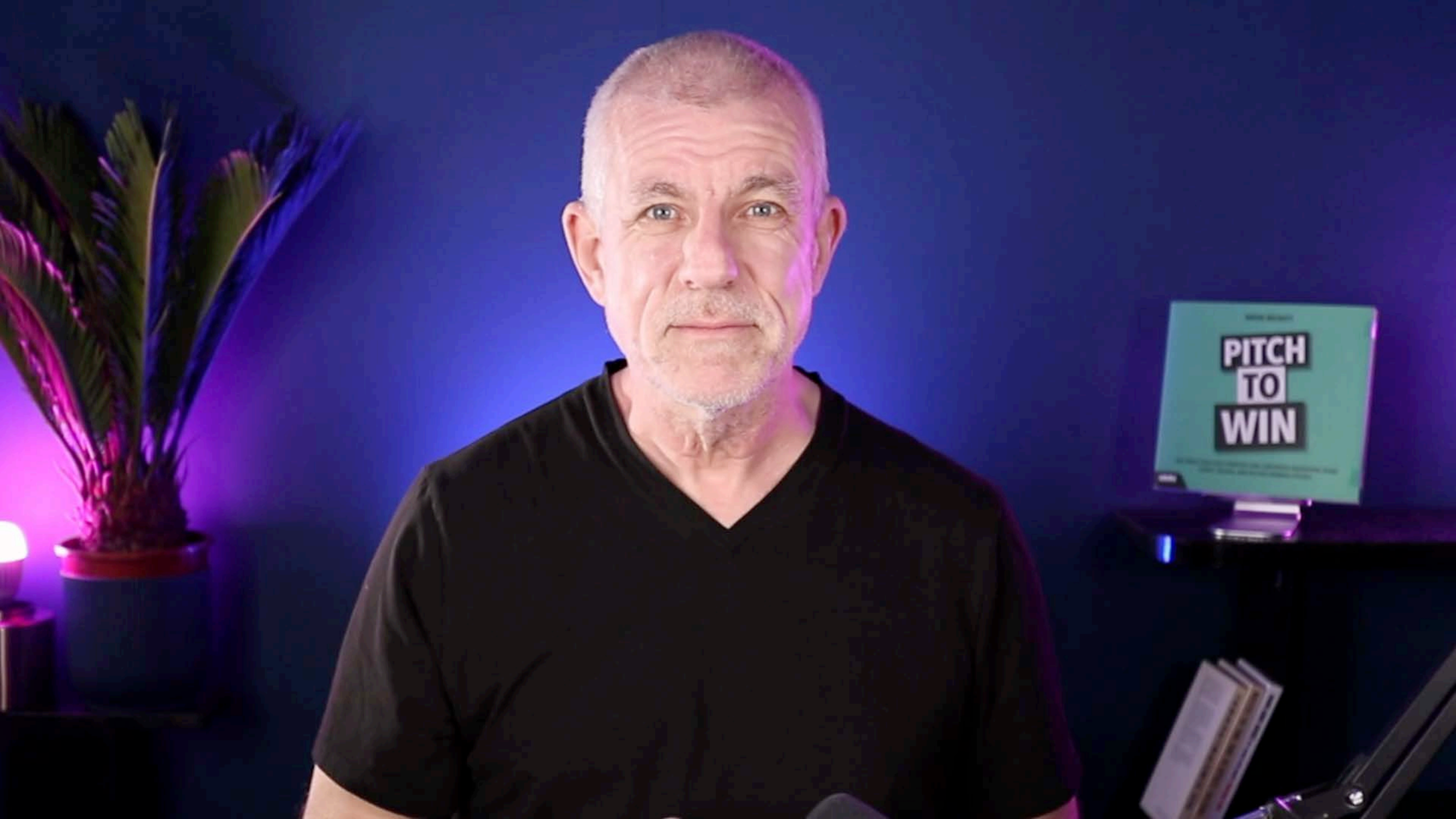
What happens if I say…

# “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/project into

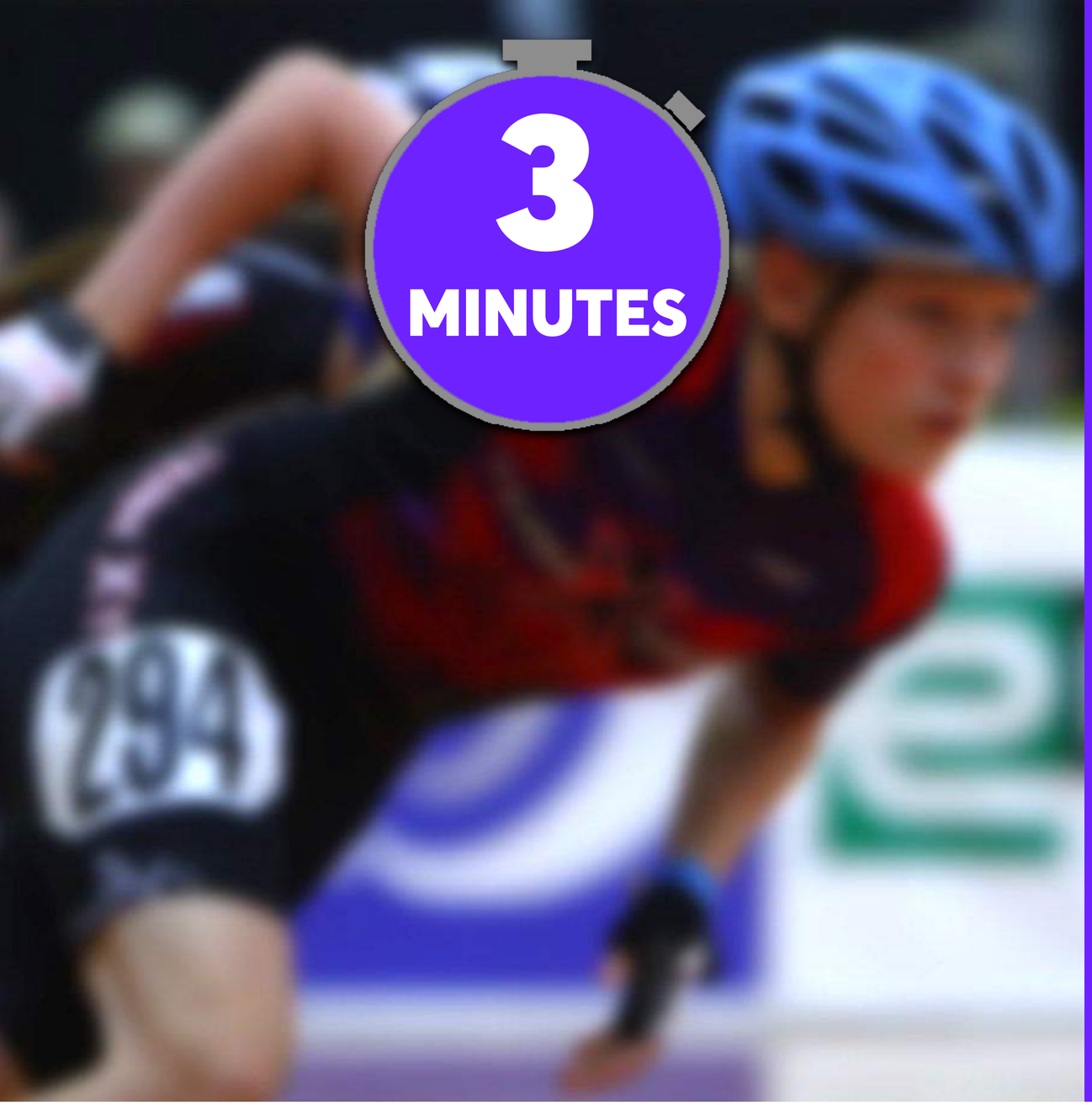
# THREE BIG QUALITIES

**FASTER**

**LOWER COST**

**MUCH EASIER TO USE**


Ryan Pandya (USA)
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## THE POWER OF THREE

**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**

Short Pitch?

**10-15 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!

=

# I've finished, you can clap now!


QUESTIONS?
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You have a big impact
WITH YOUR VOICE



# 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




Give some **AIR** around
THE IMPORTANT POINTS


NOW
LET'S PITCH
AGAIN!




