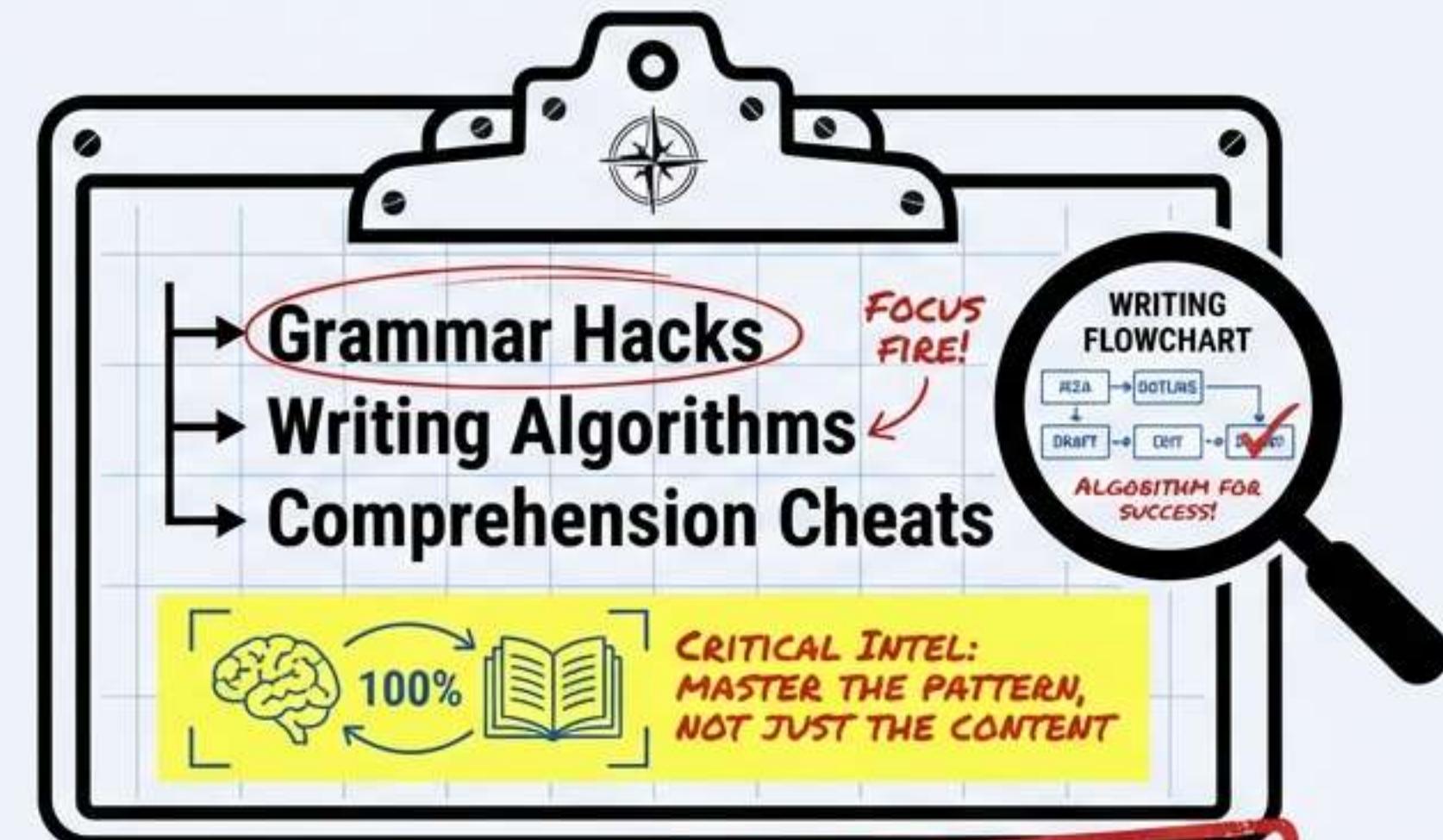


THE CLASS 10 ENGLISH MASTERY PLAYBOOK

THE ULTIMATE BOARD EXAM SURVIVAL GUIDE



TARGET: 80/80 MARKS

PERMANENT MARKER

MISSION CRITICAL:
NO MARKS
LEFT BEHIND!

