



英文学术论文写作漫谈

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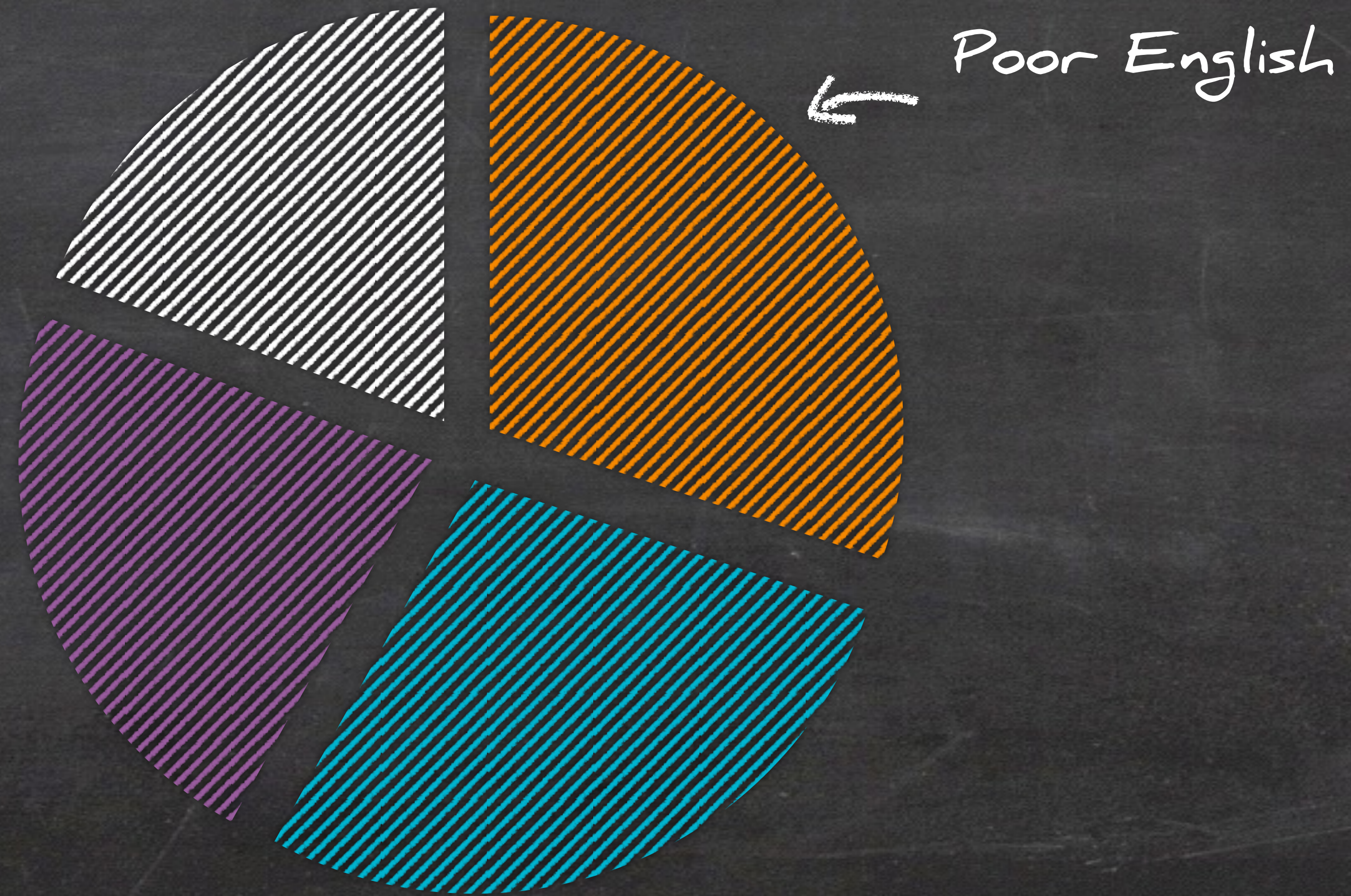
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