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Answering Questions
UNDER PRESSURE



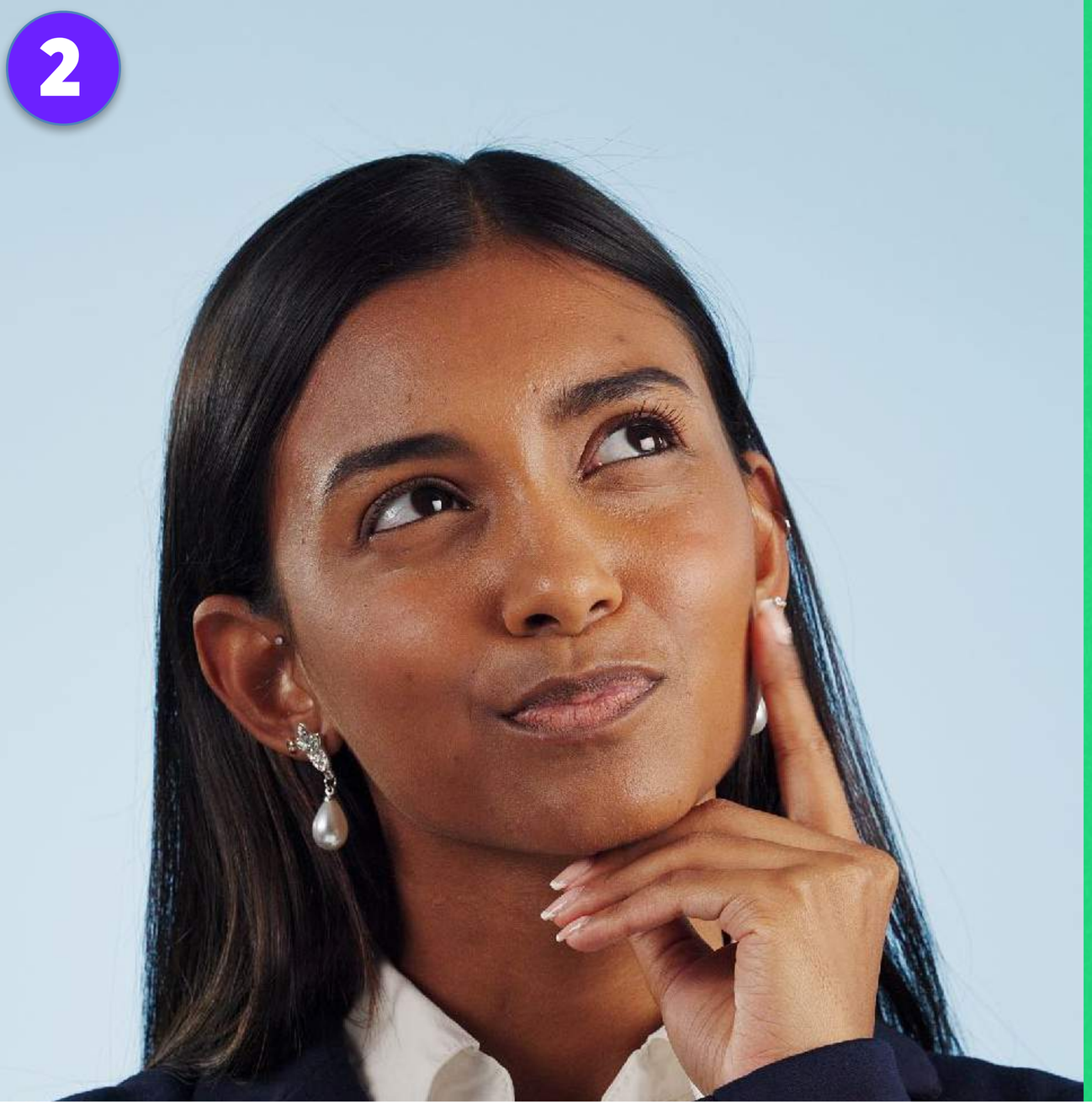
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# LISTEN

Listen to the
**last word** of the question!

Make sure the question you
**THINK** they're asking
is **REALLY** that question!

2



# TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK!

Allow your **brain** to **process**
what to say -
**before** starting to speak!

**Close your mouth**
when listening, & thinking!

While thinking, look for a
**structure** to apply to your answer,
so you **don't ramble**

# 3 types of answer structure
# THAT REALLY WORK

**3**

**Steps or Topics**

**2**

**Options or Viewpoints**

**1**

**Big Thing**



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# BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST

Make a list of
the questions you really
**DON'T** want to be asked

Decide on **talking points**
per item (not a script)

