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# 120 CURRICULUM-BASED DEBATES

## WITH MODELLED STUDENT RESPONSES

### BLACK BELT

# MODES



This resource helps students to develop the two inter-related aspects of Tongue Fu Talking™: **Explorer Mode**, which supports deep thinking and collaborative discussion, and **Presenter Mode**, which focuses on confident, purposeful expression.



# WORKED EXAMPLES: MODELLING DEBATE

## Worked Examples: Modelling Debates in Everyday Lessons

One of the most powerful ways to introduce debating in the classroom is to model it using curriculum content students are already learning. These worked examples show how students might express and develop their ideas in full sentences, using the sentence structures introduced in the Tongue Fu Talking™ Debating Framework. Rather than providing just stems or prompts, each example presents a complete student-style response, making the full structure of spoken reasoning clear and accessible.

These are not formal debates and are not just for high-attaining students. They are short, purposeful talk tasks that can be used in any subject to help all students practise forming opinions, giving reasons, listening to others, and responding thoughtfully. Each example follows the Black Belt sentence pattern—designed for students moving from Upper Key Stage 2 into Key Stage 3—and shows how debate can become a natural part of everyday classroom talk.

For each subject, you'll find **ten curriculum-linked debate prompts** accompanied by full example student responses across all stages of the debate. These are designed to help teachers model the process explicitly before asking students to try it for themselves.

Whether the question is “When tackling a complex problem, is it more effective to apply a well-practised method or adapt flexibly using several strategies?” or “Should the rules in competitive games ever be challenged for the sake of fairness?”, these Black Belt examples demonstrate how structured debate supports students to refine their reasoning, justify their thinking with precision, and engage thoughtfully with opposing views—one lesson at a time.



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The Black Belt stage of Tongue Fu Talking™ represents the highest level of structured debate within the framework, where students refine their spoken reasoning through complexity, nuance, and rhetorical control. Building on the secure foundations of earlier stages, Black Belt debates challenge students to interrogate ideas, draw sophisticated conclusions, and engage in dialogue that reflects mature disciplinary thinking.

Debates at this level follow a six-part structure: Opening Statement, Main Argument, Evidence & Reasoning, Counterargument, Advanced Rebuttal, and Strategic Use of Rhetoric. This progression encourages students not only to construct well-evidenced arguments but also to navigate ambiguity, justify with precision, and choose language strategically to persuade, qualify, or challenge.

Questions are designed to provoke rich exploration within each subject's disciplinary landscape, drawing out conceptual tensions and avoiding reductive or binary choices. To ensure debates remain intellectually rigorous and curriculum-relevant, each subject area uses prompts grounded in substantive and disciplinary knowledge.

Below is an outline of how each subject's debates have been designed, along with principles for generating your own.

## ENGLISH

- **Focus:** Purpose of reading, authorial choices, forms of storytelling.
- **Aim:** Encourage metacognitive reflection about meaning-making in texts, reading behaviours, and language.
- **Design Tip:** Frame debates around modes of communication, interpretation, and responses to text—not book preferences.

## MATHEMATICS

- **Focus:** Methods, processes, representations, reasoning—not facts.
- **Aim:** Develop early mathematical justification and awareness of alternative approaches (e.g. "Is it better to draw or count to solve a problem?").
- **Design Tip:** Avoid debating correct answers. Instead, focus on the value of models, methods, or strategies.

## SCIENCE

- **Focus:** Working scientifically skills applied to KS1 content (observation, comparison, prediction).
- **Aim:** Support causal reasoning and conditional thinking using scientific vocabulary (e.g. "Does a seed grow better in light or dark?").
- **Design Tip:** Centre debates on fair testing, classification, or using observations to make claims.

## ART

- **Focus:** Visual language, material techniques, emotional expression, styles and processes.
- **Aim:** Develop vocabulary and concepts for talking about making and evaluating art.
- **Design Tip:** Debates should encourage reasoning about expressive choices and how materials affect outcomes.

## COMPUTING

- **Algorithms,** logical reasoning, digital tools, computer science concepts.
- **Aim:** Support foundational understanding of control, sequencing, and digital literacy.
- **Design Tip:** Debate processes and methods (e.g. "Is it better to follow steps or try things out first in coding?").



## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

- **Focus:** Mechanisms, structures, materials, joining techniques, the design process.
- **Aim:** Encourage critical thinking about practicality, durability, strength, and suitability for purpose.
- **Design Tip:** Pose real design dilemmas (e.g. free-standing vs. anchored structures) that require students to consider technical outcomes.

## GEOGRAPHY

- **Focus:** Location, features, processes, and geographical techniques such as map reading.
- **Aim:** Prompt reasoning about cause, effect, place, and human–physical relationships.
- **Design Tip:** Choose scenarios that link physical or human geography to observable consequences.

## HISTORY

- **Focus:** Significant people, events, and places—explored through ideas of culture, artefacts, and society.
- **Aim:** Encourage temporal thinking and comparison of historical lives, values, and achievements.
- **Design Tip:** Debates should go beyond admiration and invite critical contrast and consequence.

## LANGUAGES (E.G. SPANISH)

- **Focus:** Pronunciation, word learning strategies, vocabulary organisation, and cultural knowledge.
- **Aim:** Prompt metacognition about how language is learned and used effectively.
- **Design Tip:** Avoid oversimplified questions about “fun”—instead, explore clarity, memory, and speaking practice.

## MUSIC

- **Focus:** Elements such as pitch, duration, texture, and structure—not personal taste.
- **Aim:** Help students reason about musical components and how they contribute to meaning.
- **Design Tip:** Debate contrasting musical features (e.g. repetition vs. change, simple vs. layered sounds).

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **Focus:** Movement types, tactics, control, health, and teamwork.
- **Aim:** Promote reflection on movement choices and physical problem-solving.
- **Design Tip:** Centre debates around functional movement decisions and personal development, not athletic competition.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **Focus:** Beliefs, practices, symbols, values, and belonging across faith and non-faith traditions.
- **Aim:** Develop respectful curiosity, ethical thinking, and comparison of ideas.
- **Design Tip:** Avoid doctrinal claims—pose thoughtful questions about actions, meanings, and diversity of perspectives.

By ensuring each debate is grounded in the disciplinary thinking of the subject, students are supported not just to talk, but to think critically, reason clearly, and listen with the intent to understand.





English





# Black Belt: Mastery of Debate

Aspect	Details
Goal	Develop rhetorical precision, strategic argumentation, and formal competitive debate skills.
Debate Functions	<b>Advanced Argumentation:</b> It is my contention that... / A compelling case can be made for... <b>Sophisticated Rebuttals:</b> Though initially persuasive, this argument ultimately collapses under scrutiny when... <b>Persuasive Closing Statements:</b> Given the overwhelming evidence, the only reasonable conclusion is...
Curriculum Topics	<b>Science:</b> Should genetic modification be used to enhance human abilities? <b>History:</b> Was the Cold War avoidable? <b>Geography:</b> Should the UK prioritise renewable energy over economic growth? <b>Literature:</b> Is Frankenstein's monster the true villain of the novel?
Scaffolds for Support	<b>Counter-Argument Web</b> – Helps students map out possible counterarguments in advance. <b>Master Debater Sentence Bank</b> – Supports high-level persuasive language. <b>Timed Pressure Rebuttal</b> – Builds quick-thinking skills in structured debate.
Adaptations for Students with Additional Needs	<b>Neurodivergent students</b> – Provide a structured planning sheet for mapping out argument, counterpoint, and rebuttal before speaking. <b>Students with speech &amp; language needs</b> – Allow for written responses or multimodal participation (e.g., visual argument mapping). <b>Reluctant speakers</b> – Encourage non-verbal contributions (e.g., timekeeping, scoring, or summarising key arguments) before progressing to verbal contributions.





# Black Belt: Debate Planning Template

Debate Stage	Guiding Prompts	Student Notes
<b>Topic/Question</b>	What is the motion we are debating?	Example: Should genetic modification be allowed in humans?
<b>Opening Statement</b>	How do I introduce my position powerfully?	It is my contention that...
<b>Main Argument</b>	What is my most compelling argument?	A compelling case can be made for...
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	What logical reasoning and factual evidence support my view?	Given the research by...
<b>Counterargument</b>	What is a strong opposing argument?	One could argue that...
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	How do I dismantle this counterargument?	Though initially persuasive, this argument ultimately collapses under scrutiny because...
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	How can I persuade my audience?	I will use analogies, repetition, and powerful concluding statements.





# Links to the Tongue Fu Talking™ Practices

Debate Stage	Discipline(s)	Practice(s)
Opening Statement		
Main Argument		
Evidence & Reasoning		
Counterargument		
Advanced Rebuttal		 
Strategic Use of Rhetoric		 





# English: Worked Example 1

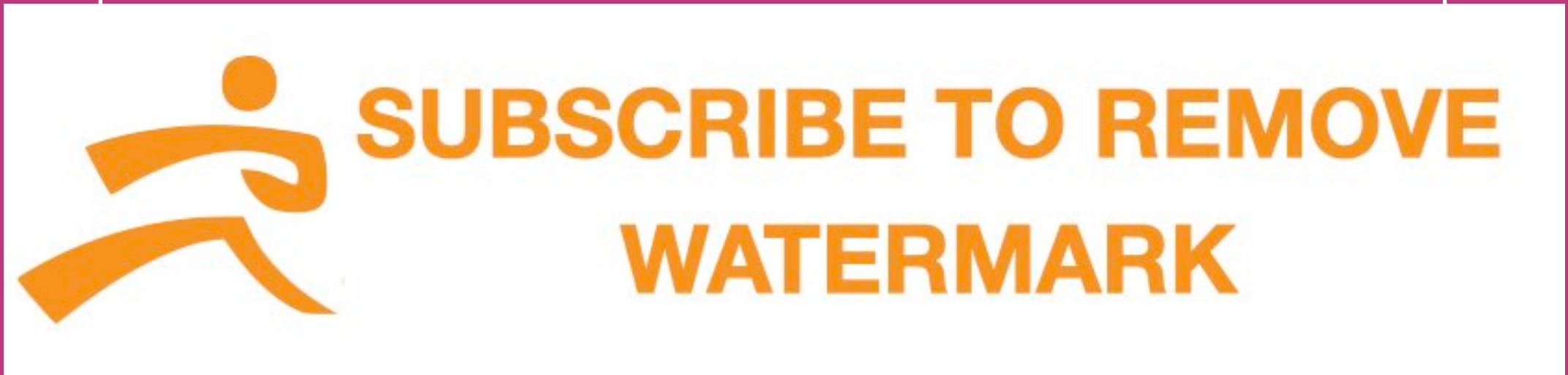


	same level of intensity and uncertainty as the character.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> , Mark Haddon uses first-person narration to present Christopher’s view of the world. His literal interpretations, emotional responses, and detailed logic help readers understand his unique way of thinking.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, some would argue that third-person narration offers more flexibility. For instance, in <i>Of Mice and Men</i> , Steinbeck uses a third-person narrator to show not just what George and Lennie experience, but also what other characters think of them—adding layers of social context the characters themselves don’t notice.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s a valid point, but multiple perspectives can actually dilute the emotional intensity. First-person narration, while limited in scope, creates a powerful bond between narrator and reader, which can deepen empathy and engagement, especially in psychologically rich stories.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	First-person narration doesn’t just tell us what a character is doing—it lets us become the character. In a world full of distractions, that kind of deep immersion can be the difference between reading a book and feeling it.





# English: Worked Example 2

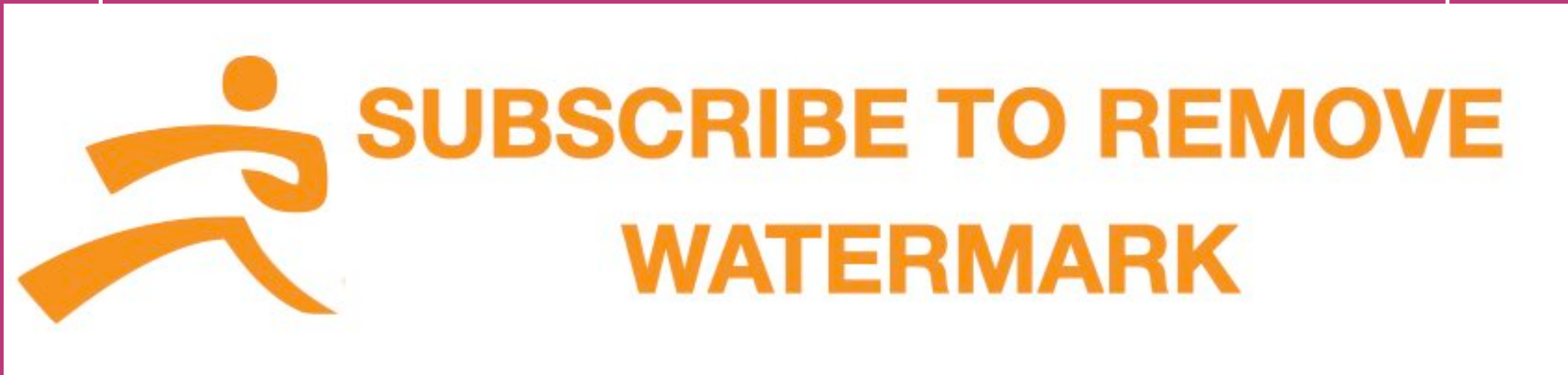


	makes their journeys more meaningful and less predictable than the traditional heroic path.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In <i>Of Mice and Men</i> , George is not a perfect hero—he’s quick-tempered and carries guilt—but these flaws make his relationship with Lennie and the ending of the story more impactful. We empathise with him because he’s human.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, in some genres or stories, a morally upright protagonist can still be compelling. For example, Katniss Everdeen in <i>The Hunger Games</i> is largely selfless and brave, which creates admiration and a sense of justice.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s a fair point, but even Katniss shows doubts and emotional conflict. Truly flawless heroes can feel distant or unrealistic. It’s the imperfections, even in strong characters, that allow readers to question, reflect and connect.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Flawed protagonists don’t just survive the plot—they earn their outcomes. Their mistakes make victories sweeter, their losses heavier, and their stories more human. That’s what stays with us long after the book is closed.





# English: Worked Example 3

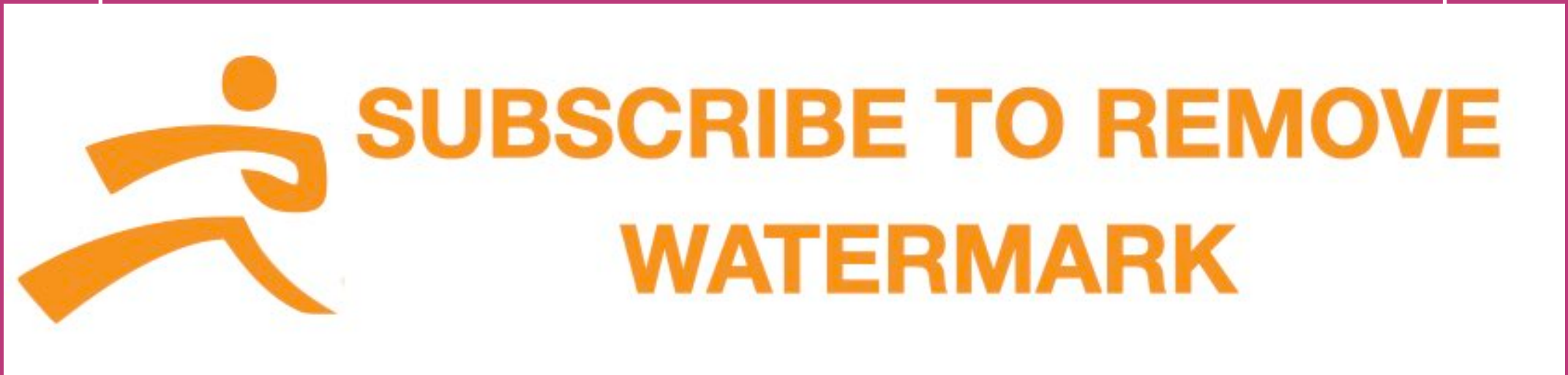


	pressure on both characters and readers.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Room by Emma Donoghue, the entire story begins within a single room. The narrow setting heightens the suspense and highlights the emotional stakes of the characters' attempts to escape.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, expansive or shifting settings can also build tension, especially when the environment itself is threatening. For example, in The Road by Cormac McCarthy, the open, desolate landscape adds danger and uncertainty at every turn.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but a confined setting forces characters to face their problems directly—there's no escape. It often amplifies character conflict and emotional intensity, which can make the tension feel more immediate.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A wide-open world might offer danger, but a locked room offers dread. Tension doesn't always grow in the unknown—it festers in the familiar, especially when escape is impossible.