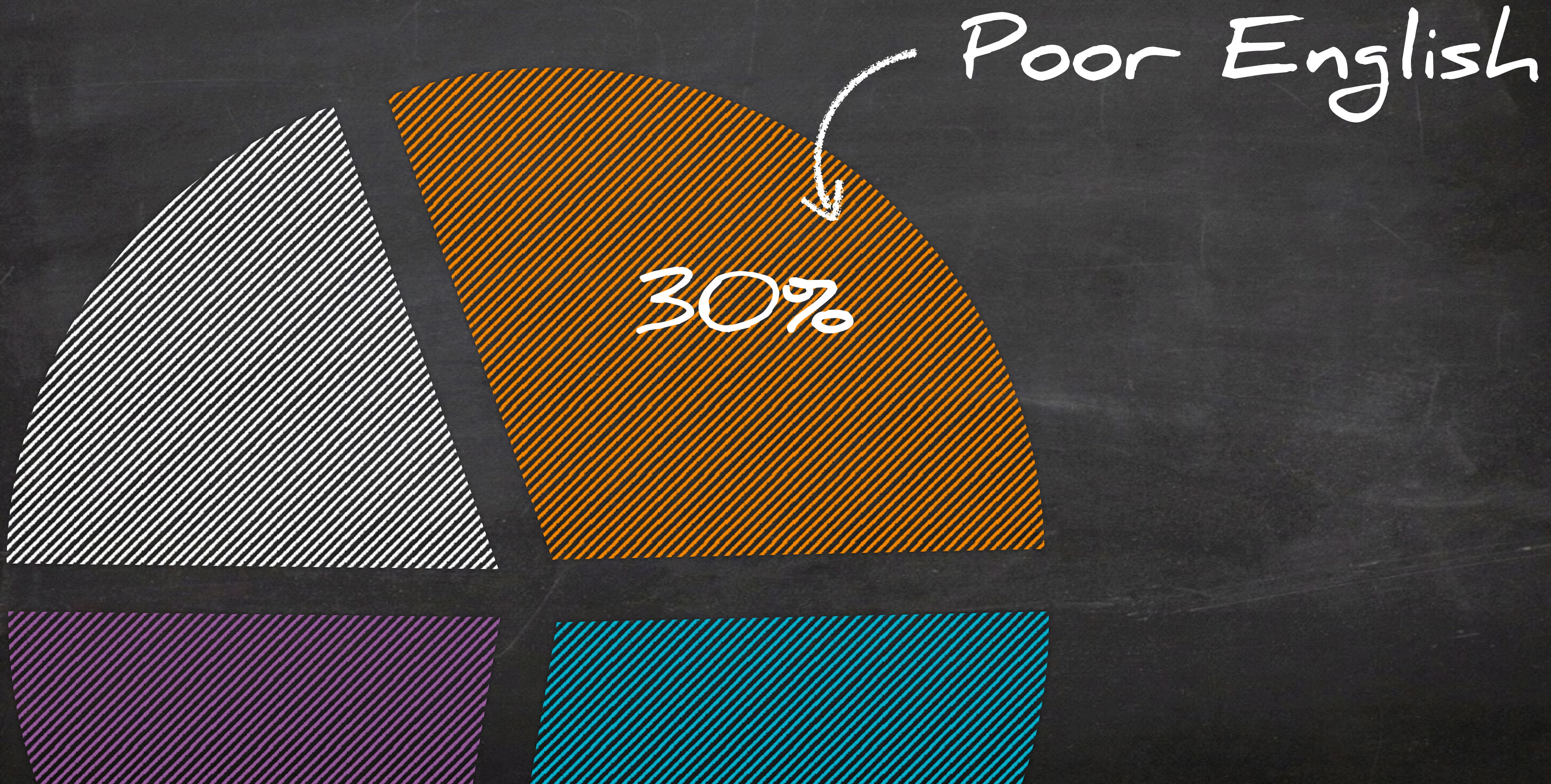
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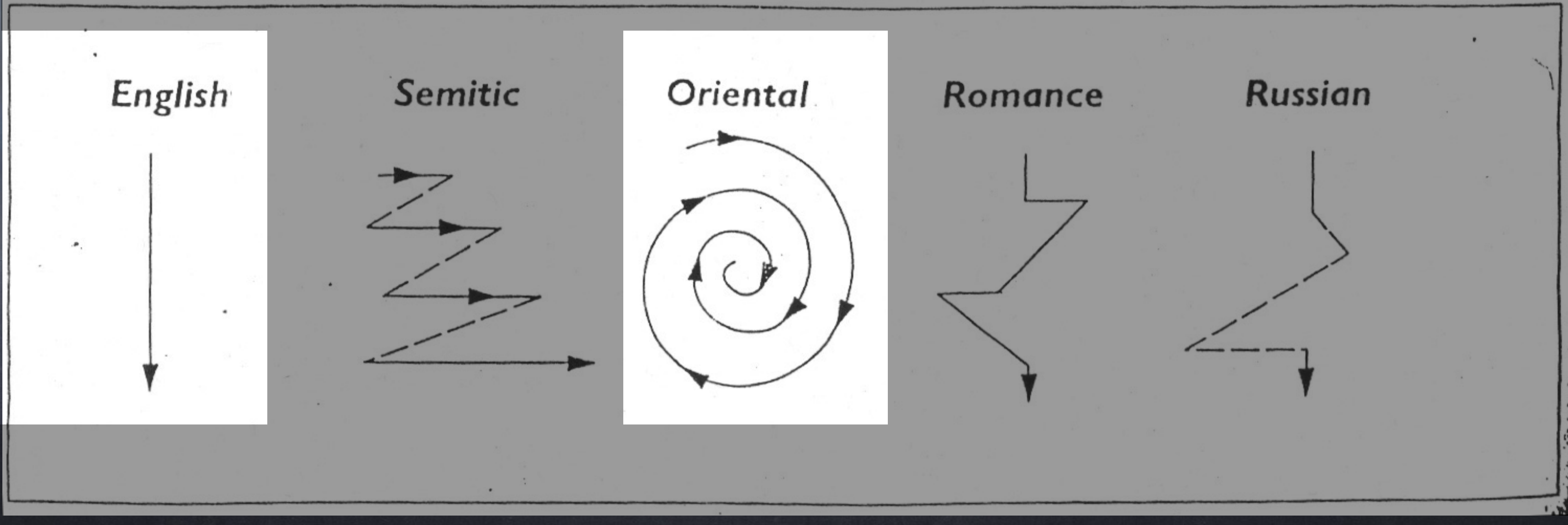