MODULE 1: DETERMINERS - THE PRECISION TOOLS

THE SOUND RULE

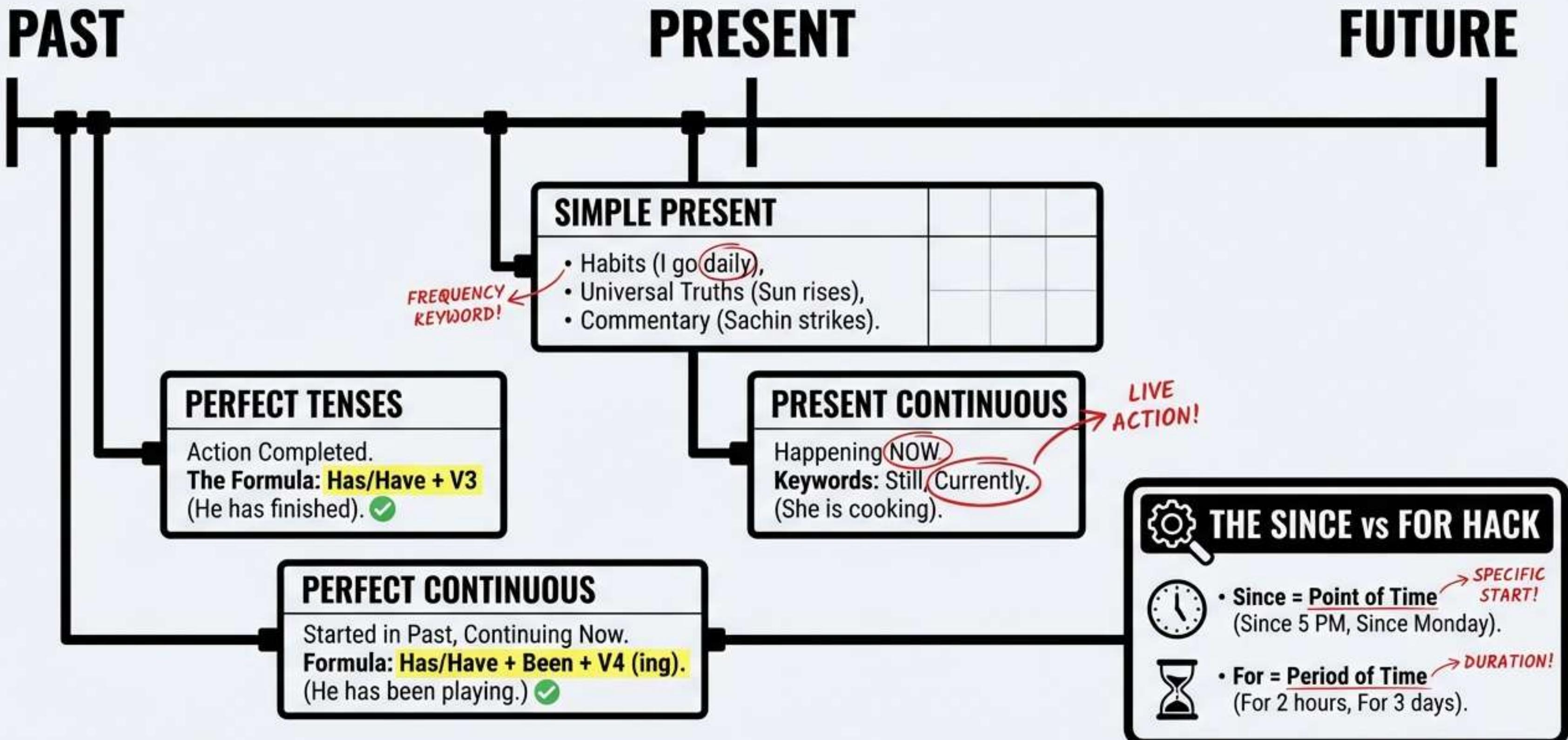
	SPELLING	SOUND
	University Use A	Starts with 'U' (Vowel Letter) but 'Yoo' (Consonant Sound).
	Honest Use AN	Starts with 'H' (Consonant Letter) but 'O' (Vowel Sound).

RULE: A/An DEPENDS ON SOUND, NOT SPELLING.

THE QUANTIFIER MATRIX

COUNTABLE (Books, Friends)	UNCOUNTABLE (Water, Money)
Use MANY / A FEW	Use MUCH / LITTLE
Few → X Negative (Almost none)	A Few Positive (Some / Enough)

TENSES: THE TIMELINE OF ACTION



SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT: THE HARMONY PROTOCOL

THE STANDARD CONTRACT

Singular Subject = Singular Verb
(He **writes**). 

Rule: +S for Singular!

Plural Subject = Plural Verb
(They **write**). 

Rule: NO S FOR PLURAL!

THE EXCEPTION CLAUSES

! THE COMBO MEAL

Bread and Butter /
Rice and Curry.

Treated as **ONE** unit
-> Singular Verb.

Bread and butter **IS** my favorite.
UNIT = SINGULAR!

! THE QUANTITY RULE

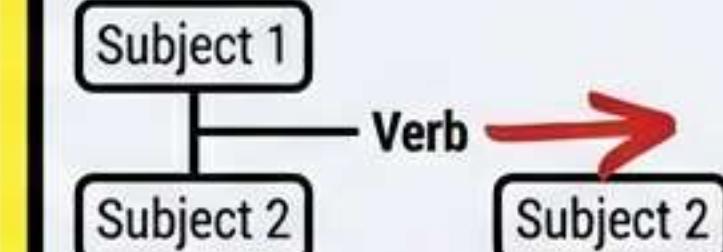
 **One of the...** *FOCUS ON ONE!*

ALWAYS takes Singular Verb.

One of the snakes **IS** poisonous.

! THE PROXIMITY RULE

Neither/Nor,
Not Only/But Also.