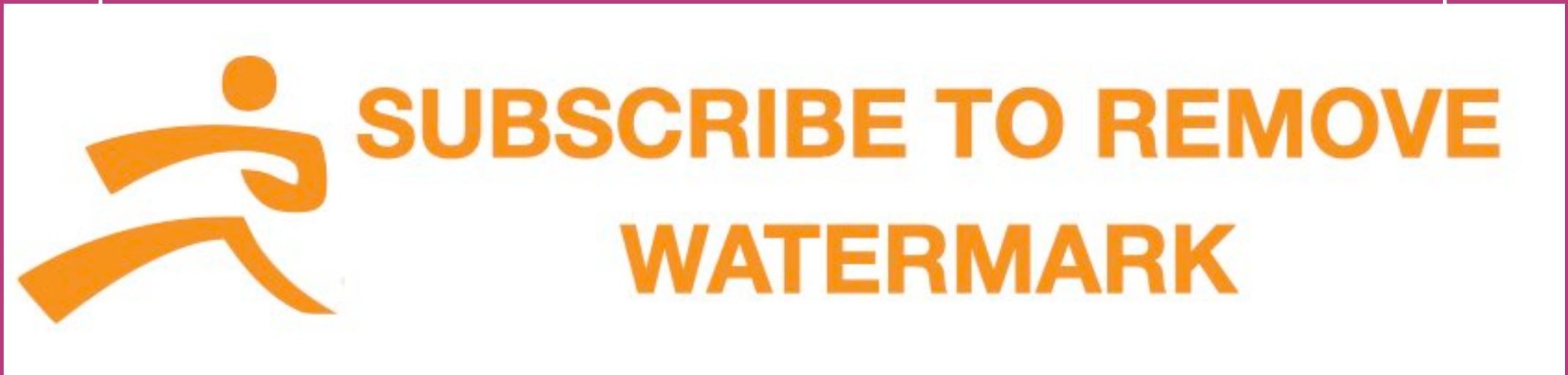


# English: Worked Example 4



	character's arc.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> , Holden's red hunting hat becomes a symbol of his desire for individuality and protection from the adult world. It changes meaning as he evolves, showing his inner struggle.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some readers might find symbolism vague or confusing, especially if it's too subtle or open-ended. For example, not everyone notices the mirror symbolism in <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> .
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's a risk, but when done well, symbolism allows multiple layers of interpretation. It invites the reader to participate in meaning-making, which leads to richer understanding.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A symbol isn't just a detail—it's a window. Through it, we see not just what the character does, but why it matters.





	assumptions.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In <i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman, the gothic genre is blended with fantasy and coming-of-age elements. It defies strict genre boundaries yet creates a compelling and imaginative world.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Still, readers often choose genres for comfort or familiarity. A mystery without a clear resolution, for example, can feel disappointing.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's understandable, but genres evolve when writers experiment. Breaking conventions doesn't mean ignoring them—it means using them creatively to deepen meaning or unsettle expectations.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Genres are tools, not cages. The best writers know when to honour them—and when to tear them down.





# English: Worked Example 6



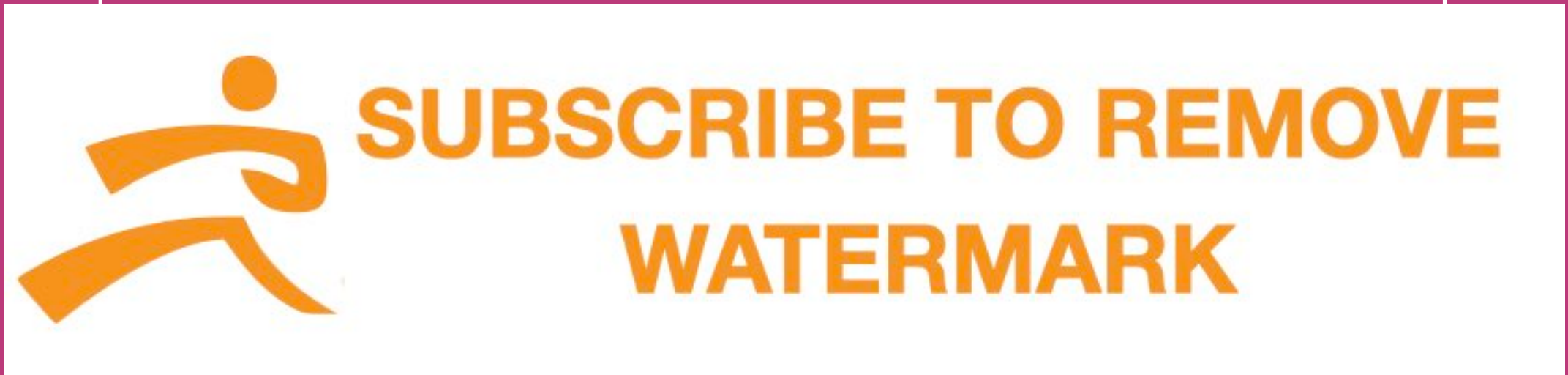
	hidden emotions or tensions.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In <i>An Inspector Calls</i> by J.B. Priestley, the characters often speak politely but the subtext exposes guilt, denial and class tensions—especially in Gerald’s and Sheila’s interactions.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some readers might miss the subtext and misinterpret the character’s intentions. In fast-paced or younger fiction, direct dialogue may be clearer and more accessible.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s a risk, but subtext invites readers to think critically and read between the lines. It makes literature an active experience, not just a passive one.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	What we don’t say often says the most. In fiction, silence, hesitation and avoidance can speak volumes—if we know how to listen.





	evaluate earlier scenes.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In <i>The Book Thief</i> , Markus Zusak uses non-linear structure to foreshadow key events and reflect the fragmented way Death views time. This structure makes the story more haunting and layered.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Still, a clear chronological structure helps readers follow events easily. In novels with many characters or timelines, jumping around can be confusing.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true for some readers, but a well-crafted non-linear plot can build curiosity and reward close reading. It asks readers to piece the story together, which deepens engagement.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Life rarely unfolds in a straight line—why should stories? When time twists, so do our expectations. That tension can make a narrative unforgettable.



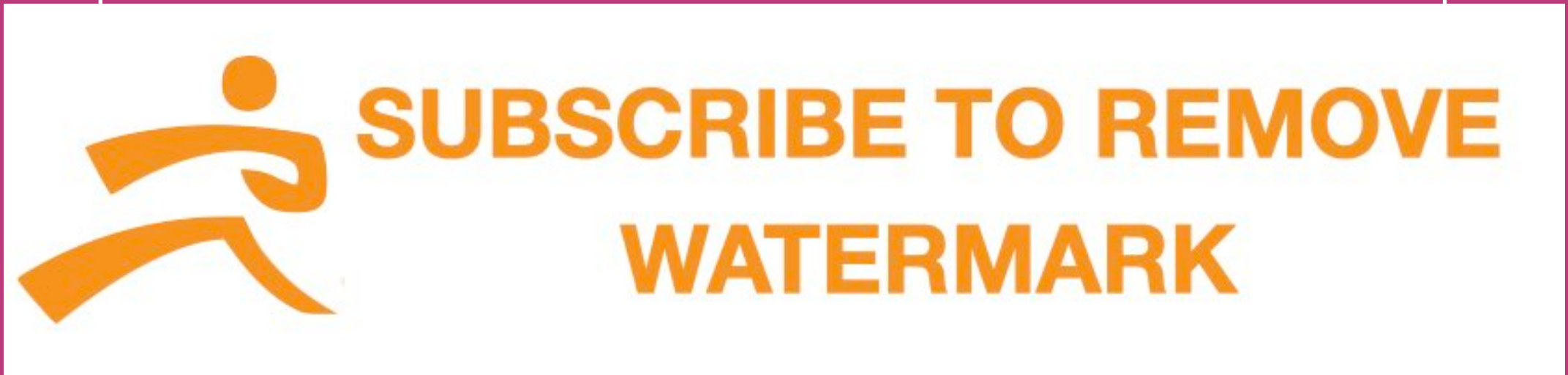


<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe, the narrator insists he is sane while describing a murder. The contradiction between what he says and what we infer makes the story chilling and psychologically rich.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, too much uncertainty can frustrate readers. If they can't trust anything the narrator says, they might lose interest or feel tricked.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That can happen, but when balanced well, unreliable narrators add depth. They turn readers into detectives, constantly reinterpreting events.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A trustworthy narrator tells you a story. An unreliable one lets you discover it. That mystery can be more powerful than any plot twist.





# English: Worked Example 9

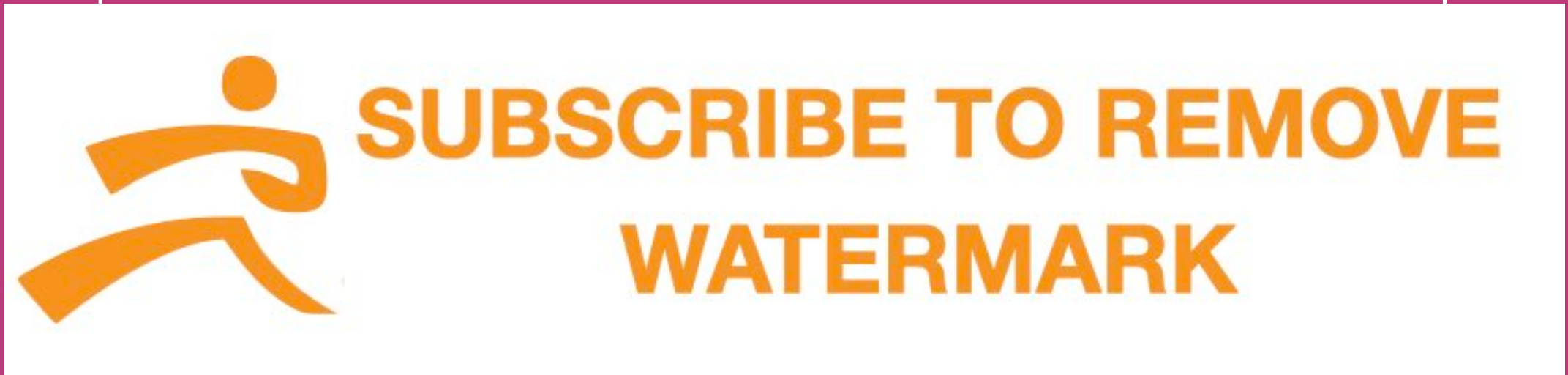


	critically.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Animal Farm, Orwell’s calm and neutral tone when describing brutal events makes the cruelty seem even more shocking. The tone shapes how we read the morality of what happens.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some argue that plot and action matter more than tone. If the events are powerful enough, the tone is secondary.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	But tone is part of how events are framed. It filters our emotional response. Two authors could describe the same scene with different tones—and readers would come away with completely different feelings.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Tone is the lens through which we see the story. Change the lens, and you change the world.





# English: Worked Example 10



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In <i>Lord of the Flies</i> , one reader might see the conch as a symbol of law and order, another as a symbol of false control. Both views can be supported with evidence from the text.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some interpretations stretch too far and ignore the author's intent or the text's context. At a certain point, not all readings can be valid.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but multiple valid interpretations are not the same as any interpretation. Rigorous reasoning and textual evidence are what make a reading defensible.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Literature isn't a riddle with one answer. It's a conversation. And the more thoughtful voices we include, the richer that conversation becomes.





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Mathematics





# Mathematics: Worked Example 1



	decimals can lead to rounding errors or long repeats, which make the calculation less precise.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For instance, multiplying $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{2}{5}$ is straightforward: $\frac{6}{20}$ simplifies to $\frac{3}{10}$ . Converting to decimals gives $0.75 \times 0.4 = 0.3$ , which is fine here, but imagine multiplying $\frac{7}{8} \times \frac{5}{9}$ — it becomes more complex as decimals and loses the advantage of cancelling common factors.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some students might argue that decimals are easier to handle, especially with addition and subtraction, because they align neatly using place value columns and are more familiar from everyday contexts like money.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's understandable, but familiarity isn't the same as efficiency. In higher-level maths, especially with algebraic expressions and proofs, fractional form is often more adaptable and precise. Understanding when and why to use fractions builds better mathematical fluency.
<b>Opening Statement</b>	I don't think it's always more efficient to convert fractions to decimals when calculating. The best method depends on the numbers involved and the context of the problem.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 2



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	helpful structure, especially if you're solving or rearranging complex equations.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in the equation $3(x + 2) = 18$ , simplifying the left side gives $3x + 6 = 18$ . That's helpful. But in an equation like $(x + 3)(x - 3) = 16$ , expanding straight away gives $x^2 - 9 = 16$ , which hides the symmetry that makes it easier to solve.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that simplifying always makes expressions more manageable, especially for less confident students.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's fair, but teaching students to look for structure first can lead to more efficient strategies and deeper understanding. It's not about skipping simplifying but choosing when it's most effective.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Simplifying is a tool, not a rule. Sometimes the quickest route is the one that preserves the shape of the problem, not flattens it. Being flexible is what real mathematicians do.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 3



	pattern.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, $5 - (-3)$ becomes $5 + 3$ , which feels like a trick unless it's linked to real-life contexts like temperature. In contrast, understanding why $(-2) \times (-4) = 8$ can be shown with number patterns or symmetry.
<b>Counterargument</b>	On the other hand, multiplying two negatives often seems counterintuitive, especially when no visual model or pattern is used to explain it.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but patterns in multiplication tables support it. Subtracting negatives can be harder to visualise and remember without proper context.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Clarity beats complexity. Multiplying negatives might seem strange, but subtracting a negative number bends logic unless students are shown the purpose behind it.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 4



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	subtraction) should be handled left to right when at the same level.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in $16 \div 4 \times 2$ , some students wrongly do $4 \times 2$ first, getting 2 instead of 8. This shows a conceptual gap in understanding rather than poor calculation skill.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Others might argue that most errors are still caused by basic number mistakes, like incorrect times tables or place value slips.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	While calculation mistakes happen, errors due to BIDMAS are often systematic. Fixing those requires conceptual understanding, not more practice.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A solid grasp of order matters more than perfect arithmetic. If the structure is misunderstood, even a calculator can't save you.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 5



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	builds number sense, not just neatness.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, comparing $3.5 \times 10^8$ and $4.1 \times 10^9$ helps students instantly see which number is larger without having to count zeros.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that it's introduced mainly for convenience, especially in science where long strings of digits would clutter up calculations.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's a practical benefit, but understanding magnitude is the real power. Standard form helps students reason about size in ways that raw digits don't support.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Space-saving is a perk. But clarity of thought—that's the real gift of standard form.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 6




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	unfamiliar problems.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For instance, showing why angles on a straight line total $180^\circ$ by folding a strip or rotating angles around a point builds intuition that rote learning doesn't.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Still, quick recall of angle facts is useful in timed settings and exams. Understanding can take longer to build.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but memorisation without meaning can lead to errors when the problem isn't exactly what students expect.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A rule learned is a tool; a rule understood is a superpower.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 7



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	which supports understanding.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	If a spinner is meant to land on blue 25% of the time, but in 40 spins it only lands on blue 3 times, students start questioning assumptions and learning about bias or fairness.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Theoretical probability gives the exact model and helps students predict outcomes without needing long trials or samples.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but seeing the variation in experiments helps students understand probability as a model, not a promise.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Probability is about what should happen. But only through experimentation do students grasp what could happen.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 8



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	typical.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, if the incomes in a street are £25k, £26k, £27k and £1 million, the mean is over £200k, which doesn't reflect most people's experience.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Still, the mean uses all the data, so it's useful when the spread is even and there are no extreme values.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but students need to learn to choose their measure based on context, not habit.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Data isn't just about calculation—it's about communication. The best measure is the one that tells the clearest story.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 9



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	overload and highlight structure.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a GCSE-style problem involving scale, ratio and percentages, doing all steps manually may result in losing track of logic. A calculator allows focus on sequencing and relationships.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, overreliance can stop students from spotting errors or developing number fluency.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but banning calculators doesn't teach reasoning. Teaching how and when to use them does.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	The calculator is not the enemy of thinking—it's the ally of strategy.