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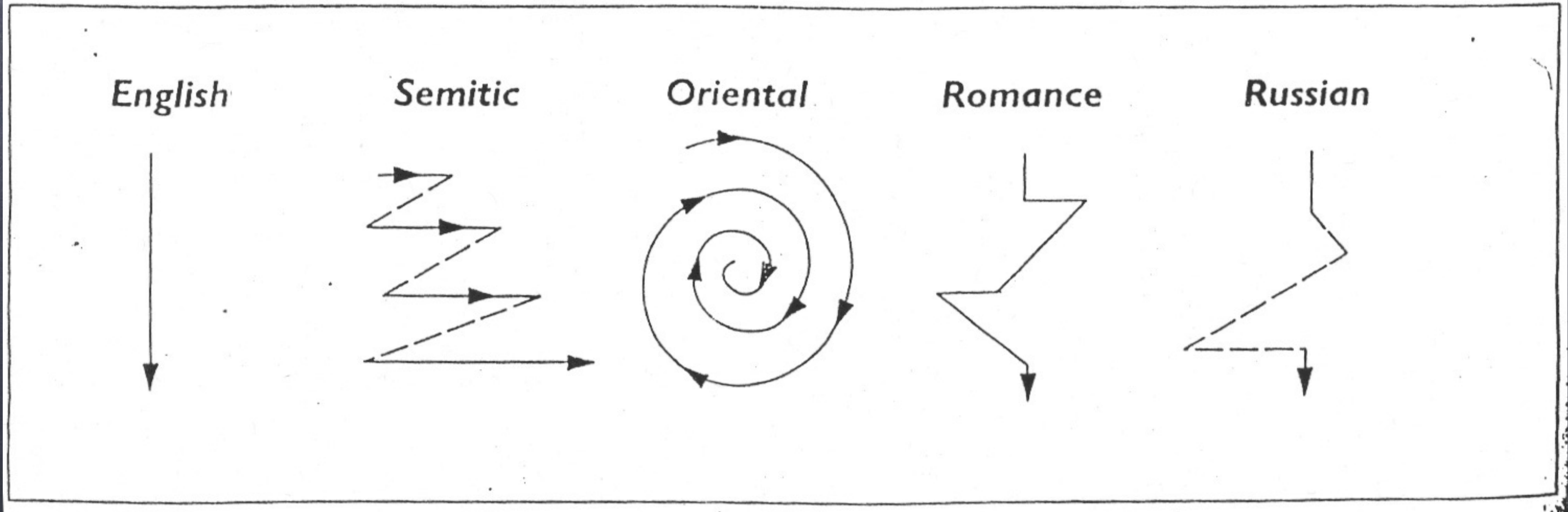
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学术论文的写作原则