Verb agrees with the
NEAREST subject.

Neither you nor I **AM** going.

*AGREES WITH
NEAREST SUBJECT!*

**EXCEPTION HACKS!
STUDY THESE!**

MODALS: SETTING THE MOOD

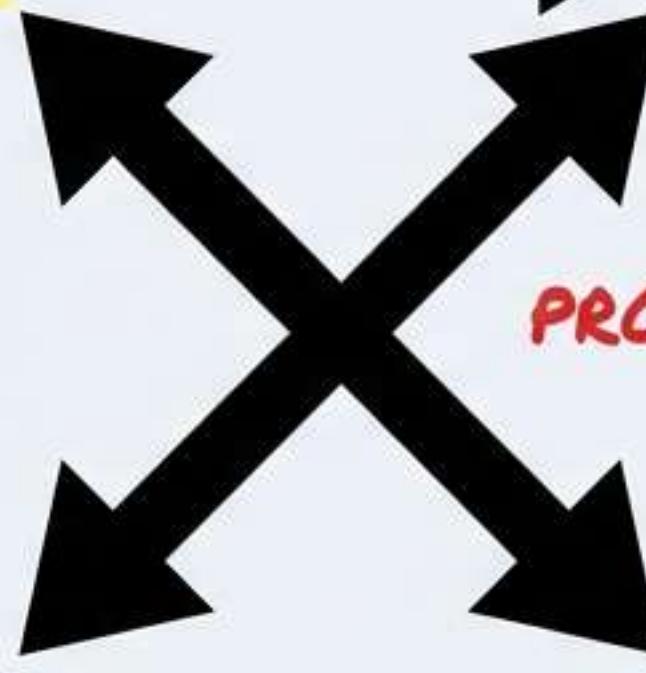
THE WILL/SHALL SWAP TRICK

Normal: I / We



Normal: Others

Use SHALL



Use WILL

BUT FOR THREATS/
PROMISES → SWAP!

I WILL kill you (Threat).

I WILL help you (Promise).

🔍 Key for Emphasis & Commitment!

MODAL QUICK-FIRE

Can vs Could

Ability (Present) vs Ability (Past) OR Polite Request.

Less direct, more polite.

Must vs Ought to

Compulsion (Must) vs Moral Duty (Ought to).

MUST is Non-Negotiable!

May vs Might

Stronger chance
High Possibility (May) vs Low Possibility (Might).

Weaker chance

REPORTED SPEECH: THE GOSSIP ALGORITHM

How to transform direct speech to indirect speech.

1. CONNECTOR PROTOCOL

Remove Inverted Commas. Use 'that' (statements), 'if/whether' (Yes/No), or keep 'WH-word'.

CRITICAL LINKS!

2. PRONOUN SHIFT

I -> He/She. We -> They.

PERSONALIZE IT!

3. TENSE BACKSHIFT

Present -> Past. (Is -> Was, Has -> Had, Will -> Would).

THE TIME MACHINE RULE!
BACKWARDS ONLY!

4. TIME/PLACE SHIFT

Today -> That day. Tomorrow -> The next day. Here -> There.



ADJUST THE CONTEXT!
WHERE + WHEN?

5. THE QUESTION SWITCH

Said -> Asked.

TURN STATEMENTS
INTO INQUIRIES!