# Mathematics: Worked Example 10



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	In recipes, map scales, and conversions.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in a recipe using 3:2:1 of flour, sugar and butter, you can scale up easily using ratio. In contrast, proportion tends to work best when one total and one part are already known, like “3 out of 5 students prefer...”
<b>Counterargument</b>	But proportion is useful in situations involving percentages, fairness or equivalence, where the total amount is known or being calculated.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, and both are important. But ratio offers a broader and more adaptable way of reasoning in design, science, and everyday maths, especially when values are increasing or decreasing together.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Ratio tells us how things relate, not just how much of something we have. In real-life problems, relationships matter more than isolated quantities.





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Science





# Science: Worked Example 1



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<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, the nucleus sends instructions, but they only matter if the cytoplasm has the ribosomes to use them. And the membrane controls what comes in and out to keep everything running.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some people might say it's easier to learn the parts one by one first, like learning the names of the body before how it works.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That might help with remembering names, but if you don't know how the parts work together, it's hard to explain how real processes like respiration or diffusion happen inside the cell.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A cell isn't a list of parts: it's more like a football team. If the players don't pass, nothing works. The team only wins when every part plays its role together.





# Science: Worked Example 2

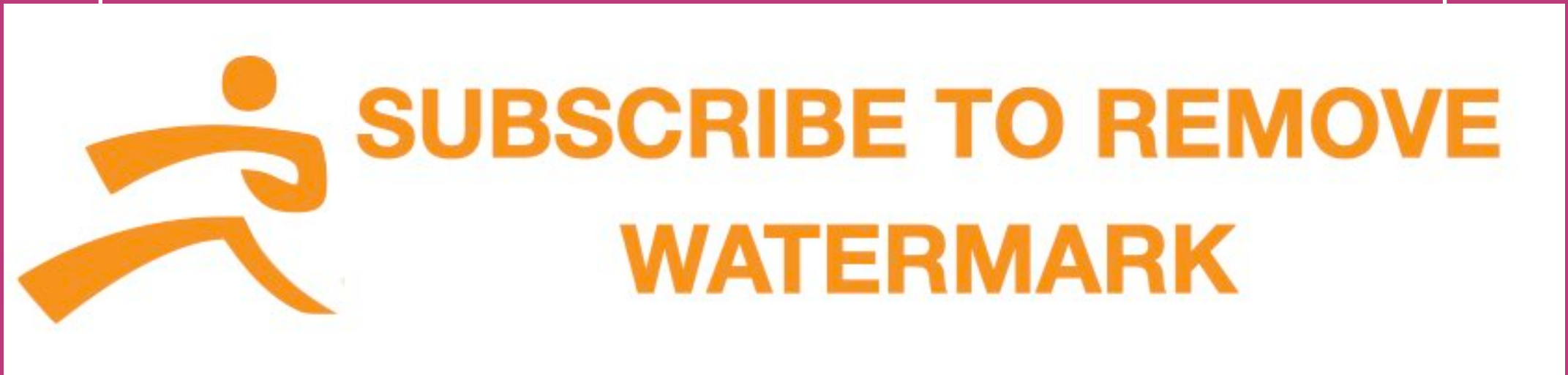


	helps the body work.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, a chocolate bar and a banana might have a similar number of calories, but the banana gives us fibre, potassium and slower-release energy.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might say that calories are the best way to measure food energy because it gives a simple number to compare.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's useful, but it doesn't tell the full story. Our bodies need protein for repair, vitamins for health, and different nutrients for different jobs—not just fuel.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Counting calories is like counting petrol without checking the engine. It's not just about how much—it's about what the body needs and how it uses it.





# Science: Worked Example 3

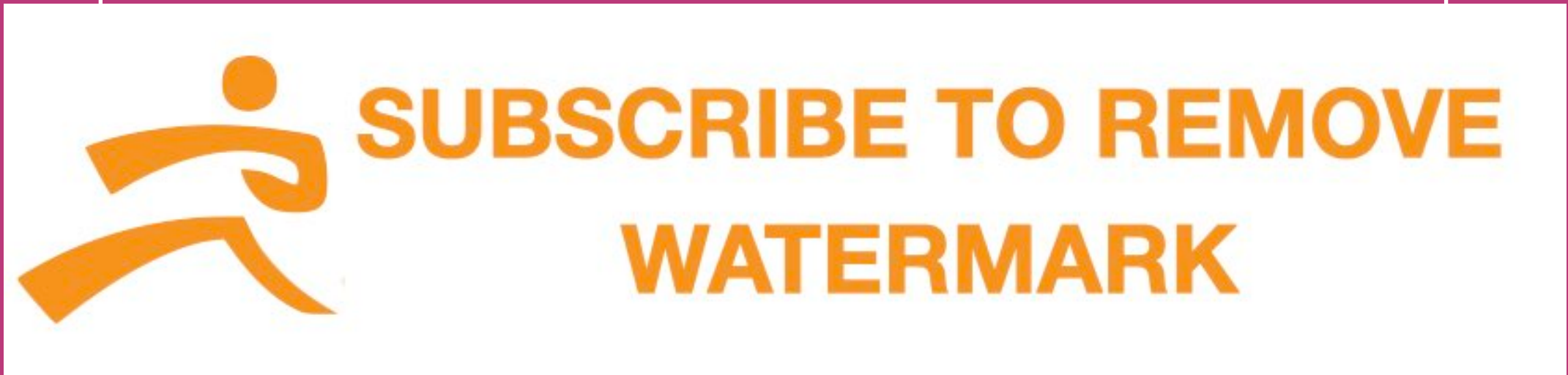


<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, testosterone and oestrogen affect mood and behaviour. Many teenagers feel more tired because of changes in melatonin, not just because they stay up late.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some people think puberty mainly means things like voice changes or getting taller, because those are the easiest to notice.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but if we only focus on the outside, we ignore how puberty affects school, friendships, and mental health.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Puberty isn't just a mirror—it's a full-body reboot. What happens on the inside matters just as much as what we can see.





# Science: Worked Example 4



	balloons expand in heat.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, when gas particles are heated, they move faster and push harder on the container walls. That’s why hot air balloons rise—the particles are more spread out and create lower density.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some people might say pressure is more useful because it links to what we measure in real life—like in pumps, syringes or car tyres.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s helpful in practical terms, but without understanding particles, it’s harder to explain why pressure changes.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Pressure is what we see, but particles are what make it happen. If we ignore the invisible, we miss the science behind the surface.





# Science: Worked Example 5



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	mass is a gas that escapes.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, when you heat copper carbonate, it breaks down into copper oxide and carbon dioxide. The black powder turns grey, and the gas floats away. If you don't capture the gas, the mass seems to go down.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But in a classroom, we often see reactions where the final mass is less. That can be confusing, especially in open systems.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's why it's important to measure everything, including the gas. In closed systems, the mass stays the same. It's not a trick—it's just about careful observation.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Just because something disappears doesn't mean it's gone. In chemistry, what you can't see is just as real as what you can.





# Science: Worked Example 6



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	changes over time, not just the type of movement.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, two runners might both be fast, but if one runs 100 metres in 10 seconds and another in 12 seconds, the difference becomes clear when we use data.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some people say that describing motion with words is more accessible and paints a clearer picture, especially when talking to someone without science training.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	Words help with storytelling, but in science we need measurements to analyse, compare, and predict. We can still use both—but numbers do more than describe: they explain.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Describing motion with words is like painting with broad strokes. Numbers are the fine details that turn it into science.





# Science: Worked Example 7



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	to reduce how much is wasted.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in a car engine, only about 25% of the energy from the fuel moves the car. The rest is lost as heat and friction. If we design better engines, we can save fuel and money.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that since energy is always conserved, we don't really need to worry—it's still in the system somewhere.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	But if it spreads out and can't do useful work, it's not helpful to us. That's why scientists talk about energy quality as well as quantity.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Energy isn't lost—it just slips through our fingers. Saving energy is about keeping it useful, not keeping it around.





# Science: Worked Example 8



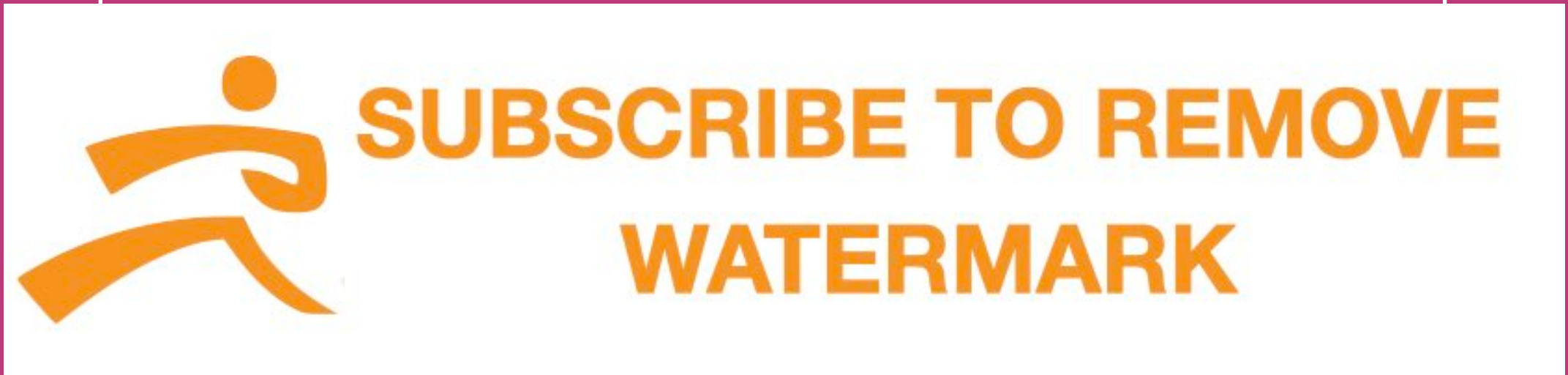
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	solids. Without vibrations, there's no sound.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For instance, if you pluck a guitar string, it vibrates and the sound travels to your ear. If you stop the string from vibrating, the sound stops.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that we can describe sound in terms of waves or frequencies without always talking about vibrations.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	But frequencies are linked to vibrations. Ignoring them cuts out the cause of the sound. Vibrations explain where the sound starts, how it travels, and how we hear it.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Talking about sound without vibrations is like talking about swimming without water—you're missing what makes it possible in the first place.





# Science: Worked Example 9



	even more than if we were right .
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, scientists once thought ulcers were caused by stress. But when someone asked, “Could bacteria be responsible?” it changed medical science.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Others might say getting the correct result is the goal of any investigation—it shows your method worked and your knowledge is sound.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	But results without a thoughtful question can be meaningless. The method might be perfect, but if the question is off, you learn nothing useful.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Right answers are like stars—but the right questions are the telescope. You can’t see anything without them.





# Science: Worked Example 10



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	They're quick, cheap, and clear.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In school labs, they help identify acids and alkalis or track neutralisation. But if we need to know exact pH, like in medicine or industry, digital meters are more precise.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might say indicators are too vague, especially with colours that can be hard to judge. Different people might read the same result differently.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but we choose tools based on the job. For quick tests or comparisons, indicators work well. It's about knowing when they're "good enough."
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A ruler and a laser both measure length, but we don't always need a laser. Indicators are the ruler of chemistry—simple, but often just right.





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Art





# Art: Worked Example 1



	structure. Interpretation is not always about decoding—it can be about sensing.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Basquiat’s work, many symbols come from African-American culture or personal references. Even if the viewer doesn’t know their origin, the raw energy, expressive marks and repeated motifs still communicate urgency and conflict.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that without knowing what the symbols mean, you miss the artist’s full intention and could completely misread the message.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s possible, but art isn’t like language with fixed translations. Artists often invite multiple readings. Viewers bring their own associations, and that keeps the artwork alive across time and place.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	You don’t have to speak the same dialect to feel the weight of a message. Sometimes, confusion is part of the communication.





## Art: Worked Example 2



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Käthe Kollwitz's charcoal drawings, the grain and smudge of the material add emotional weight, which is hard to simulate digitally.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But digital tools offer endless control—artists can undo, layer and colour with precision that's difficult using physical materials.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but digital perfection can flatten expressive accidents. The unpredictability of charcoal is part of its power.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	Sometimes, the messiness of the material is what makes it feel human.





<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, understanding that Picasso painted Guernica as a protest against war changes how we see the distorted figures.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But some people think overanalysing historical context takes away the personal response viewers might have.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	It doesn't have to. Knowing context can add to our reaction, not take it away. You can feel and think more deeply.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	Art is time-travel—we honour its past, but we live with it now.



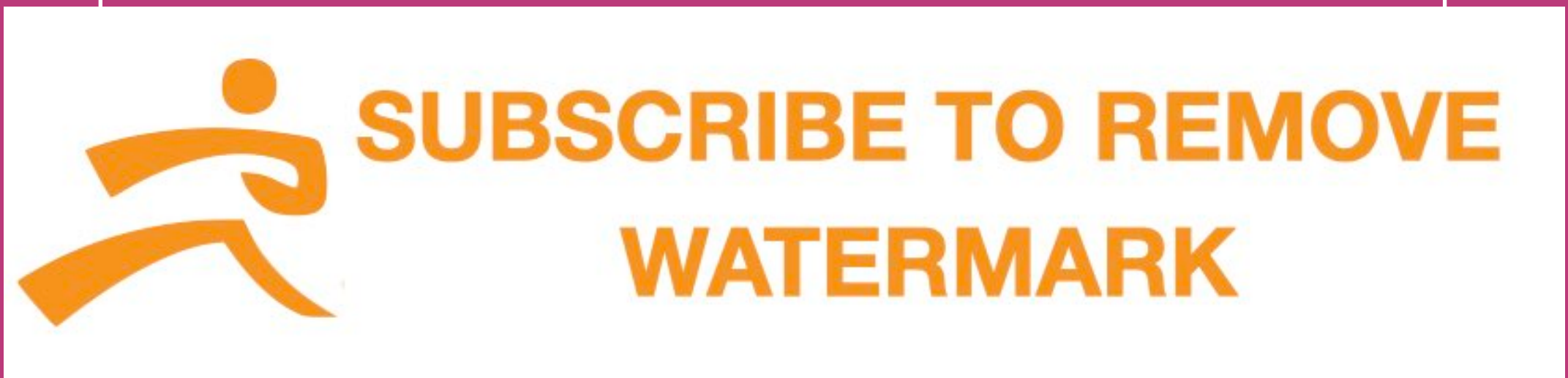


<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The artist David Hockney plans his iPad drawings but leaves space for colour decisions and gesture to evolve as he works.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But some artists argue that real creativity happens in the moment, not when you stick to a plan.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true for some, but even spontaneous artists use internal structures they've developed over time. Planning doesn't mean no freedom.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	A plan is like a map—you can take detours, but it helps you get somewhere.





# Art: Worked Example 5



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Barbara Hepworth created many versions of her sculptures in different materials, using the process to refine both form and feeling—each outcome was unique.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Still, some believe that repeated changes can overwork an idea, causing it to lose its initial spark and spontaneity.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s possible, but it depends on the purpose. Revision isn’t about perfection—it’s about deepening intention.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	True originality isn’t always in the first idea—it’s in the process of shaping it into something truly meaningful.





	uses shape and colour to represent emotion in ways words sometimes can't.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Mark Rothko's large colour field paintings evoke sadness or calm through deep reds and soft edges, without depicting any people or places. His aim was to create an emotional space, not tell a story.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that without recognisable figures or faces, it's hard to tell what the artist is feeling, and the meaning becomes too vague.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true if we're looking for literal clues, but abstract art isn't about giving one answer. It invites personal response. Emotions are complex—and abstract forms give space for the viewer's own interpretation.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	Not all emotions are visible. Just like music can make us feel something without lyrics, abstract art can move us without showing a single face.