一、以读者为中心(Reader-Centered)

- ◆ 背景信息的介绍
- ◆ 重要信息置前原则
- ◆ 定义关键用语和概念
- ◆ 明确的逻辑连接

学术论文的写作原则

二. 避免啰唆和使用大词

(Reduce Wordiness and Large words)

例: The administrator is responsible for soliciting, collecting and distributing graduate research grants so that graduate students have the ability to find employment by doing research project.



Revised: The administration solicits, collects and distributes graduate research grants for graduate students.

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例: I write to you to let you know about our new phone policy that has been discussed and decided upon.



Revised: We have decided upon a new phone policy.

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三. 首先陈述主要论点

(Put Major Points First)

Direct, up-front approach

直接，前置方法

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四. 写作要具体

(Specifically and Concretely)

类比、举例、引用、数据...

For example,.....

.....
This example illustrates the theory of ...by...

("Non-native writers do not seem to 'prove' their points. They expect the professor to 'fill in the details'.")

例: According to the statistics, we can conclude that

Many examples can be used to prove that

学术论文的语言特点

一、长短句的结合

重要论点或技术性很强的信息 — — — 短句

几个长句 + 一个短句的节奏

二、人称的使用

A. I — — — — — > We

Revised: We believe, We recommend, We propose

B. 主动 — > 被动

We prove that the results reflect the...

Revised: It is proved that the results reflect the...

学术论文的语言特点

C. 避免使用you

You can see from the results in Figure 1,...

Revised: As is shown in Figure 1,...

三. 选择更加正式的语言表达

A. 正式的形容词

a lot, many --->numerous, various, ...

例: There are many different reasons.

Revised: There are numerous reasons.

对于方法的评价语言必然涉及到的形容词:

少用good,bad,great, nice, poor, 寻求更加**书面**的表达

描述研究的“好”和“坏”的正式形容词归纳：

Positive	Negative
innovative	flawed
significant	unsatisfactory
rigorous	thin
impressive	sloppy
remarkable	unwarranted
elegant	limited

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B. 正式的副词

Very---> highly, extremely, quite, rather...

C. 正式的动词

Get---> receive, obtain, achieve...