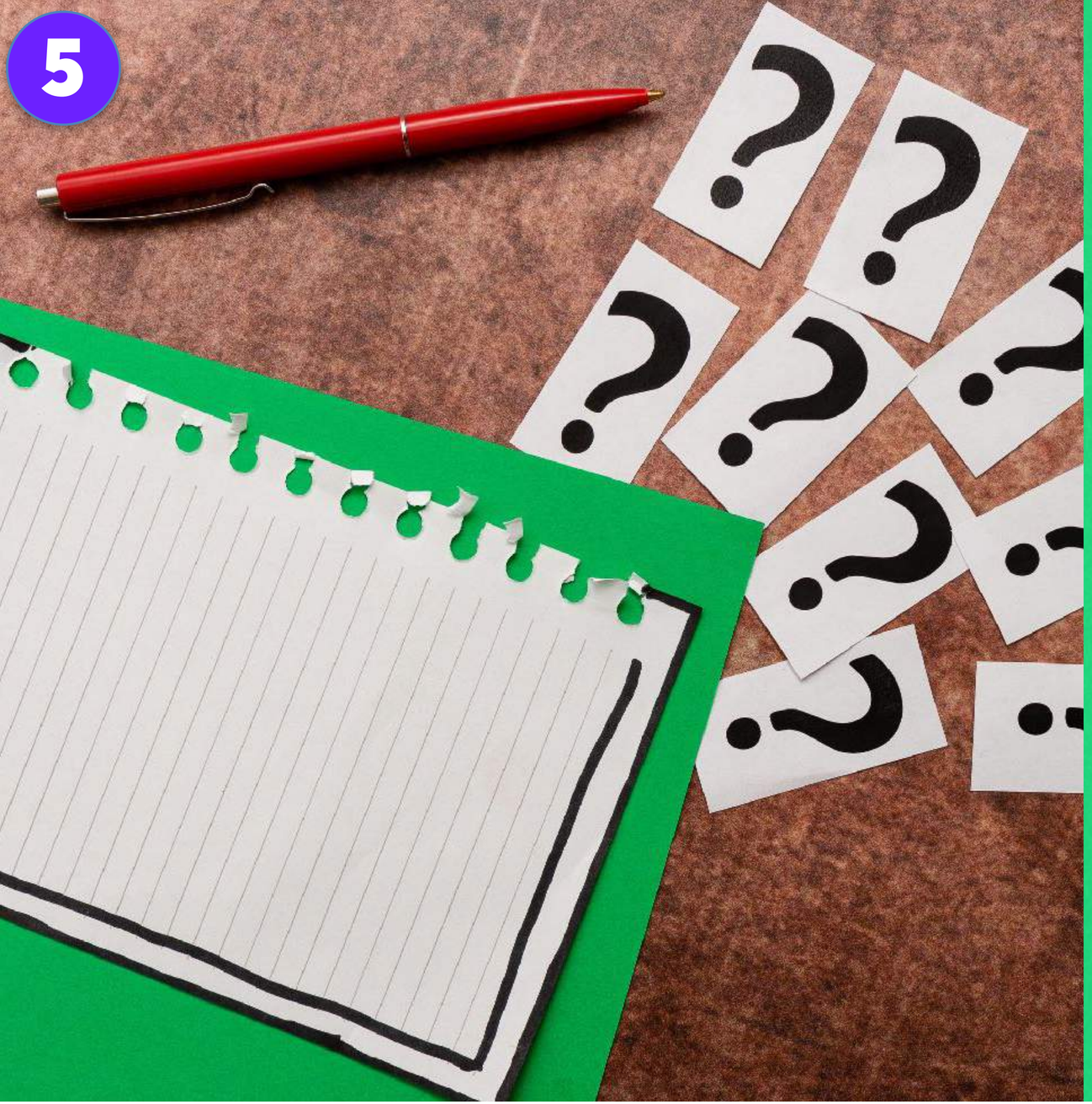
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# NEVER ARGUE!