# Art: Worked Example 7



	expressions of identity and creativity, not just practicality.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The woven textiles of Anni Albers are displayed in major galleries. Though traditionally seen as “craft,” her work explored texture, abstraction and pattern like any modernist painter.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some argue that crafts are mainly functional and don’t express big ideas or challenge audiences the way fine art does.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	But function and meaning aren’t opposites. Albers herself said weaving was a way of “thinking in threads.” The creative choices in craft can be as thoughtful and symbolic as those in painting.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	If intention, expression and skill define art—why should the material or tool change that?





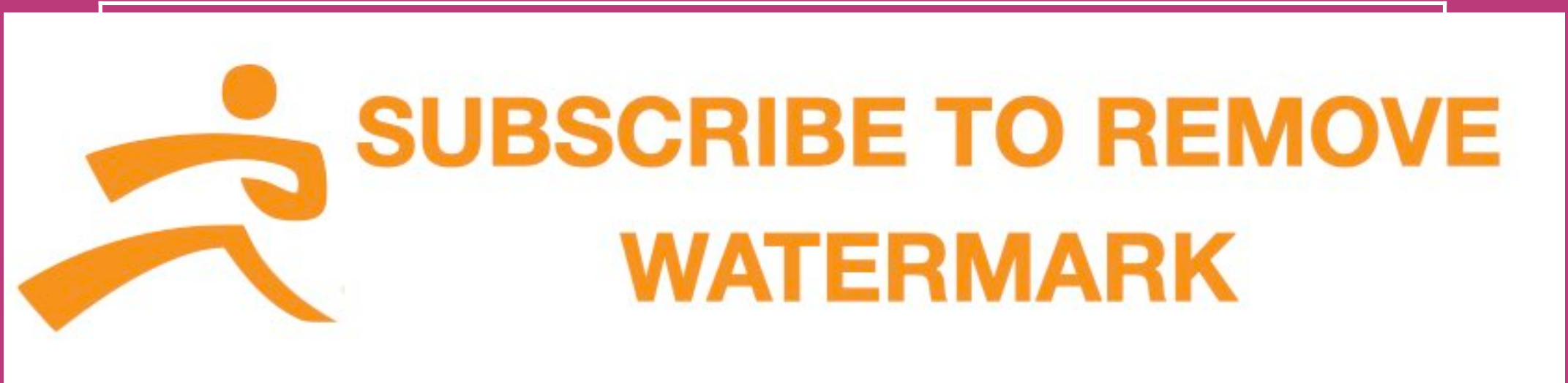
	respond to those same ideas even if they live in a different era.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Kehinde Wiley paints portraits in a style resembling Baroque art, but with contemporary Black subjects. His work mirrors the grandeur and lighting of the 17th century, yet speaks to modern identity and power.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Still, some might argue that repeating old styles stops innovation and may not reflect the present moment's needs.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	Repetition isn't the goal—re-engagement is. Using an old style to say something new can be both homage and challenge. Movements evolve through re-use, not just invention.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	Styles don't belong to the past—they belong to the ideas they carry. And ideas don't age.





	rules lets them break them deliberately, not by accident.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Picasso studied classical drawing and realism before developing Cubism. His early portraits show academic skill, which made his later abstractions more impactful because they came from a place of understanding.
<b>Counterargument</b>	On the other hand, some artists create powerful work without formal training, relying on instinct, observation or cultural tradition. Skill doesn't always come from classrooms.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	True, but even instinctive artists often learn through practice and reflection. It's not about schooling—it's about building a foundation that supports deeper experimentation.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	You can break rules powerfully only if you've met them first.





	repetition, spacing or purpose.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Henri Matisse’s <i>The Red Studio</i> , the red dominates everything, yet the bright yellows and greens don’t “match.” The effect is dynamic but still feels balanced and complete.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might say that clashing colours distract or overwhelm the viewer, making the artwork harder to look at or understand.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That can happen, but when done with care, contrast sharpens focus and enhances emotional intensity. Harmony can be found in tension, not just in blending.
<b>Strategic Rhetoric</b>	Harmony doesn’t always mean peace—it can also mean excitement, surprise, or boldness.





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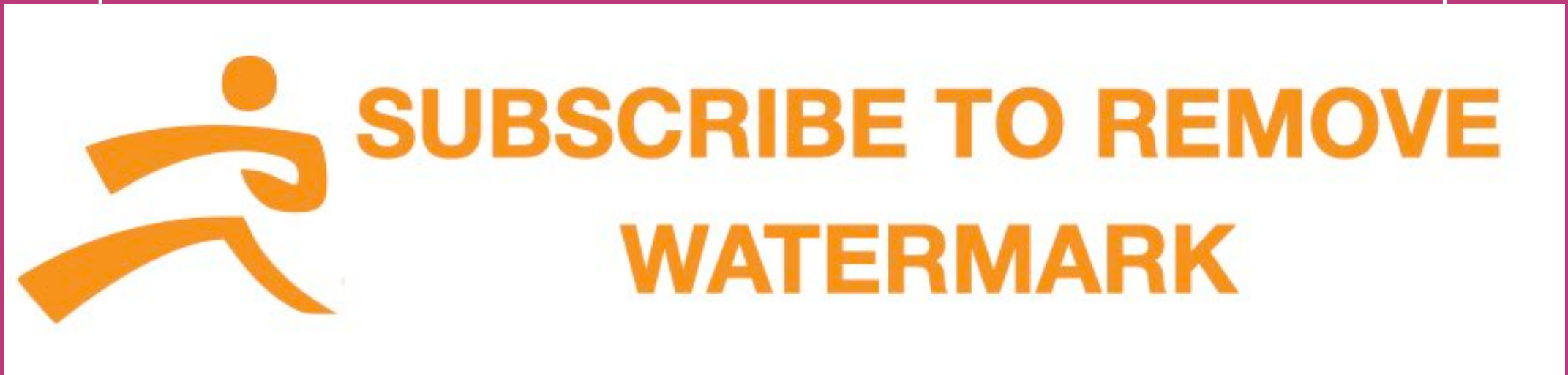


Computing





# Computing: Worked Example 1



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	<pre>if temperature &gt; 30: print("Hot") if temperature &gt; 20: print("Warm") if temperature &gt; 10: print("Cool")</pre> <p>With if used three times, a temperature of 32 would print all three, not just "Hot". Using elifavoids this confusion.</p>
<b>Counterargument</b>	<p>Still, there are times when using separate if statements is useful—like when you want multiple conditions to be checked regardless of what happened before. For example, in a game, a player might gain a point and lose health in the same frame if both conditions are true.</p>
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	<p>That's true when multiple outcomes are needed, but in branching decisions—where only one outcome should happen—elif and else keep things clear and efficient. Without them, students risk writing code that works accidentally rather than logically, which is hard to fix later.</p>
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	<p>A good programmer doesn't just aim for working code—they aim for code that others can read, debug and trust. Using elif is like putting up signposts: it shows the computer—and the human—exactly what to do when. Multiple if statements without control flow are like a maze with no exit.</p>

*\*elif is short for "else if" in many programming languages, such as Python. It is used in conditional statements to check additional conditions after the first if, but only if the previous condition was not true.*





# Computing: Worked Example 2



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<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	for i in range(5): print(i) clearly runs five times. But if you're making a guessing game that runs until the player gets the answer right, you don't know how many guesses they'll need. So: while guess != correct: is more appropriate.
<b>Counterargument</b>	That's true, but beginners often misuse while loops. They can forget to change the condition, which causes infinite loops. for loops are easier to manage and safer when the task can be counted.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	Infinite loops are a risk, but that's part of learning control structures. Choosing while helps students think carefully about changing variables and loop conditions. It's not about what's safer—it's about what fits the task's logic.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Think of it like choosing the right tool for the job: for is a stopwatch—you know when it will end. while is a sensor—it keeps running until something changes. The best programmers don't just repeat actions: they plan when to stop.

*\*The for command in programming is used to repeat a block of code a specific number of times or for each item in a sequence. It is especially common in languages like Python, JavaScript and C.*





# Computing: Worked Example 3



	the present, which can create stronger empathy and insight.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Kensuke’s Kingdom, Michael Morpurgo uses a flashback to show Kensuke’s experiences during the war. This explains why he avoids contact and chooses isolation. The flashback transforms how we interpret his behaviour.
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<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	





# Computing: Worked Example 4



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<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Python, if you try to add a string to an integer, like <code>5 + 7</code> , it causes an error. In stricter languages like Java or C++, you have to declare data types from the start. This prevents bugs and helps programmers understand what each part of the program is meant to do.
<b>Counterargument</b>	That's true for more complex programs, but in simple scripts or beginner languages like Scratch or Python, the computer often guesses the data type correctly. Dynamic typing can make coding quicker and more flexible for new programmers.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That flexibility helps you start quickly, but relying on the computer to guess your types can lead to hidden bugs. For instance, <code>"3" * 2</code> in Python gives <code>"33"</code> instead of <code>6</code> , which might be unexpected. Being explicit helps with debugging, collaboration and avoiding logic errors.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	You wouldn't build a machine without knowing whether a part is metal or plastic. It's the same with programming: knowing the data type is knowing what your program is made of. Being clear about types is about building code you can trust—not just code that works today.





# Computing: Worked Example 5

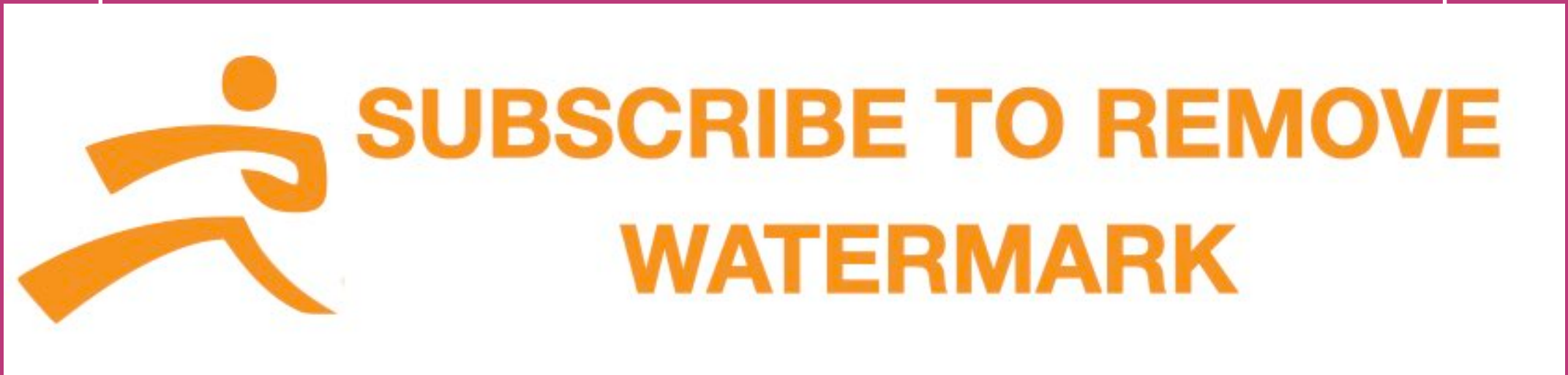


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# Computing: Worked Example 6



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	<p>For example, in Python:</p> <p>if temperature &gt; 20 and raining: means both conditions must be true.          But if raining or snowing: will be true if either is true.          Many students confuse how these behave, especially when combined with not.</p>
<b>Counterargument</b>	<p>That's a fair point, but most people get the hang of it through examples. It's not necessarily a sign of deep difficulty—it's just unfamiliar at first.</p>
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	<p>True, but as programs grow, combining these operators creates logic trees. For instance, if not (raining or snowing) is different from if not raining or not snowing. That shows why precise thinking is essential when combining conditions.</p>
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	<p>These aren't just connectives: they're gates to action. Computers are literal. If your logic isn't tight, your program won't behave as expected. The difference between "and" and "or" might be one line of code, but it can mean success or failure in your system.</p>





# Computing: Worked Example 7



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<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, bubble sort is a very short and simple sorting algorithm, but merge sort is faster and handles larger data sets better, even if the code is longer and complex.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But in small programs, shorter code can reduce errors and make tasks quicker to complete.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's valid, but for long-term projects, clarity and maintainability matter. A few extra lines can make an algorithm more adaptable and easier to debug.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A short algorithm might win a sprint, but a clear, efficient one wins the marathon.





# Computing: Worked Example 8



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# Computing: Worked Example 9



	even in test conditions.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a school attendance system, entering "Ten" instead of "10" for age without validation could cause a crash or wrong data logging. This affects both functionality and data reliability.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But in controlled environments, like classroom simulations, enforcing validation might slow things down or prevent students from experimenting freely.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	While simplicity helps in early learning, ignoring validation teaches bad habits. Even a simple try-except block in Python trains students to think defensively about data inputs.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Good systems expect mistakes. Input validation isn't about lack of trust, it's about building robust tools that work in real conditions.





# Computing: Worked Example 10



	This shows the door only unlocks if the player has the key and the door is locked. The second condition only runs if the first one is met.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But this version: <pre>if has_key:     unlock_door() if door_locked:     unlock_door()</pre> might seem simpler at first. It avoids indentation errors and is easier for beginners to write, even though it doesn't show the same logical dependency.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true for readability at first, but it risks logical bugs. If the door shouldn't unlock unless both conditions are met, then nesting is safer. It keeps the logic tied together and reduces mistakes.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	In programming, clarity prevents errors. Nested if statements aren't just tidier—they show the thinking behind the code. They help programmers and teammates understand exactly what depends on what.





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	structural integrity.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a previous project, I found that a butt joint tended to slip during gluing and relied too heavily on external reinforcement like corner brackets.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might say that halving joints are harder to cut accurately and take more time, especially when working with limited tools or experience.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's valid early on, but using a tenon saw and bench hook with careful measuring makes the halving joint achievable — and the end result is cleaner.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Good design isn't just about finishing quickly. It's about choosing the technique that gives a better result for the user and the product's lifespan.





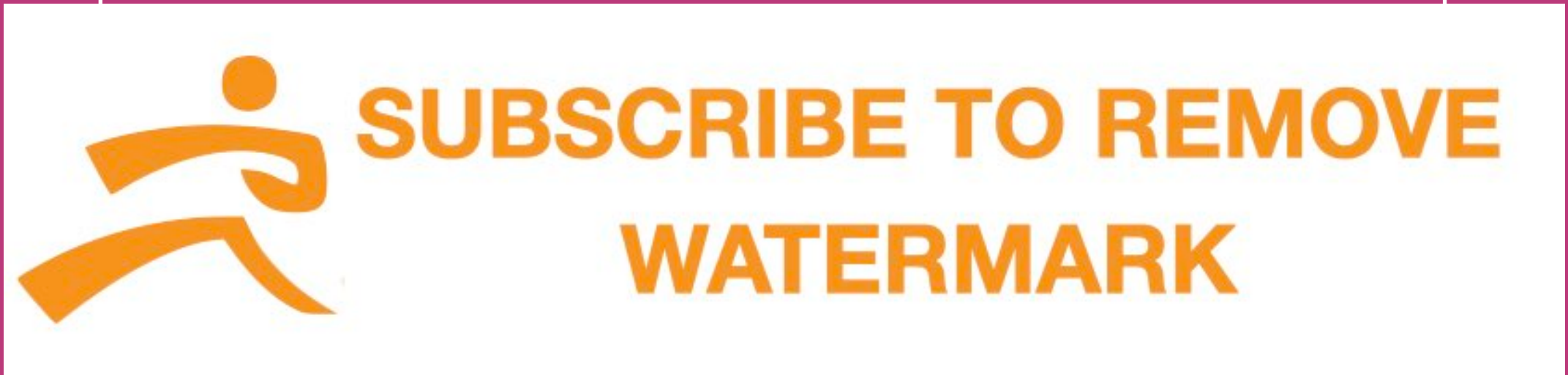
	with measuring and fitting.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In my last project, acrylic panels snapped at the edges when I tried to remove small tabs. MDF allowed for smoother joints and easier corrections.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, acrylic gives a more professional appearance and comes in different colours, which can make the product more appealing to the user.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but if the product's edges are rough or misaligned due to a material being brittle, the aesthetic advantage is lost. MDF supports precision.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A tidy that holds together well and fits cleanly is far more satisfying than one that looks good but doesn't last a week on a real desk.





	extra storage space nearby.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In classroom testing, users preferred a lid that stayed connected, especially when the box was used to store stationery or small electronics.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But a fixed lid requires accurate fitting and hinges, which may add complexity. A removable lid is simpler and quicker to prototype.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but the added complexity is manageable with school tools like small hinges and bradawl pilot holes, and it adds clear functional value.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Designing for ease of use doesn't mean avoiding all challenge. Sometimes the right level of complexity leads to a better, more user-friendly product.