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- ◆ The author
reported/showed/proposed/developed/
observed/demonstrated/presented……
- ◆ The author
contends/maintains/implies/claims……
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attention to……

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D. 其他正式用语惯例

(1) 避免使用缩写

Don' t, can' t, isn' t -----> do not, can not, is not

(2) 否定形式的否定句 肯定形式的否定句

does not, do not, have not, can not...



fail, miss, lack, neglect, deny, far from...

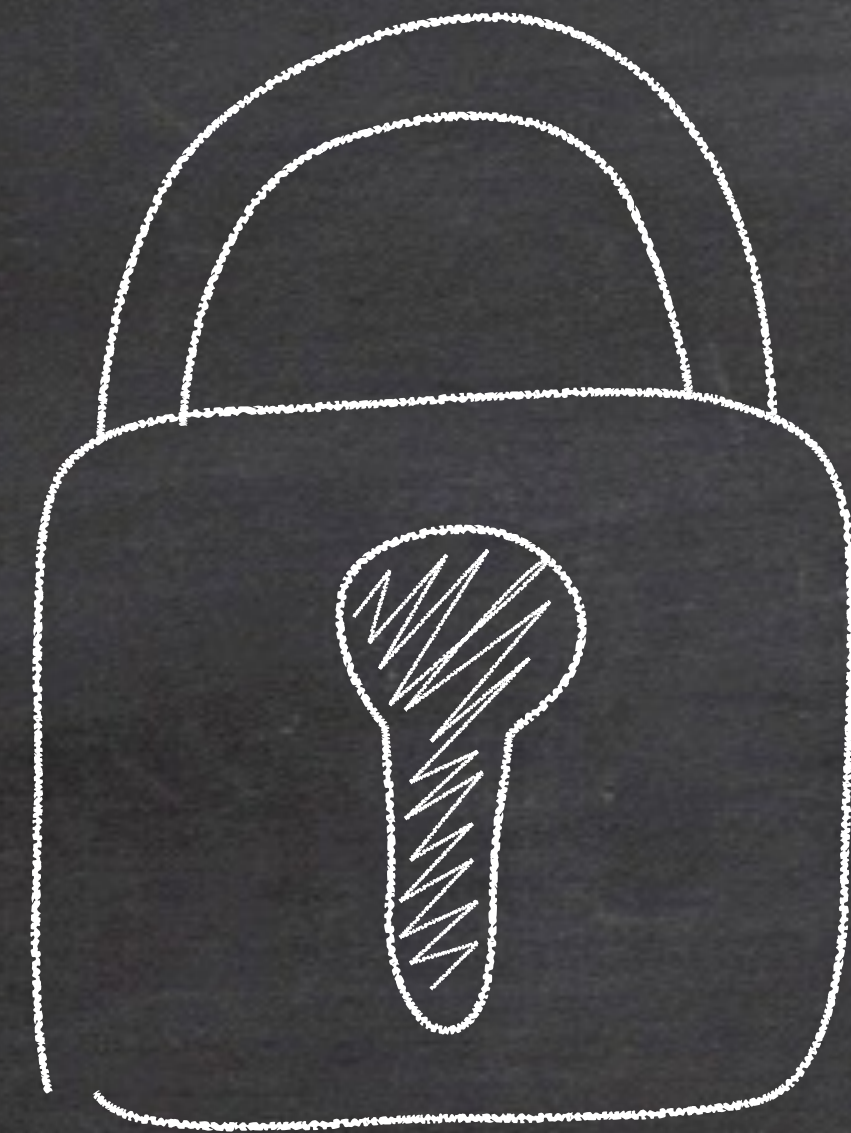
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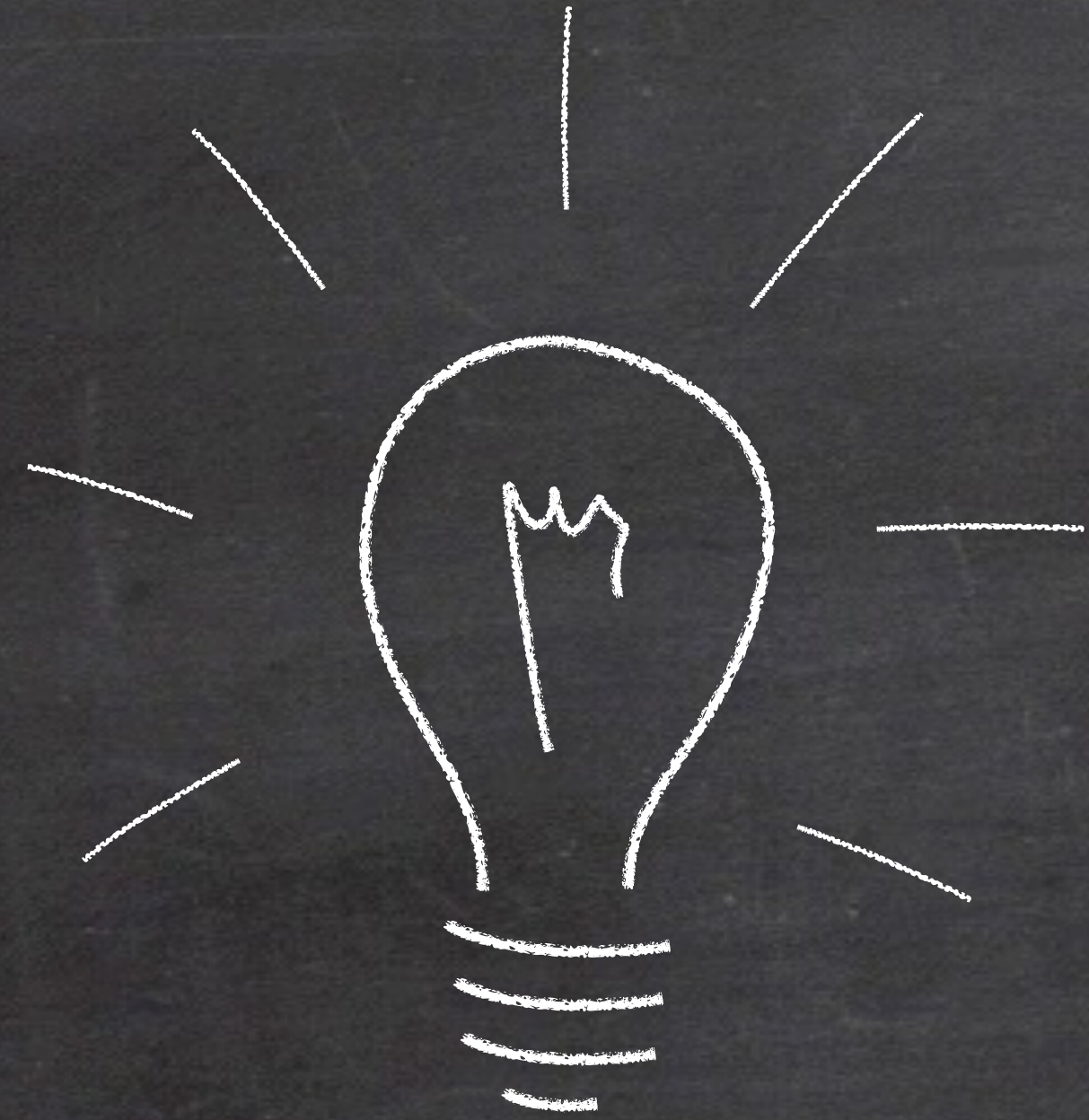