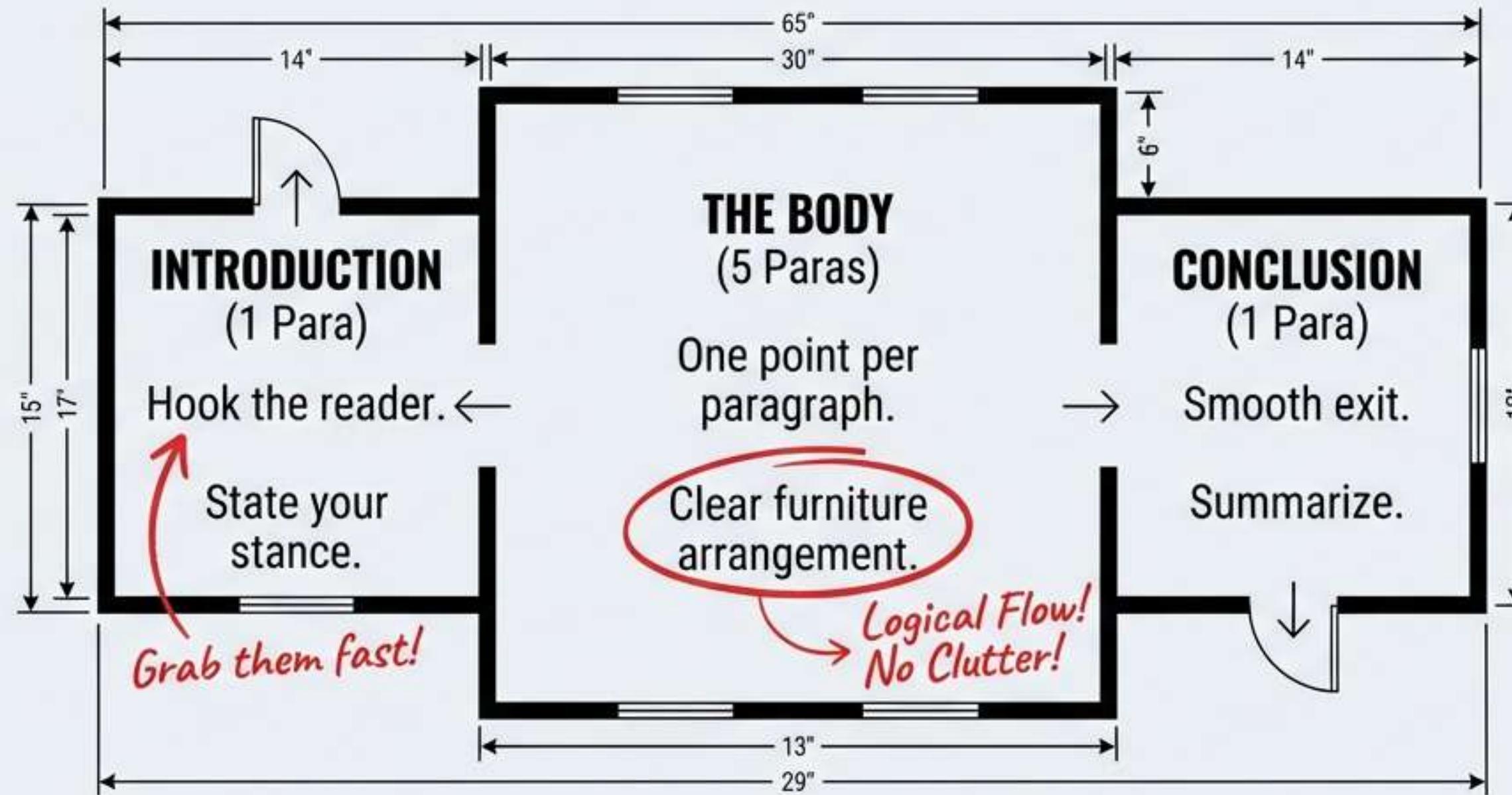


EXCEPTION: UNIVERSAL TRUTH
(The Earth is round).
NO TENSE CHANGE.

ETERNAL
FACT HACK!
DON'T TOUCH!

MODULE 2: WRITING SKILLS - THE ROOM ANALOGY

THE ESSAY STRUCTURE



SPECS

- **The Rule of 7:** Total 7 Paragraphs.

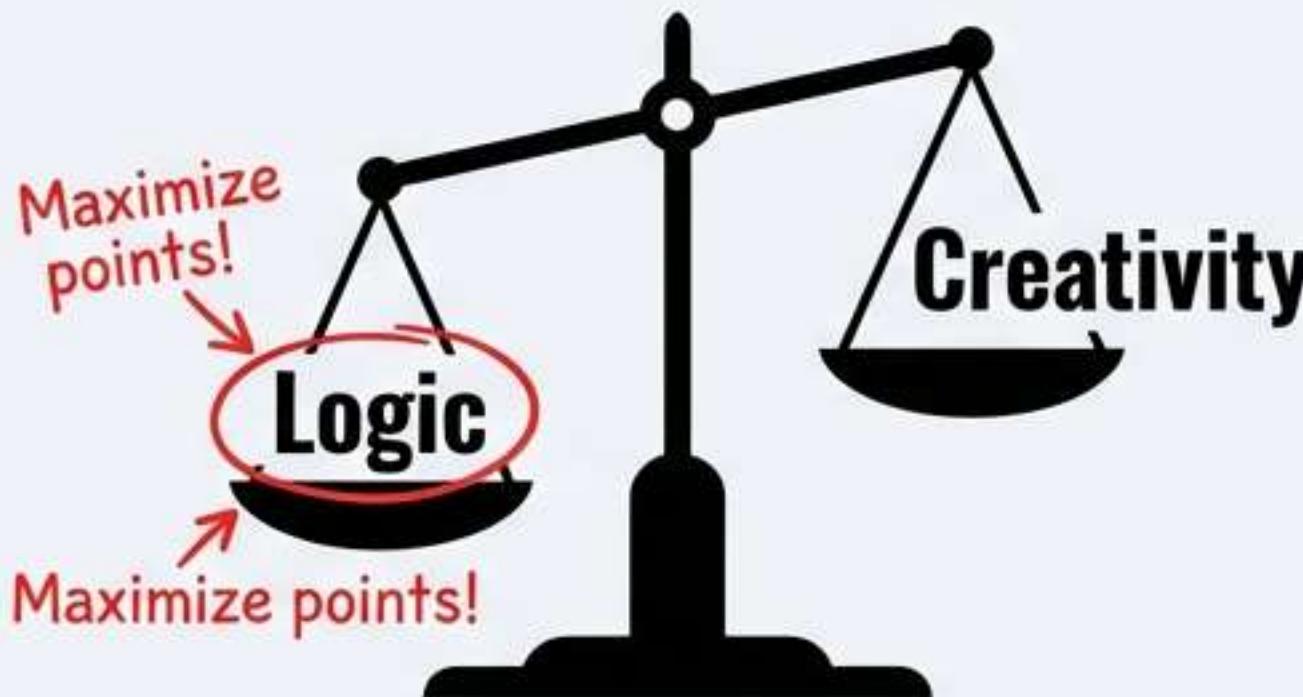
- **Word Count:** 300 - 350 Words.