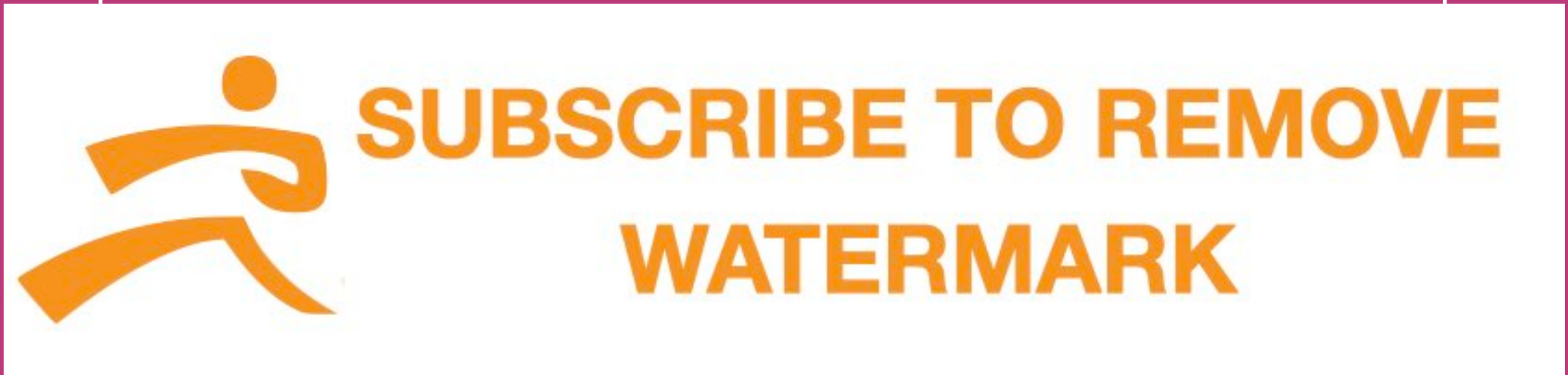
	designer focus on concepts.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a team project, we generated more varied ideas through thumbnail sketches. CAD only came in after narrowing down the most promising concept.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, CAD gives cleaner visuals and can be duplicated or adjusted quickly once the basic idea is in place, which helps when presenting.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	CAD is useful later, but at the idea-generation stage, speed and flexibility matter most. Hand drawing supports thinking through possibilities.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	If you want ideas to flow, don't start by clicking menus. Start by moving a pencil. Design is about shaping ideas, not just formatting outputs.





	design more effectively.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In my clock project, the spray-painted prototype looked closer to a manufactured product, which made it easier for users to imagine in real use.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, spray paint requires careful masking and ventilation, and mistakes like drips or uneven coats can be harder to correct than with a brush.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but with proper preparation like sanding and primer, spray paint delivers a finish that aligns with real-world expectations.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A prototype doesn't just test a function – it tells a story to the user. The right finish shows care in both design and communication.





	is fixed.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	When designing a handheld torch, peer feedback on grip size led me to change the handle shape before gluing, which would have been difficult later.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Some might argue that showing an incomplete product makes it harder for users to give meaningful feedback, especially on aesthetics or function.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's a valid risk, but clear communication — like explaining it's a mock-up — can focus their attention on the specific aspects you want tested.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Great design listens early. If you wait too long for feedback, all you're testing is regret.





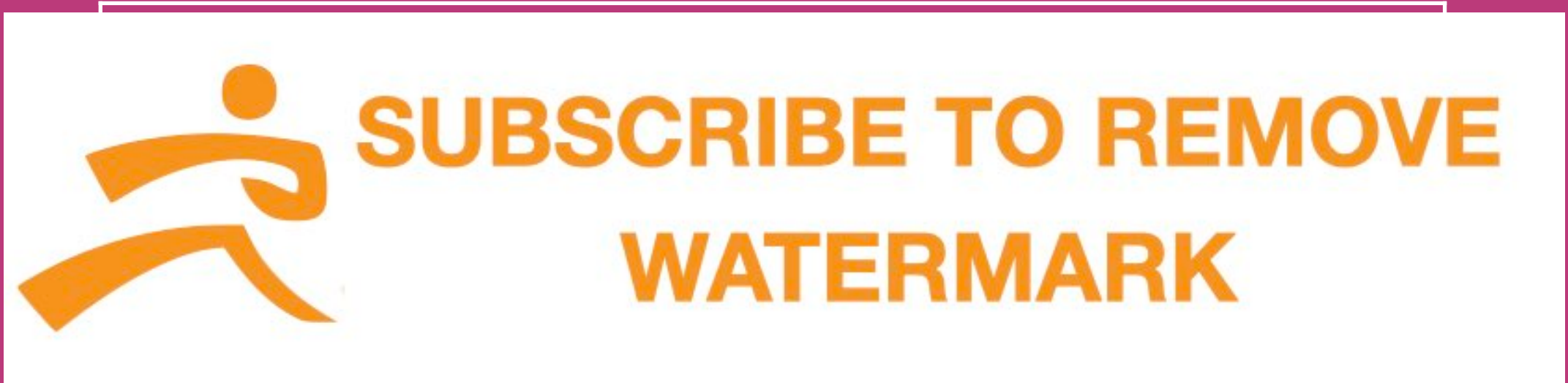
	whole structure.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a project to make a lightbox, I attached the top panel with small machine screws, which made it easier to change the internal components later.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, screws require precise pilot holes, risk cracking the acrylic, and may detract from the clean look of a transparent design.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	True, but using washers and drilling at low speed can prevent damage. Function often comes before visual purity, especially in a working model.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A design that looks good but can't be adjusted isn't clever — it's stubborn. Screws offer control and future-proofing.





	customisation.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a classroom prototype, users preferred removable trays and sliding dividers because they could store items like pens, glue sticks, or phones differently.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But modularity can make the product more complex to manufacture and may lead to parts being lost or breaking if not well designed.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	With thoughtful constraints — such as limiting the number of removable parts or using click-fit designs — the benefits outweigh the risks.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Designers don't always need to decide how something will be used — sometimes the best designs invite the user to decide for themselves.





	than a single prototype.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In my lighting design project, annotated views helped explain the internal wiring and choice of switch placement — things the model didn't show.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, a physical model gives a better sense of scale, usability and presence. It can help users visualise how the design feels in real life.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but for initial pitches, sketches give a more complete picture of function, appearance and construction. The model comes later.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A sketch can take you inside the design. A model can show you the outside. Start with the full story, then let the model bring it to life.





	especially in a simple product.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a nightlight project, I tried both options. The LDR caused flickering in varied lighting conditions, while the switch gave reliable, manual control.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But an LDR is more responsive to environmental change and can make the product feel automatic, which can enhance user experience in certain contexts.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's a good point, but for beginners, the LDR adds complexity in resistor values and layout. A switch achieves clarity, especially during early builds.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Good design starts with reliability. If you can't control when it works, you haven't designed it — you've just hoped it might behave.





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Geography





# Geography: Worked Example 1



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	the long term.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In places like Shrewsbury, floodplain zoning has guided development onto higher ground, reducing exposure during seasonal river flooding.
<b>Counterargument</b>	Others argue that embankments can protect existing buildings and allow more flexibility in where the town expands, especially if land is limited.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That may be true, but embankments can fail during heavy rainfall or overtopping events. Zoning avoids placing people and property in harm's way.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	You can't outbuild a river. But you can outthink one. Zoning keeps people safe by respecting the natural behaviour of the river system.





# Geography: Worked Example 2

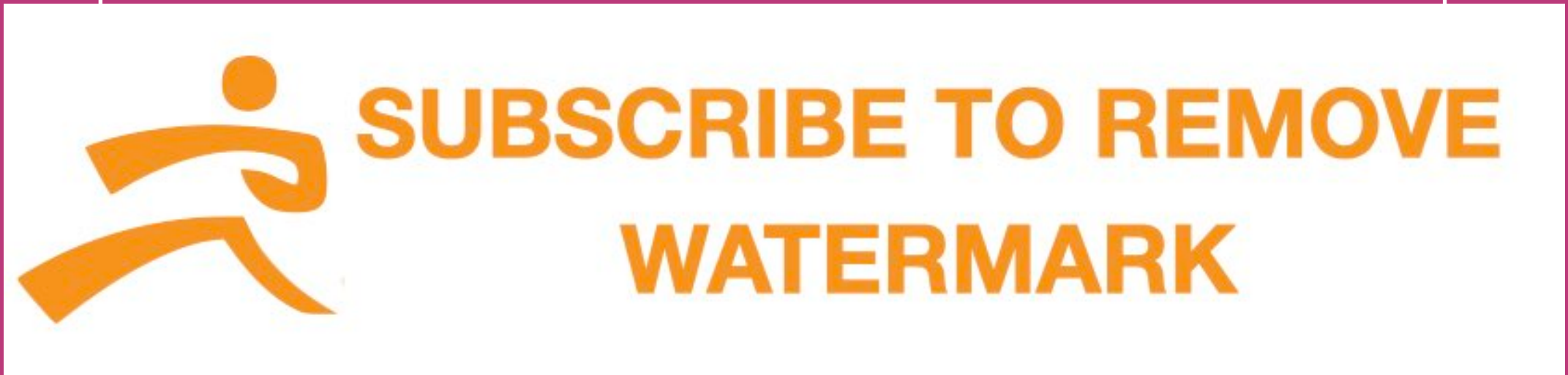


	planning for safer land use.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In places like Medmerry (West Sussex), managed retreat has reduced erosion pressure and created wetlands that also protect inland areas.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, some argue that hard engineering, like sea walls or rock armour, protects property and infrastructure that people depend on now.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's a fair point, but these methods are expensive to maintain and can cause increased erosion further along the coast, creating new problems.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	You can hold the line for a while, but not forever. Designing with the sea instead of against it leads to more resilient communities.





# Geography: Worked Example 3

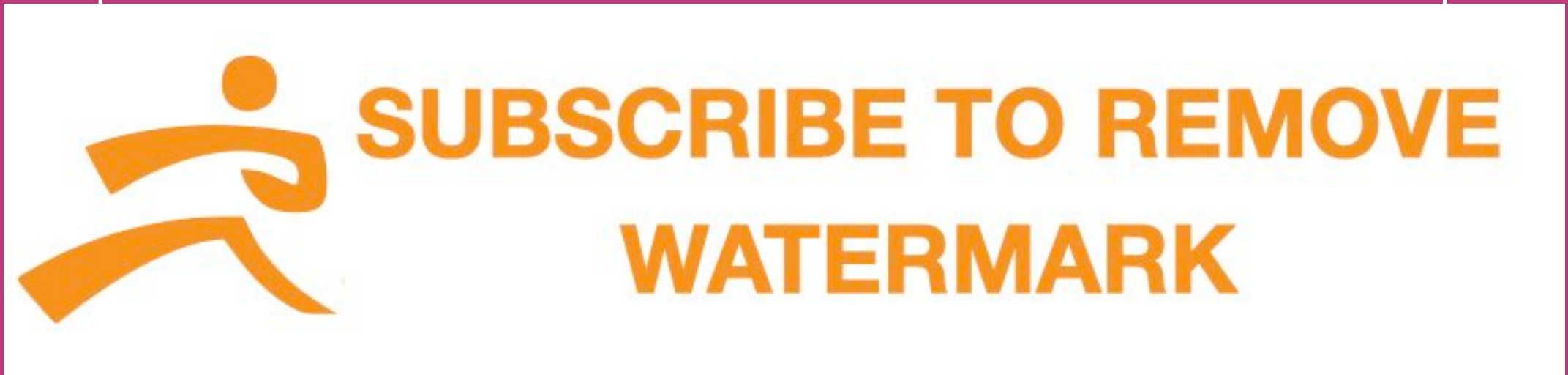


	without planning or sanitation.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Unlike Mumbai’s Dharavi, which has established small industries and some government schemes, parts of Lagos face power cuts, poor drainage, and displacement.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, Mumbai also struggles with overcrowding, sanitation issues, and legal land rights, making redevelopment and service provision complex.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	True, but Mumbai has a longer history of informal housing and more established policies for slum upgrading. Lagos is still scaling up responses.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Informal housing isn’t just about buildings – it’s about the systems that support people’s lives. Lagos faces a harder challenge in building those systems fast enough.





# Geography: Worked Example 4



	and distribution challenging.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in parts of Niger and Ethiopia, people walk long distances to fetch water, and broken pumps often go unrepaired due to cost or training gaps.
<b>Counterargument</b>	On the other hand, urban areas in South Asia, like Dhaka, face huge pressures from population density, contamination, and overuse of groundwater.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but urban areas often have some form of piped network or treatment facility, even if imperfect. Rural supply may depend entirely on hand-dug wells.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	In cities, you queue for water. In rural Africa, you might search all day for it. The challenge isn't just volume – it's reliable, reachable access.





# Geography: Worked Example 5



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	where infrastructure is limited.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	During the eruption of Mount Merapi in 2010, over 350,000 people had to be evacuated. Communication delays and informal settlements increased risk.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, Iceland also faces challenges. Volcanoes like Eyjafjallajökull can disrupt air travel and agriculture, and eruptions occur under ice, creating floods.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but Iceland has fewer people at risk, excellent early warning systems, and strong coordination between scientists and emergency services.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Nature may be unpredictable, but preparation isn't. Where poverty and proximity collide, risk becomes a way of life — not just a hazard.





# Geography: Worked Example 6



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	environments.
<b>Main Argument</b>	Tourist footfall causes path erosion, increased traffic, and pressure on services in areas like the Lake District, which affects both landform and habitat.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in valleys shaped by glacial erosion like Great Langdale, car parks and footpaths now alter runoff patterns and slope stability.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, farming, especially sheep grazing, also has long-term effects — preventing natural regeneration and altering soil and vegetation on slopes.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s valid, but farming impacts are often spread over time and are relatively predictable. Tourism brings sudden, high-volume change that’s harder to manage.





# Geography: Worked Example 7




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	locations — to select viable zones.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a site study, we used ArcGIS to overlay postcode-level population data with proximity buffers around existing supermarkets and A-road access. One zone in the north-east had over 5,000 residents, no competitor within a 2km radius, and was 300m from a main road. That made it a strong candidate.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, focusing on digital maps too early might cause students to overlook on-the-ground factors like site visibility, pedestrian flow, or land condition.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but GIS can guide which sites are worth visiting. For example, we used land use layers to avoid greenbelt areas and focused fieldwork only on brownfield sites highlighted in the GIS output.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	In geography, seeing patterns before stepping outside gives you an advantage. GIS isn't the whole investigation — but it's the map that makes the route more efficient.





# Geography: Worked Example 8




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	employment, education, and healthcare.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in Egypt, most people live close to the Nile, not just because of fertile land, but because cities like Cairo offer jobs and infrastructure. Meanwhile, Dubai has grown in a desert due to investment, not physical ease.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, physical geography still sets limits. Harsh climates, mountainous terrain, or flood risk can prevent or reduce population density, regardless of economic potential.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but modern technology can reduce physical barriers. Air conditioning, transport networks, and infrastructure allow economic pull factors to override natural ones.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	People don't settle just where land is flat or rivers flow. They go where opportunities are built – and where the future feels possible.