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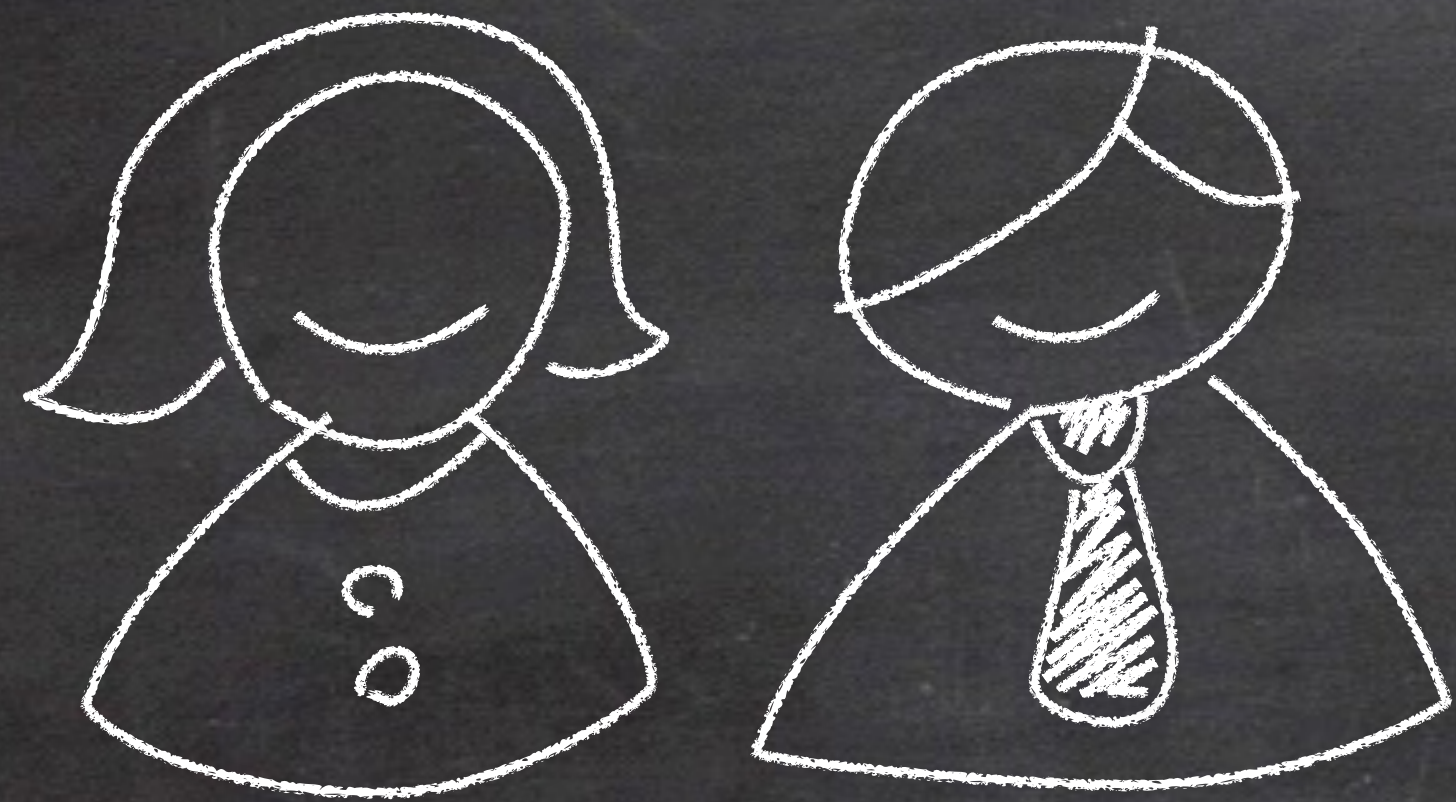
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- How long are the side chains on P1, P2, and P3? This is KEY information.
- How did you measure thermal stability?
- What materials and technology did you use?