- **Pro Tip:** Simple & Correct > Complex & Wrong. Don't fake vocabulary.

Keep it real!
Accuracy is key!



THE GOLDEN ESSAY: ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING



Why Argumentative?
Logic scores higher than Creativity.
Less grammar risk. Strategic choice!

THE WINNING FORMULA

PICK A SIDE

99% Pick 'FOR'.

Easier to defend.

Default to FOR!
Less complex.

STRUCTURE

Intro -> 3 Strong Points ->
1 Rebuttal -> Conclusion

Volume matters!
Build the case.

TONE

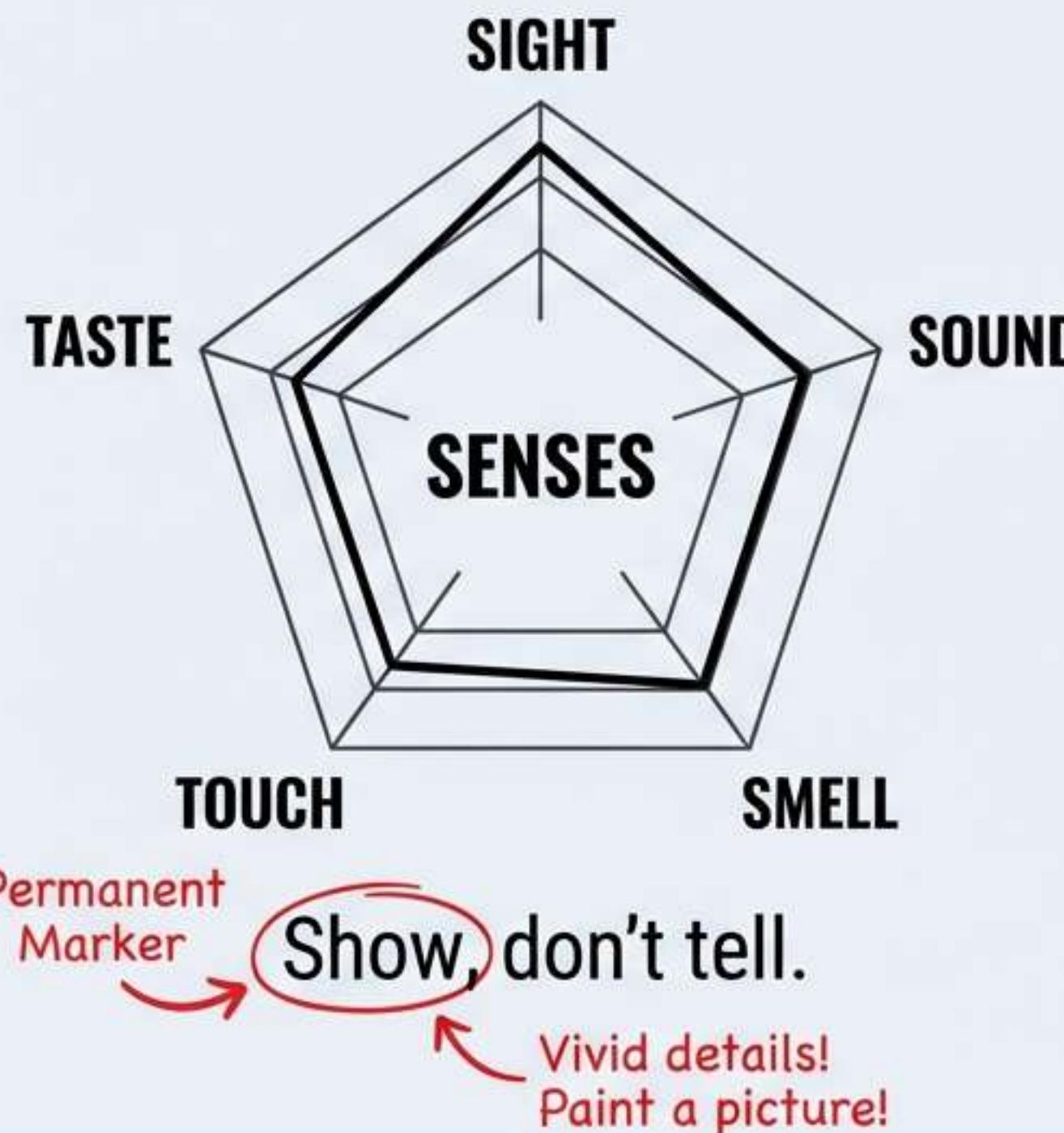
Factual & Logical.
No emotional rambling.