# Geography: Worked Example 9



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	economic planning, countries may stay dependent on raw exports.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, the Democratic Republic of Congo has major cobalt reserves but limited infrastructure and unstable governance. In contrast, Norway used its oil wealth to invest in a sovereign wealth fund and public services.
<b>Counterargument</b>	But many countries see resources as a foundation for development — the UK, for instance, is actively seeking domestic lithium to support battery production and reduce import dependence.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but the UK has a diversified economy and the infrastructure to process resources. In lower-income contexts, wealth can concentrate in elite groups or fuel conflict if not managed well.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A resource isn’t a plan — it’s an opportunity. Development depends not just on what a country has, but what it chooses to do with it.





# Geography: Worked Example 10



	Infrastructure and deepens regional inequality.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in China, the government's attempts to develop rural towns with better transport and services aimed to reduce overcrowding in cities like Shanghai. Similarly, in the UK, rural areas like Cornwall face 'brain drain' unless regeneration offers local opportunities.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, some argue that focusing on urban expansion is more practical because cities already attract investment and are centres of innovation and growth.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That may be true, but without rural investment, cities face growing housing shortages and service overload. Long-term planning must consider both ends of the movement.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	When people leave a place, it's not always because they want to – it's often because they have to. Regenerating where people come from is as important as where they're going.





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**History**





# History: Worked Example 1



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<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The castles at York and Warwick were constructed rapidly in town centres, signalling power more than responding to military threat.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, some castles served strategic purposes, such as those along the Welsh border that guarded against raids and rebellion.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but early castles were often wooden and temporary. Their psychological impact outweighed their defensive strength.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A castle didn't need to be attacked to succeed — it needed to be seen. In a newly conquered land, visibility was its greatest weapon.





# History: Worked Example 2



	for ordinary people.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Clause 39 promised a fair trial, but only applied to free men. Peasants remained under manorial control and couldn't appeal to the charter.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, Magna Carta did limit royal power for the first time and introduced the idea that the king was subject to law — a long-term shift.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but the charter was reissued multiple times with changes and was often ignored. Its immediate effect was to settle a baronial dispute.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Change in law doesn't always mean change in power. Magna Carta's legacy grew later, but in 1215, it simply confirmed who already held control.





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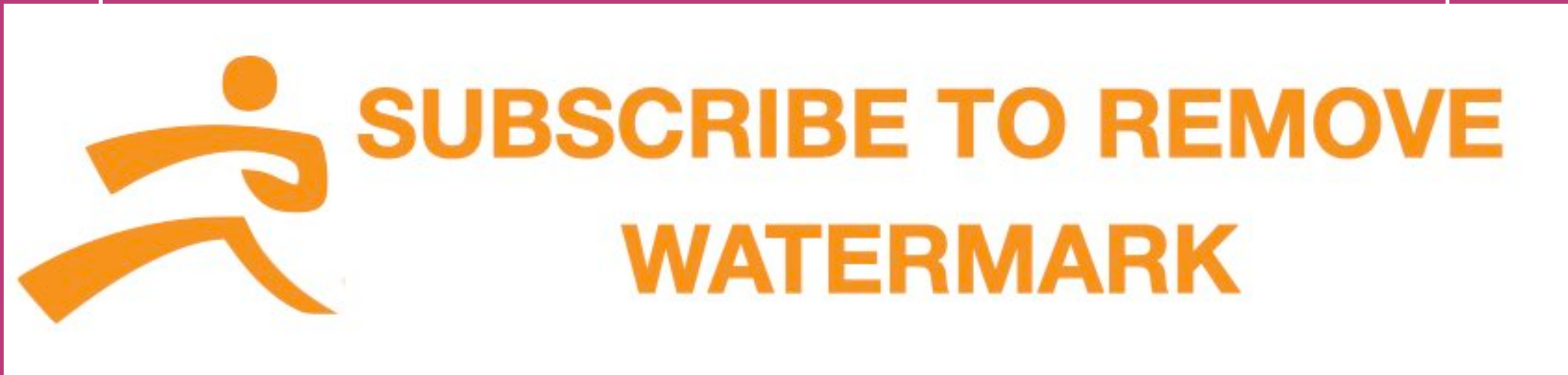


	undermining the king's image.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The Nineteen Propositions and weekly newsbooks painted Charles I as a tyrant. This helped Parliament justify its cause, especially in London.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, military victories such as at Marston Moor and Naseby were crucial in shifting the balance of power on the battlefield.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but propaganda shaped how those victories were interpreted. Without public support, Parliament may not have sustained its campaign.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	You can win a battle without winning the people. Parliament won both — not just with swords, but with printing presses.





# History: Worked Example 4



	relationships.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	A journey from London to Manchester that once took four days by coach could be done in less than a day by train. This allowed businesses and ideas to spread quickly.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, railways also changed time — not just travel time, but how time was measured. Standardised timetables led to the creation of railway time.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but standardised time mattered because of spatial connection. Without new connections between places, uniform time wouldn’t have been needed.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	The railway didn’t just make clocks tick together — it stitched the country together. It changed what distance meant.





# History: Worked Example 5



	enters and tied economies together.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In India, the East India Company established trading posts long before full military control. In West Africa, trade in palm oil shaped imperial interests.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, the military was used repeatedly to suppress rebellion and protect imperial interests, from the Sepoy Rebellion to the Zulu Wars.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but the military often responded to threats after trade relationships were established. Force protected empire — trade sustained it.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Guns can take land, but trade keeps it. The empire's real strength was in the networks it built, not just the battles it fought.





# History: Worked Example 6



	the present, which can create stronger empathy and insight.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Kensuke’s Kingdom, Michael Morpurgo uses a flashback to show Kensuke’s experiences during the war. This explains why he avoids contact and chooses isolation. The flashback transforms how we interpret his behaviour.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, foreshadowing could be seen as more powerful because it builds suspense and encourages the reader to think ahead and make predictions.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true for building tension, but flashbacks serve a different purpose. They don’t create mystery: they resolve it. Flashbacks give the reader key information that makes later actions and decisions more meaningful. While foreshadowing looks forward, flashbacks look back to explain, which can have a stronger emotional and narrative impact
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	





# History: Worked Example 7

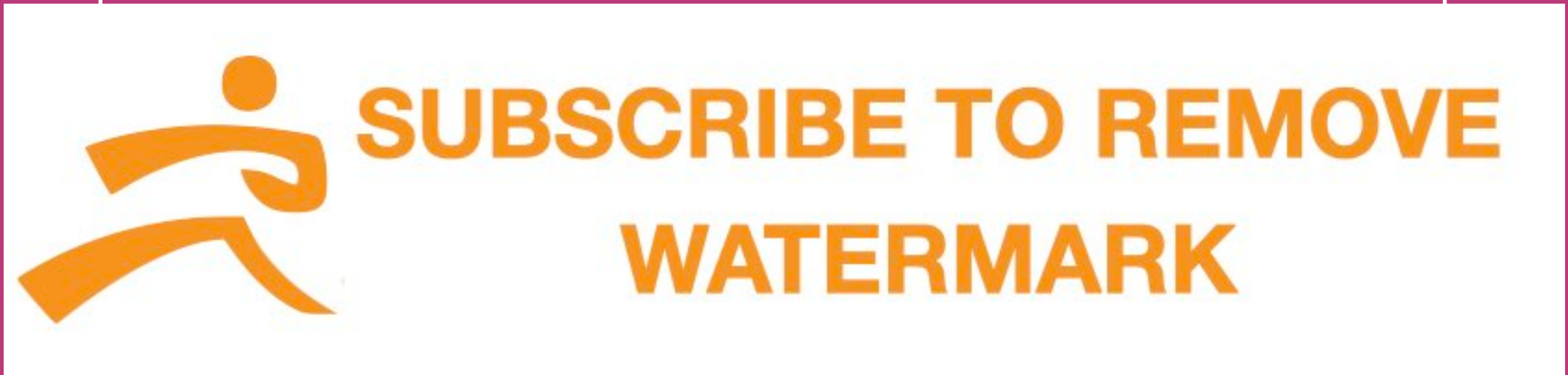


	real people, not just statistics.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Accounts like those of Primo Levi or Eva Clarke help students connect with lived experiences — not just laws or orders — and remember the events more vividly.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, historical documents like the Wannsee Protocol or Nazi propaganda posters are essential for understanding the planning and scale of the genocide.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but documents often need interpretation. Testimony shows the consequences of those policies, grounding abstract facts in moral and human reality.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A statistic tells you what happened. A voice tells you why it mattered. To understand the Holocaust, we need both — but we must hear the voices first.





# History: Worked Example 8



	Independent action.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The 1958 Mutual Defence Agreement showed Britain's dependence on the US for nuclear support. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Britain was not central to negotiations.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, nuclear weapons helped Britain remain part of NATO's core and ensured it was seen as a major power despite post-war decline.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but the weapons didn't give Britain more freedom — they were a symbol of alliance, not autonomy. Influence often came from diplomacy and economics instead.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A weapon doesn't guarantee a voice. Britain's global position depended less on bombs and more on how it navigated power through partnership.





# History: Worked Example 9



	legal framework.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that school segregation was unconstitutional. This set a legal precedent that civil rights activists could build on.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, mass protest, like the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the March on Washington, created public pressure and drew national attention to injustice.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but protest often gained momentum because it was backed by legal action. Without court victories, protests alone might not have led to lasting reform.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Protests turn heads, but laws change lives. The civil rights movement moved forward when protest and legal argument worked together — but the courts gave it teeth.





# History: Worked Example 10



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	more diverse.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The Windrush generation helped build the NHS and public transport, but also shaped music, fashion and neighbourhoods — especially in cities like London and Birmingham.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, immigration also contributed significantly to the economy, filling labour shortages and supporting key services in post-war reconstruction.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but economic roles often faded into the background — social tensions, integration and cultural exchange had longer-lasting effects on national identity.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Wages rise and fall — but culture endures. Immigration's deepest impact wasn't just on Britain's workforce, but on who we understood ourselves to be.





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Languages





# Languages: Worked Example 1



	happened clearly.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, fui al cine el sábado means “I went to the cinema on Saturday.” If I say voy al cine, it sounds like I go regularly.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if I get the preterite wrong, like writing fuiste instead of fui, I might confuse the meaning.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but I can still use time phrases like ayer or la semana pasada to help the reader understand I’m talking about the past.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Using the preterite moves the sentence into the past – even if it’s not perfect, it shows I’m trying to speak like a real Spanish speaker.





# Languages: Worked Example 2



	can link and explain ideas.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Just writing me gusta el fútbol is correct, but it's limited. Adding porque plus juego makes it a full sentence with more meaning.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if I'm unsure of the verb form, it might be better to stop at me gusta to avoid making mistakes.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but even if the verb isn't perfect, trying to extend shows I understand how Spanish sentences are built — and gets me closer to fluency.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Opinions are stronger when they're explained. A full sentence doesn't just say what I like — it shows I can think and speak in Spanish.





# Languages: Worked Example 3

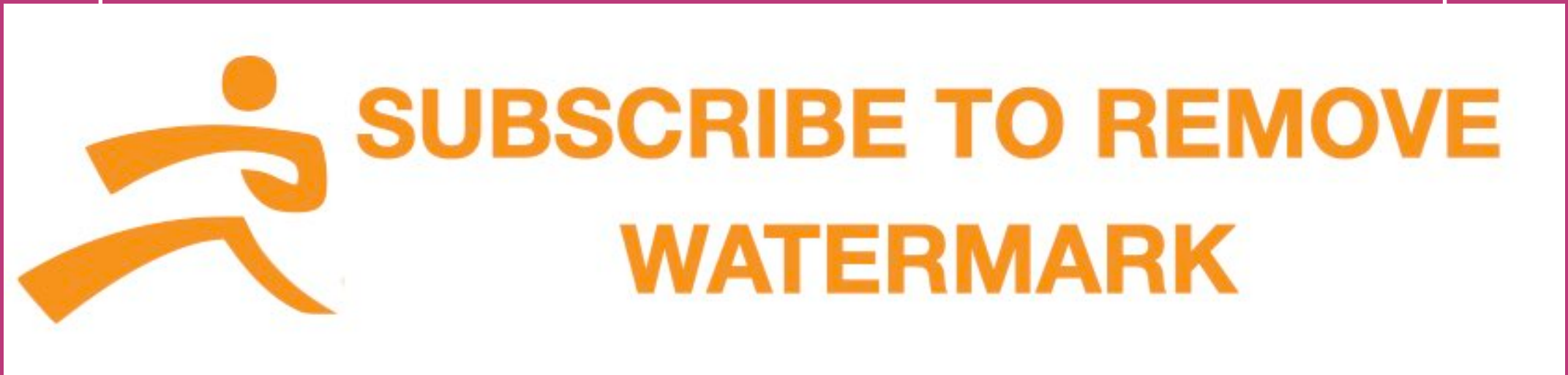


<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Me despierto a las siete means “I wake up at seven.” Without the me, it means “I wake someone else.”
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, reflexive verbs can be tricky – you have to remember both the reflexive pronoun and the verb ending.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but they follow regular patterns once you know them. And practising them helps build real fluency around daily language.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	If I want to describe my routine, I need the verbs that show it’s mine. Reflexives aren’t extras – they’re the core of how Spanish tells personal stories.





# Languages: Worked Example 4



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Some adjectives, like gran vs grande, change meaning depending on their position. Un gran hombre means “a great man,” not “a big man.”
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, putting the adjective before the noun can sometimes add emphasis, especially in creative writing.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but unless I’m confident about the effect, it’s safer to follow the standard structure so that my description is understood.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	In Spanish, where you place the adjective isn’t just about style – it’s about meaning. A small change in order can change the whole idea.





# Languages: Worked Example 5



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, using words like emocionante, peligroso, or increíble makes a travel description more vivid than just saying bueno.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if the verbs are wrong, it can confuse the meaning — especially if the tense is unclear.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but small verb errors are often forgiven if the message is clear. Repeating the same few words limits how much I can express.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Vocabulary builds the world of the sentence — even if the grammar isn't perfect, more words give me more power to say what I mean.





# Languages: Worked Example 6



	reliance on tools.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	If I read <i>Mi hermana es generosa y simpática</i> , I can guess <i>generosa</i> from <i>generous</i> in English, especially with <i>y simpática</i> nearby.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if I guess wrong, I might misunderstand the sentence and lose the whole meaning of the paragraph.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but I can double-check key words later. Reading without stopping every few seconds helps me understand the flow and structure.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Reading isn't just about knowing every word — it's about understanding the message. Sometimes it's better to ride the wave than check every drop.





# Languages: Worked Example 7

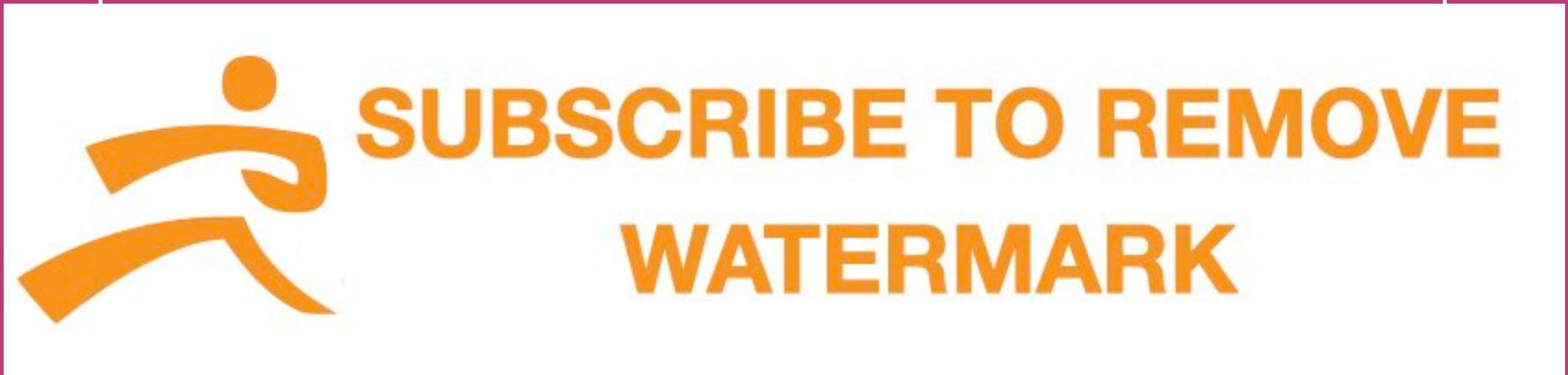


	structures.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	A red car becomes un coche rojo, not un rojo coche. If I go word by word, I make mistakes like that.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, thinking in English first can help me feel more confident and get ideas down quickly.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but even with simple sentences, starting with Spanish patterns helps me internalise the language and avoid fossilising errors.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	If I want to sound like I speak Spanish, I need to think like I'm writing Spanish — not just rearranging English.