You also should not wait until the very end of the paper to mention P4 – this is a part of your experiment!

You do a good job of explaining the results and how you arrived at them, but you should be more sequential in this section. “First, we” “Then we...”. Right now, you include the information but it should be in an instructive way.

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- Limitations of your study
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This conclusion is perfect – well done.

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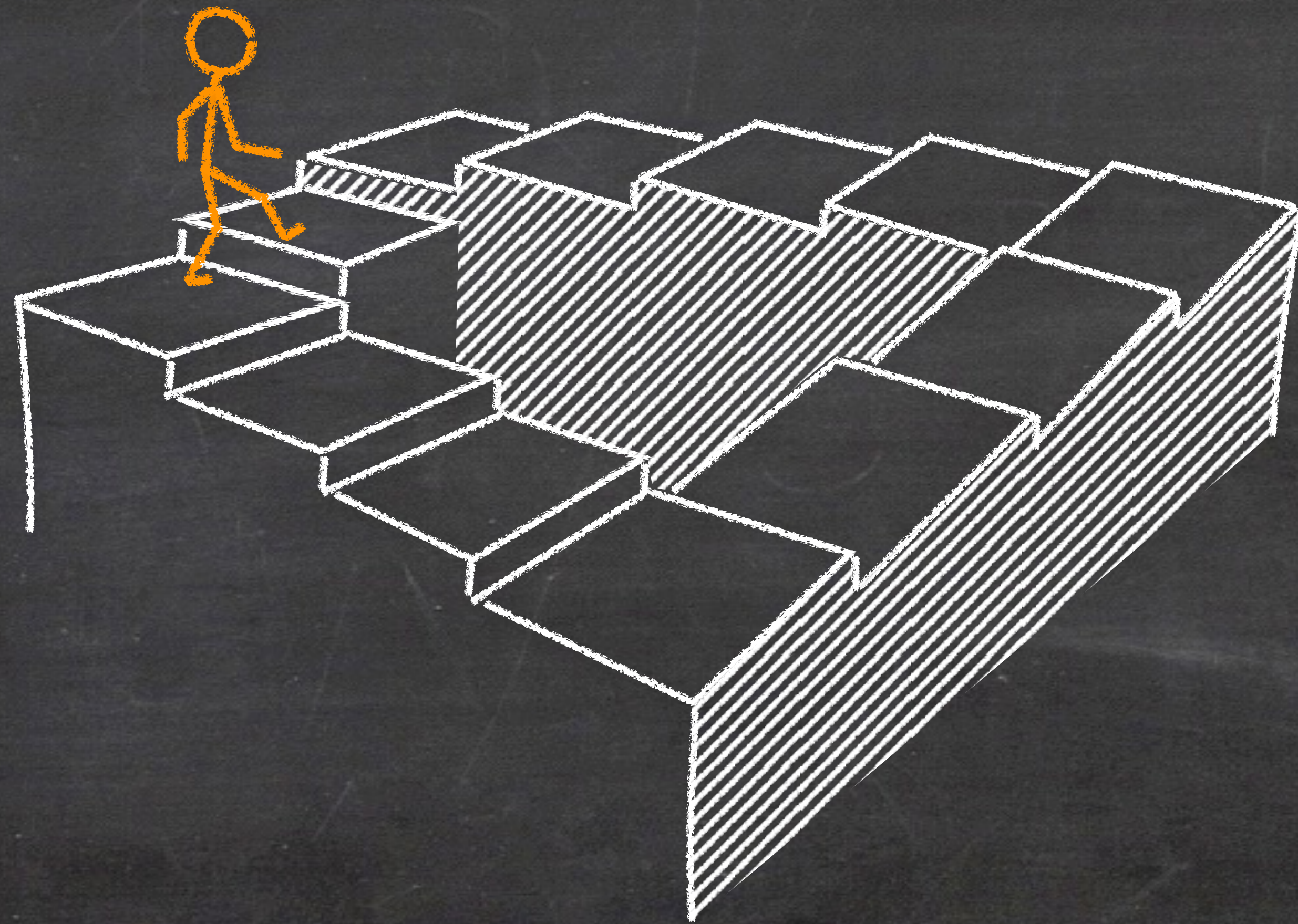
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