Avoid subjectivity!
Keep it cold.

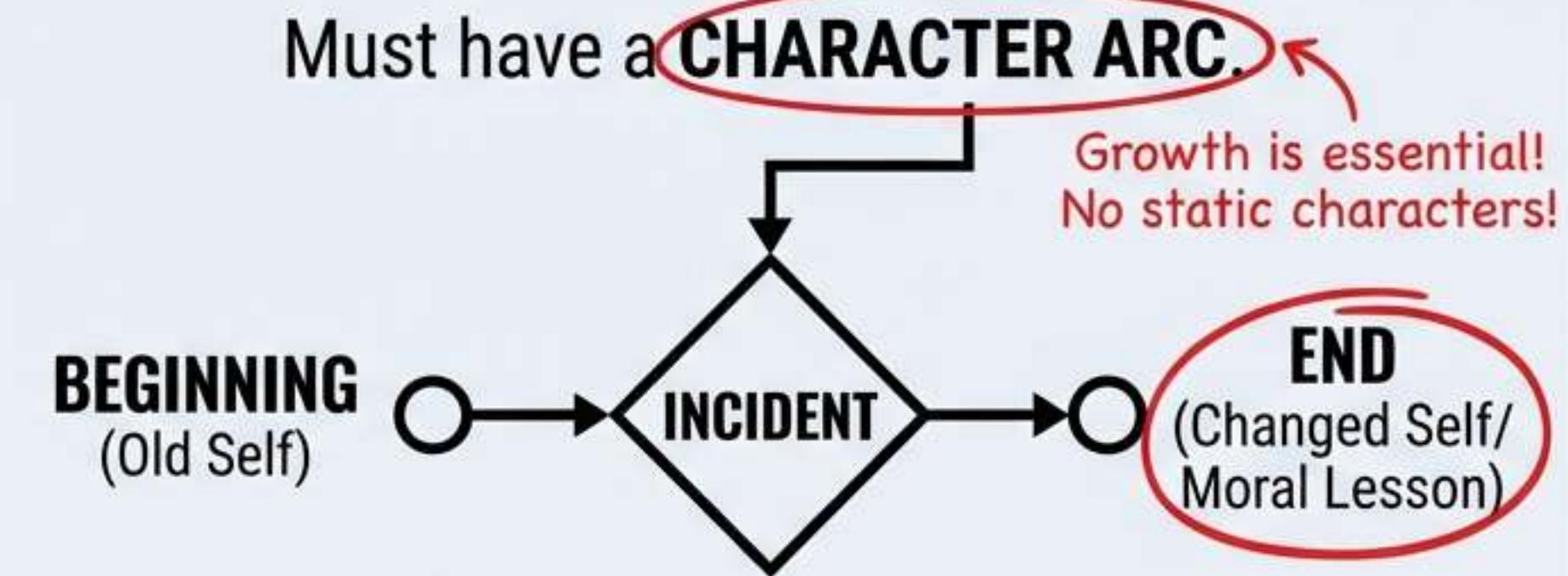
REBUTTAL TRICK: Acknowledge the opponent, then destroy their view with facts.

NARRATIVE & DESCRIPTIVE: THE CREATIVITY TRAP

DESCRIPTIVE HACKS



NARRATIVE HACKS



WARNING: PICTURE COMPOSITION

DO NOT ATTEMPT unless 100% sure.