# Languages: Worked Example 8



	or uncertainty.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Using the subjunctive shows I understand when Spanish shifts mood — not just tense. It’s subtle, but important.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, it’s easy to get the subjunctive wrong, and a mistake might distract from what I’m trying to say.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but even attempting it shows ambition. It gives my Spanish more depth — and I can always simplify if needed later.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Saying “I think” is fine. Saying “I don’t think it is...” shows I’m starting to think like a Spanish speaker — not just a translator.





# Languages: Worked Example 9

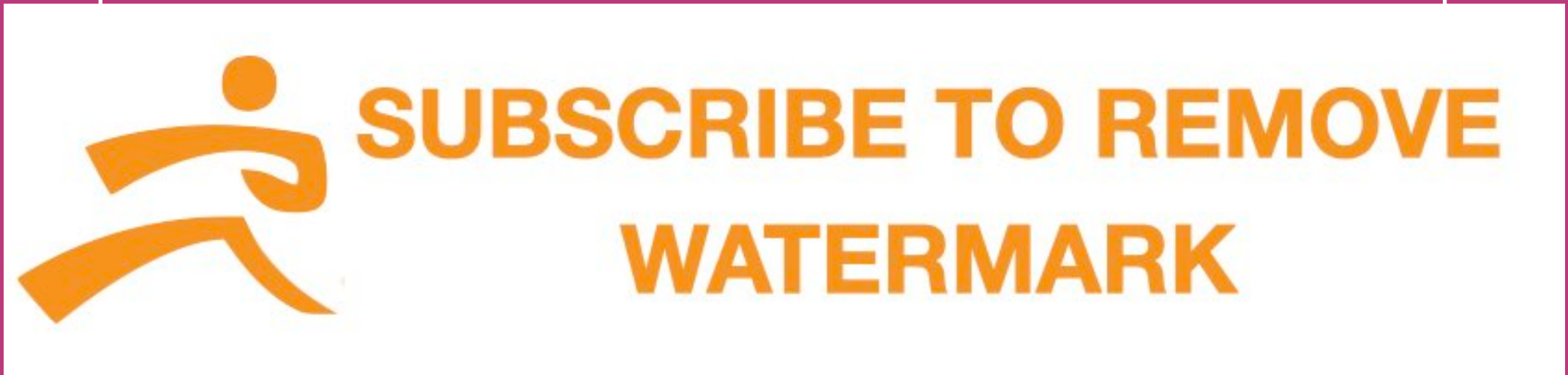


	en... gives me flexibility.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	I can practise structures instead of exact phrases, which helps me adapt if the teacher asks a follow-up question.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, without a script I might leave gaps, hesitate, or lose marks for not covering everything.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but rehearsing flexible phrases gives me the best of both: preparation and confidence to respond to new situations.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Speaking is about connection, not perfection. If I can adapt and express ideas freely, I sound more like a communicator – not a reciter.





# Languages: Worked Example 10



	memorised words.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Even if I say hay muchas fiestas or comen tamales, it brings the language to life. It connects vocabulary to real people and places.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if I use words I'm unsure of, I might make mistakes or misunderstand what the tradition really means.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but using researched details carefully helps me expand my vocabulary and show that I understand Spanish as a culture, not just a code.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Language isn't just about saying things – it's about saying something worth sharing. Culture gives meaning to every word I learn.





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Music





# Music: Worked Example 1



	becoming boring.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, the famous four-note motif is repeated but transformed — rhythmically extended, passed between instruments, and used in different keys.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, exact repetition can be powerful too. In minimalist music, like Steve Reich’s Clapping Music, repeated patterns create hypnotic effects.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but even minimalism uses phased variation or layering to evolve over time. Without variation, music can feel static unless that’s the deliberate effect.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Music is like storytelling — if I say the same sentence over and over, people stop listening. But if I vary the idea, I keep them curious about what’s coming next.





# Music: Worked Example 2



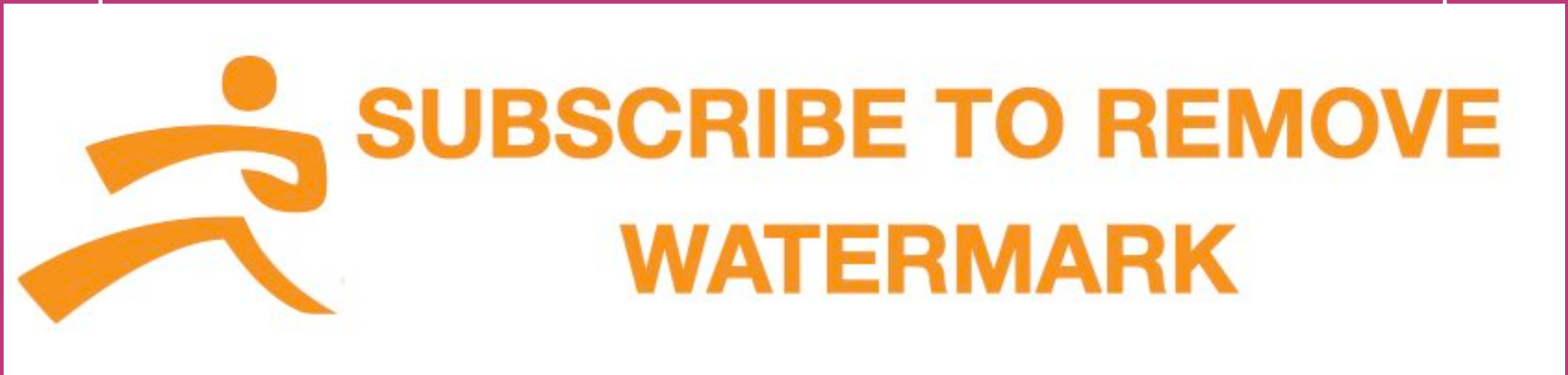
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	carry differently in a small vs large space.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in a quiet piece like Clair de Lune, a marked piano might not be heard in a school hall unless I project slightly more.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, changing the dynamics risks losing the composer's intention – I might accidentally make a forte section too soft or ignore important contrasts.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but good performers balance fidelity to the score with sensitivity to the space and ensemble. Adjusting is part of interpreting, not ignoring.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Playing exactly what's written is a start – but performing means bringing the music to life in the space I'm in, not just following instructions blindly.





# Music: Worked Example 3



	the piece unfolds.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Bohemian Rhapsody, recognising its unusual structure — with distinct sections like ballad, operatic, and rock — is key to understanding its creativity.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, texture is just as important — knowing whether the music is monophonic, homophonic, or polyphonic tells me about its depth and layering.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but structure gives me the when, and texture gives me the what. If I don't know the sections, I don't know where texture is changing.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Following structure is like following chapters in a book — it helps me make sense of everything else, including the textures inside each section.





# Music: Worked Example 4



	and reflect the mood of the piece.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Jazz players often use blue notes (flattened 3rds or 5ths) to bend the scale and express feeling, even though those notes are technically outside the key.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, going outside the scale can easily make the music sound messy or wrong, especially if I'm still learning to improvise confidently.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but with practice I can learn which outside notes work — like leading tones or passing notes — and use them intentionally.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Great improvisers know the rules — then bend them with style. A well-placed note outside the scale can say more than ten safe ones inside it.





# Music: Worked Example 5



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<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a piece like Mars from Holst's The Planets, I can describe the relentless rhythm, use of ostinato, and shifting metres — not just say it feels aggressive.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, emotional language helps me respond personally and express how the music affects me — and that's just as valid.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but if I only use emotional responses, I don't learn how music is constructed. Technical terms help me explain why it makes me feel that way.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Feelings are part of music — but musical vocabulary helps me explain those feelings and share them with others in a meaningful way.





# Music: Worked Example 6



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	songs I know.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, I might not read quaver-dotted crotchet easily, but I know it from the start of We Will Rock You.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if I only rely on listening, I might copy mistakes or misinterpret new rhythms that I haven't heard before.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but I can combine the methods — listen first to get the feel, then check the maths to confirm accuracy.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Rhythm lives in the body before the page. If I can feel it, I can count it. And if I can count it, I can play it.





# Music: Worked Example 7



	group sounds balanced.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a choir, if one soprano sings louder than the rest, the harmony is ruined. In orchestras, sections match bow strokes and tone to stay unified.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, in some pieces my part is supposed to be prominent — like a melody line or solo. If I blend too much, it might get lost.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but even solos must be balanced. Blending doesn’t mean hiding — it means contributing to the total effect with awareness and control.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Music isn’t a competition. The best players aren’t the loudest — they’re the ones who make everyone else sound better.





## Music: Worked Example 8



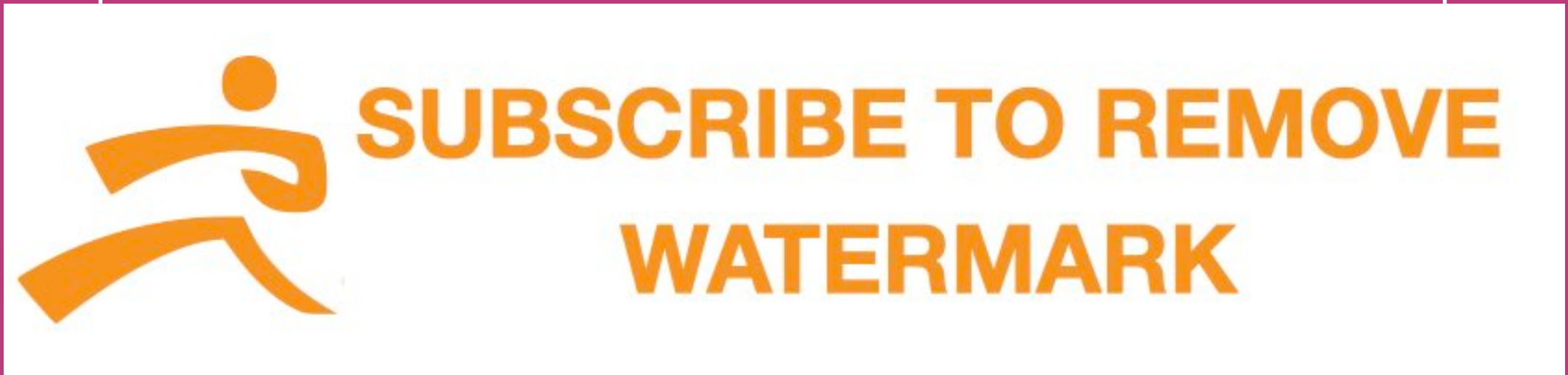
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	can make the piece accessible and musical.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	If I'm arranging Let It Be, I might drop the D/F# or Cadd9 and just use C, G, Am and F – simpler, but it still sounds like the song.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, simplifying too much can make the music bland or lose its character – especially if key harmonies are left out.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but I can prioritise the essential chords and use texture or rhythm to keep interest. Simplification doesn't mean dumbing down – it's creative problem-solving.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A good arranger knows the difference between what's ideal and what's playable – and how to make simple things sound rich.





# Music: Worked Example 9



	smooth.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, Spring from Vivaldi's Four Seasons sounds completely different played with baroque bows and brisk tempo vs modern orchestra with lush legato.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, instrumentation matters too – switching a piano piece to guitar or marimba changes the timbre and affects how the listener experiences it.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but tempo and articulation show how the same instruments can still produce radically different interpretations – even in the same genre.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Instruments set the scene – but articulation delivers the message. It's how the notes speak that makes the performance come alive.





# Music: Worked Example 10



	understand the function and meaning of the music.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In West African drumming, the timeline pattern is more important than any one drum. In Indian classical music, the raga unfolds in stages, not chords.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, the sound of the instruments is what makes the music unique — like the koto in Japanese music or oud in Arabic traditions.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but focusing only on sound can become superficial. Understanding structure shows respect for how the music is made, not just how it sounds.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Instruments are the voice — but structure is the language. If I want to understand the music, I need to listen to how it's spoken.





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Physical Education





	receive the ball.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In basketball, if I drive towards the hoop, I often pull a defender with me. That creates an opportunity for a pass to the wing or a cut to the basket.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, passing early can keep the ball moving quickly and prevent defenders from organising, especially if the defence is pressing high.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but early passes don't always disrupt the defence. Waiting until the defender moves forces a mistake – and that's when gaps appear.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Great attackers don't rush. They wait for the moment when defenders commit – because that's when you can punish the space they leave behind.





	efficiently without wasting energy.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in a shoulder stand, if I don't keep my back straight, I tip sideways no matter how strong my core is.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, some balances require real strength, like lifting a partner or holding a plank — without enough strength, the alignment won't matter.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but strength can only support bad form for a short time. Alignment gives stability — and lets strength work in the right direction.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Strength might hold you up, but alignment keeps you there. It's the structure that makes the movement sustainable.






	and interest.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In contemporary dance, a sudden slow movement during a fast drum beat can highlight emotion or shift focus.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, staying with the beat shows musicality and helps the group stay synchronised, especially in ensemble work.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but too much regularity becomes mechanical. Contrast adds dynamics and draws attention to expressive points in the performance.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Dance is more than counting – it's about feeling. Matching the beat keeps you safe, but contrast makes people watch.





	speed.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Elite sprinters like Dina Asher-Smith have incredible stride power — their leg action creates speed, while arms help maintain rhythm and balance.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, arm action controls rhythm and prevents rotation — if your arms are weak or uncoordinated, your legs can't function properly either.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but without proper leg drive, good arm action won't make me fast. The legs are the engine — arms are the steering.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	You can't steer a car if it's not moving. First comes power — then comes control.



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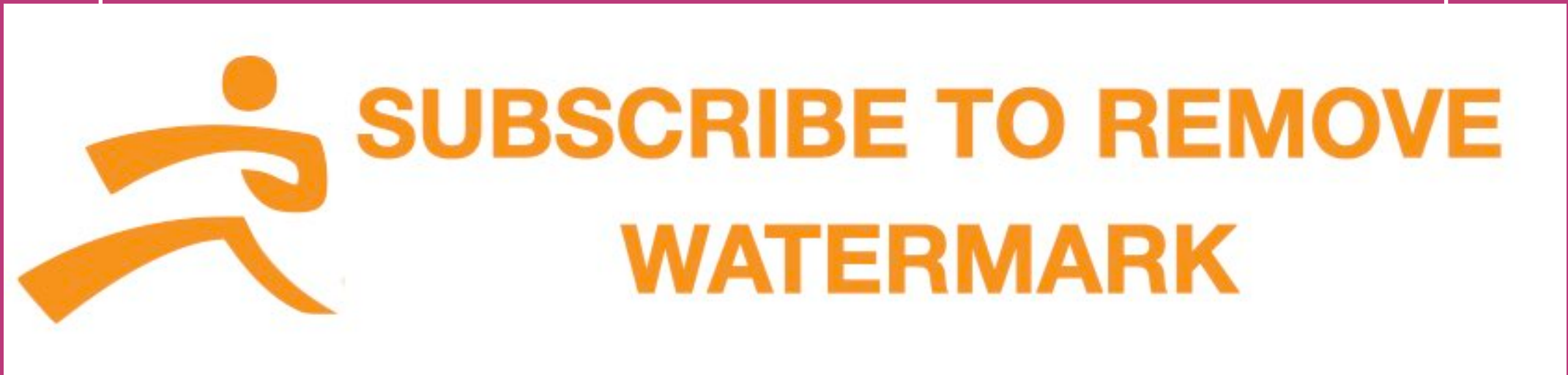
	slows me down.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In competitive swimming, breathing every third stroke (bilateral) helps with rhythm and body alignment, keeping the swimmer streamlined.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, if my arm recovery is poor — too stiff or too wide — I waste energy and lose time. Technique efficiency matters most at higher speeds.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but arm technique depends on good body position — and that comes from calm, controlled breathing.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	If you can't breathe well, you can't swim well. Breath is the foundation that every stroke rests on.