**Thank** them for the question - even if it's irrelevant!

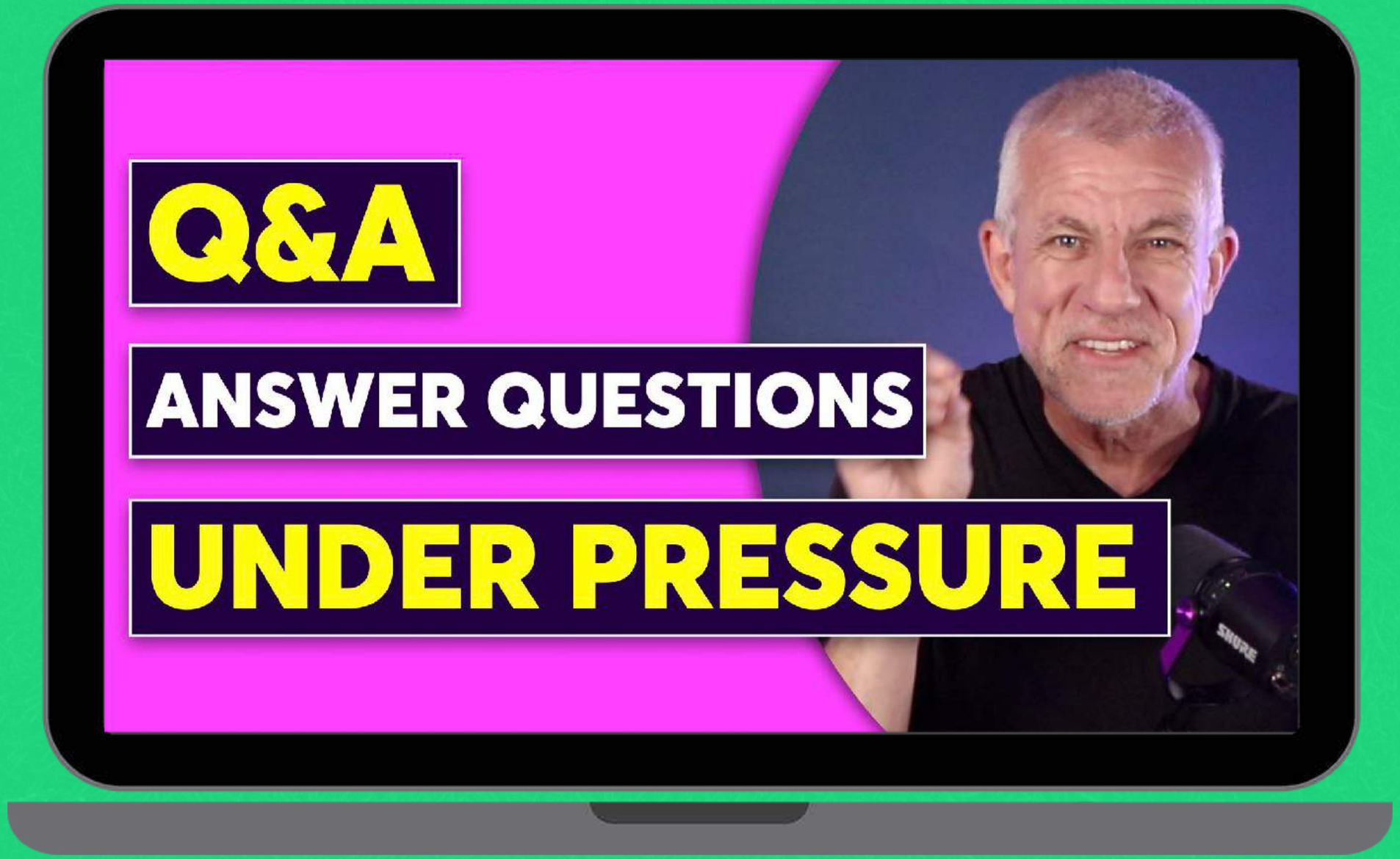
**Avoid** conflict where possible




# LEAD THE CONVERSATION

Make a list of the questions you really **DO** want to be asked

You can **lead** towards those topics




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Person 1: Give your 120 Second Pitch
Person 2: Ask questions

**Switch and Repeat!**

Person 2: Give your 120 Second Pitch
Person 1: Ask questions

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# Pitch tools and

# RESOURCES







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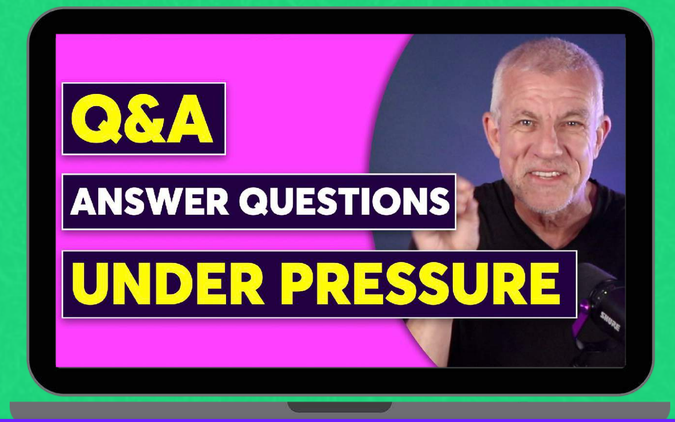
# SLIDES AND MANY MATERIALS










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