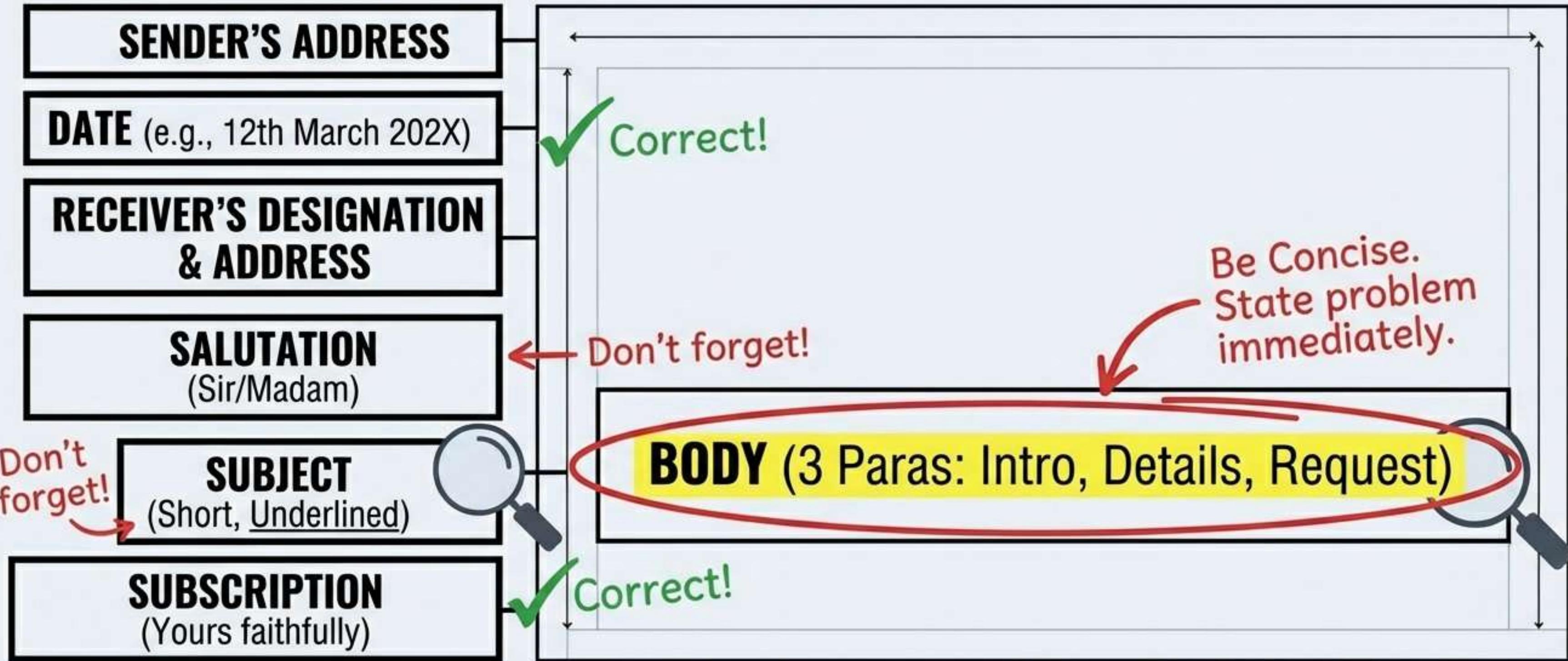
Risk: Misinterpreting background or action = Major marks lost.

Analyze: Background + Action.

Common mistake!
Stick to what's clear!

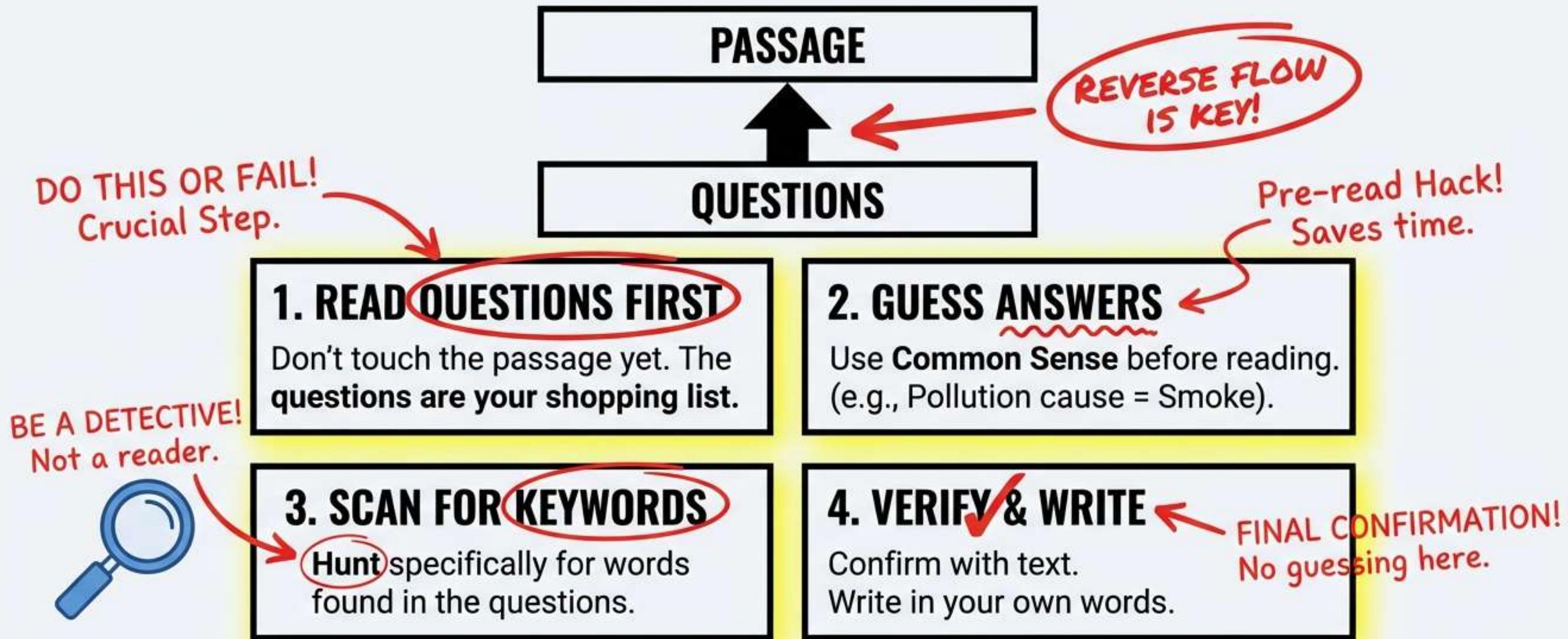
LETTER WRITING: THE FORMAT FORTRESS

50% of marks are for the Layout.