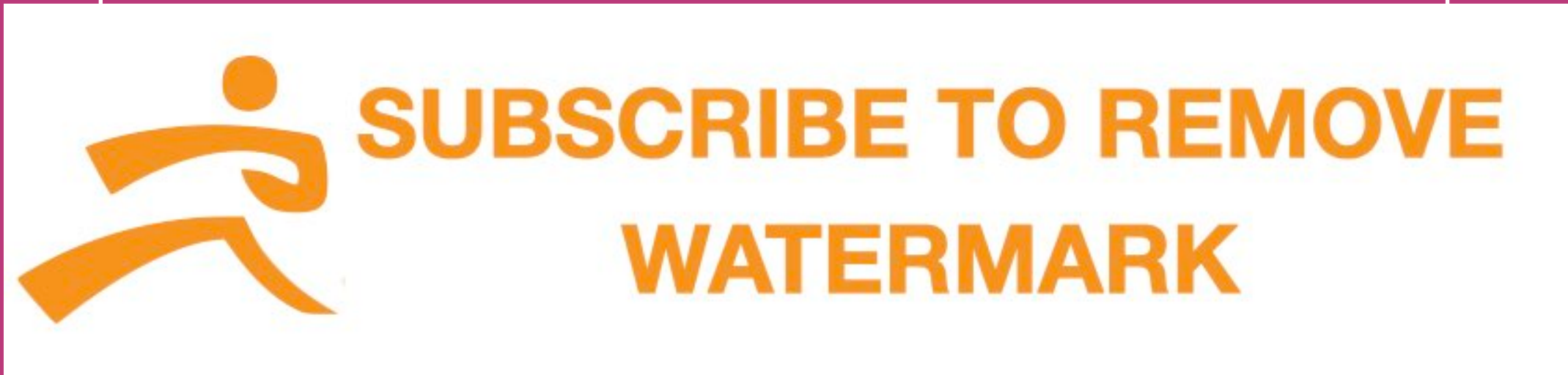
	might lose credibility.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a rope maze challenge, someone who observes first can spot a pattern or listen to others' ideas before choosing the best route or plan.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, silence can be mistaken for hesitation — and sometimes quick leadership is needed to stop confusion or keep people safe.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but fast leadership isn't always good leadership. A short pause to listen can mean fewer mistakes and better teamwork.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Real leaders don't just act — they think. Waiting to speak can be the boldest move of all.





	the game run smoothly.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In tag rugby, players often accidentally make high tags. Rather than stop play every time, I can remind them to stay low and keep the game moving.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, ignoring rules can make the game unfair, especially if some players take advantage or others feel unsafe.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but encouraging self-correction and modelling fairness can be just as effective as stopping play repeatedly.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Fair games come from fair players – not just strict referees. My job is to shape behaviour, not just blow the whistle.





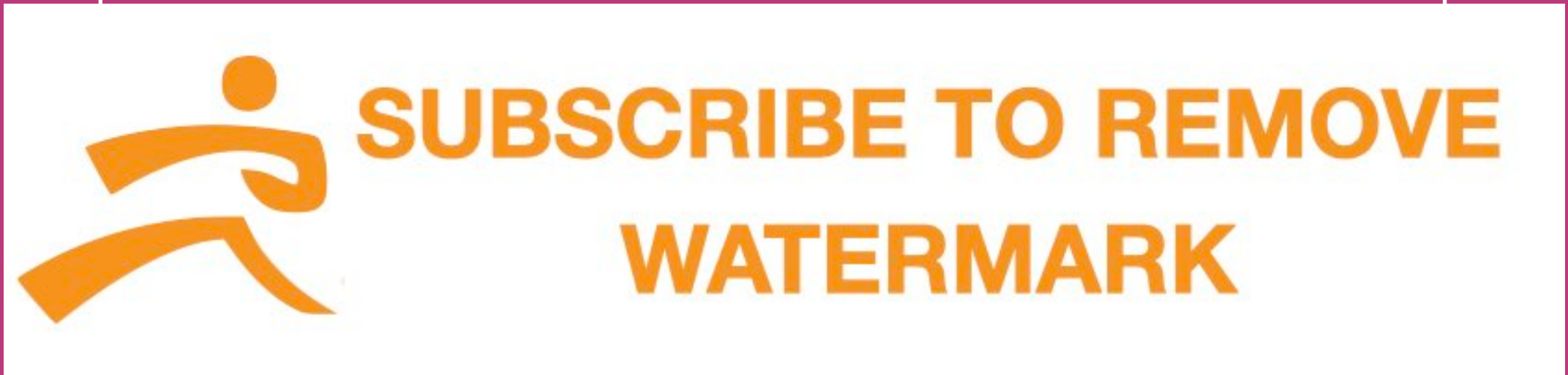
	motivation.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	One week I might run 2km easily, another week the same run feels exhausting. RPE (Rate of Perceived Exertion) helps me understand why.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, distance and time are reliable, trackable numbers. They give me measurable goals and a sense of improvement.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but ignoring body signals can lead to burnout or injury. Combining data with body awareness gives the clearest picture.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A stopwatch can tell you how fast — but only your body can tell you how ready. Fitness is physical and mental.





<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	If I notice my hand was in the wrong place on a basketball shot, I should finish it, then think and correct next time — not stop in the air.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, quick adjustments help build accuracy and muscle memory. If I fix an error immediately, I'm less likely to repeat it.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but automatic correction mid-movement often leads to inconsistency. Planned correction between attempts is more reliable.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Sometimes learning means letting go, then thinking back. Reflection works best when the movement is complete.





	to find a new way through.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In netball, we planned to pass quickly down the centre, but the other team blocked that space. Switching to using the wings gave us better options.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, changing the plan without the coach’s input might cause confusion, especially if not everyone agrees or understands the new idea.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but if we communicate clearly and try a small change, we can improve the situation without abandoning the team structure.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Strategy isn’t just what you write down – it’s how you respond. Real players read the game, not just the plan.





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# RE: Worked Example 1

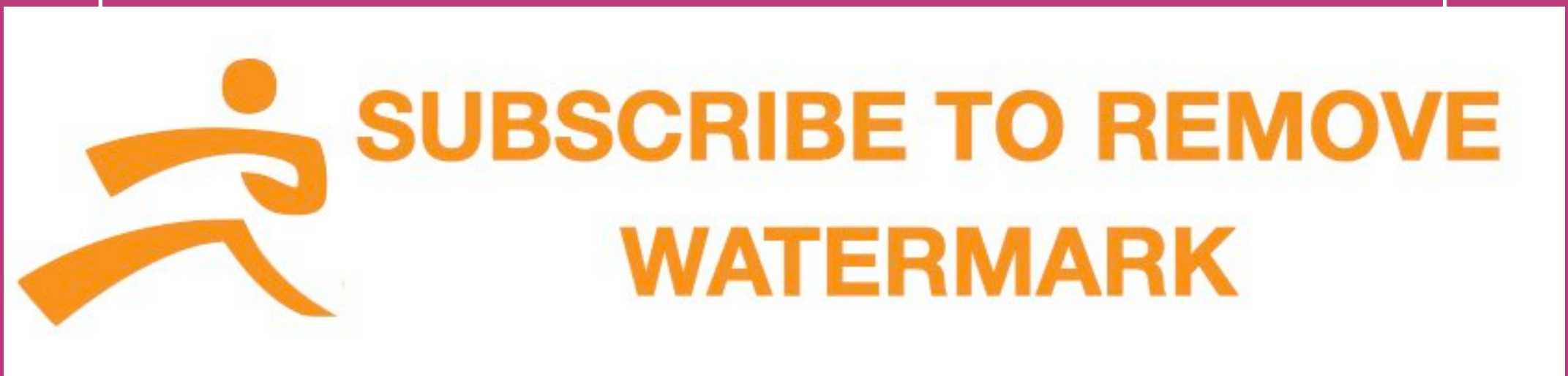


	persuasive speech.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in Buddhism, the story of the Buddha leaving his palace to see old age, sickness and death helps explain why he gave up luxury to seek enlightenment. Without knowing that Siddhartha Gautama was a prince who had been shielded from suffering, the story just sounds like someone going travelling. Understanding the historical and cultural setting reveals how radical and meaningful that decision was.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, personal meaning makes the text relevant today. Without it, it might just feel like an ancient document with no connection to modern life.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but personal interpretation needs a foundation. Otherwise, we risk twisting meanings or missing cultural nuances.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A sacred text isn't a mirror – it's a window. To see through it clearly, I need to understand where and when it was made.





## RE: Worked Example 2



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, in Sikhism, honesty is important, but if telling the truth puts someone in danger, the greater value might be compassion. Focusing on the outcome helps navigate those tensions.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, without rules, people could justify anything. Rules give society stability and show us what is expected, regardless of the outcome.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but rules need to be questioned when they clash with compassion or common sense. Blind obedience can also be dangerous.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Good choices aren't just about what's allowed — they're about what helps. Outcomes show us the real impact of our values.





	overcoming darkness.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In a Buddhist puja, the offering of flowers symbolises impermanence. This teaches an idea that is central to Buddhist belief. Without understanding this, the ritual might just look decorative.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, people’s feelings during rituals matter too. The sense of peace, belonging, or connection is a big part of religious experience.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but feelings can vary. The symbol stays the same — and understanding it helps me see why the ritual exists.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Feelings fade, but meanings endure. To understand faith, I need to decode the symbols, not just observe emotions.





	example, through prayer, service or forgiveness.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	In Christianity, the idea that suffering can lead to spiritual growth comes from the belief that Jesus also suffered. That's why some Christians find meaning in enduring hardship. This shapes both private responses and community support.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, focusing on practical responses — like charities, medical help or social action — can lead to immediate relief and show how beliefs are lived out.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but without understanding the beliefs behind the actions, we miss the deeper motivation. Theology shapes practice.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Practical responses matter — but to understand why people act, we have to explore what they believe.





# RE: Worked Example 5

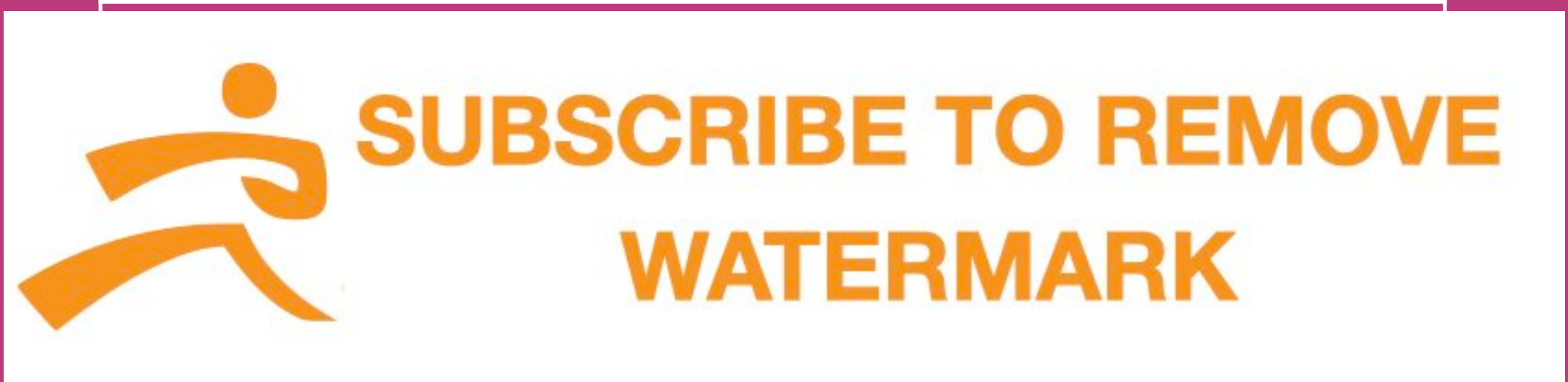


	flourishing.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, both Islam and Judaism have charity as a core practice (zakat and tzedakah). This shared value promotes justice and care for the poor.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, contrasting beliefs are also important — they show the unique perspectives each religion brings to questions about life, God and the afterlife.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That’s true, but focusing too much on differences can lead to misunderstanding or conflict. Shared values offer a starting point for dialogue.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	When we look for what connects us first, we build bridges. Differences are easier to understand when we begin with shared ground.





## RE: Worked Example 6



<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, some Hindus may only attend temple on festivals but still perform daily puja at home. That doesn't match formal doctrine but still expresses belief.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, without knowing the doctrines, I might misunderstand what practices mean or where they come from.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but people don't always follow doctrine strictly. Practices give me a more honest picture of what religion looks like in real life.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	If I want to understand religion as lived, I need to start with the living.





# RE: Worked Example 7



	leads to deeper thinking.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	The Book of Job, or atheists like Bertrand Russell, raise issues that challenge blind faith. These help us think critically.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, without knowing arguments for God, we can't evaluate both sides or appreciate the depth of belief systems.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but doubt is often the starting point for real exploration. It's not the opposite of faith — it's part of it.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	We grow not just by saying what we believe, but by asking why we doubt — and what might lie beyond the doubt.





	people today.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, Diwali now includes public parades, light shows and digital media. The message of good over evil remains, but the expression evolves.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, without knowing the origin, the festival risks losing its meaning. Historical understanding gives depth and prevents misinterpretation.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but origins don't tell the full story. Significance is what keeps a tradition alive, not just where it started.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	A festival is like a flame — it starts with a spark, but what matters is how it continues to shine.



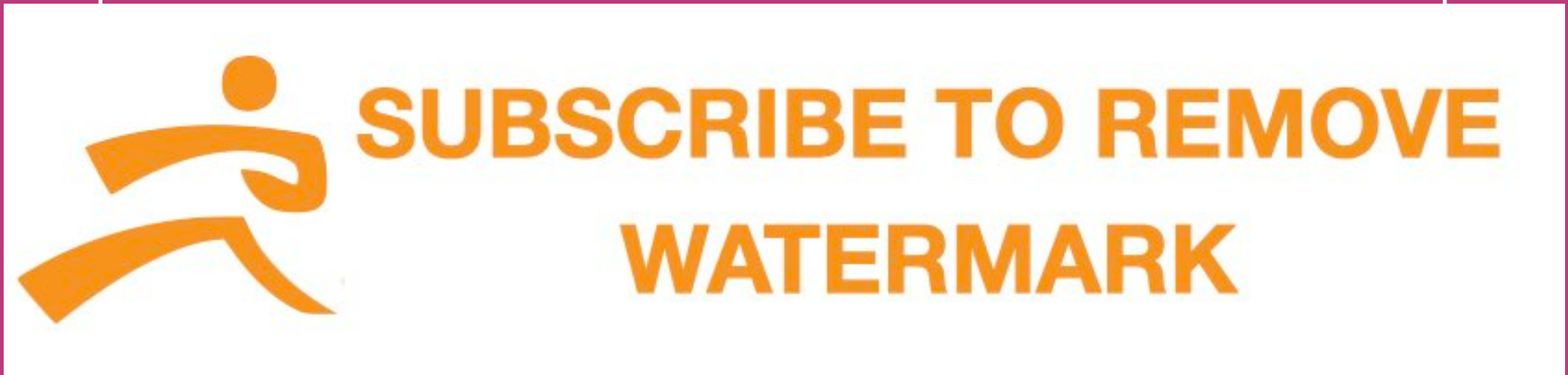


	Identity.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	Two people might both identify as Christian, but one attends church weekly while the other just values the teachings. Same label, different expression.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, labels help with community and belonging. They show shared heritage and create a sense of group identity.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but group identity shouldn't erase individuality. Belief is personal — and respecting that helps avoid stereotypes.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Labels can introduce us — but belief is what truly defines us.





# RE: Worked Example 10



	society.
<b>Evidence &amp; Reasoning</b>	For example, religious groups often lead food banks, campaigns for justice or anti-poverty work. These show responsibility in action.
<b>Counterargument</b>	However, rights are essential too. Without legal protection, people can't practise their religion freely or safely.
<b>Advanced Rebuttal</b>	That's true, but rights without responsibility can lead to conflict. Balancing both creates a fairer and more respectful public space.
<b>Strategic Use of Rhetoric</b>	Rights tell us what we can do. Responsibilities show us what we should do. Together, they shape a just society.