MODULE 3: UNSEEN PASSAGE - REVERSE ENGINEERING

Don't read passively. Hunt for answers.



UNSEEN PASSAGE: COMMON SENSE & VOCAB



THE COMMON SENSE FILTER

Answers are often **logical facts**.

Question: What causes global warming?

→ **Answer:** Fossil Fuels
(You know this).

Use passage to CONFIRM logic, not find it.

THE VOCAB HACK

Look for **Context Clues**.

The avalanche was **DEADLY**.

→ **Option A:** Boring.
Option B: Destructive.

Deadly = Death = Destruction

DO NOT COPY-PASTE LINES. REPHRASE SLIGHTLY.

EXAM STRATEGY: THE TIME & MINDSET

3 HOURS

READING TIME (First 15 Mins)

Select Essay/Letter Topics.

Bullet point draft.

Crucial first step!
Drafting saves time!

WRITING EXECUTION

UNSEEN PASSAGE (Last 40 Mins)

Do this **LAST**.

Avoids time waste.

Strategic order!
Avoid getting stuck.

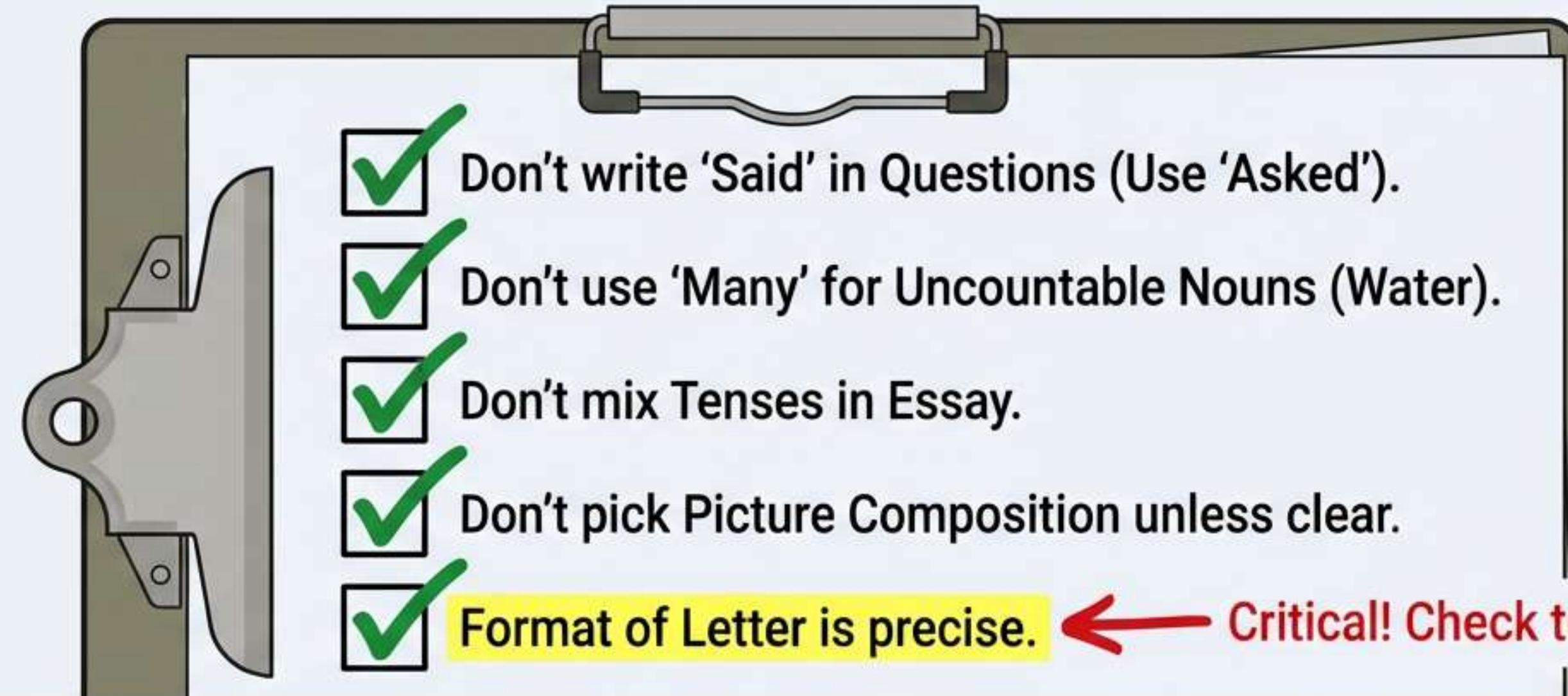
MINDSET PROTOCOLS

Leave nothing empty!
Maximize points.

- **NO BLANKS:** No negative marking. Attempt everything.
- **REAL-TIME REVIEW:** Check every paragraph as you finish it.

Catch errors immediately! Don't wait.

THE FINAL CHECKLIST



READY FOR DEPLOYMENT. TARGET: 80/80.