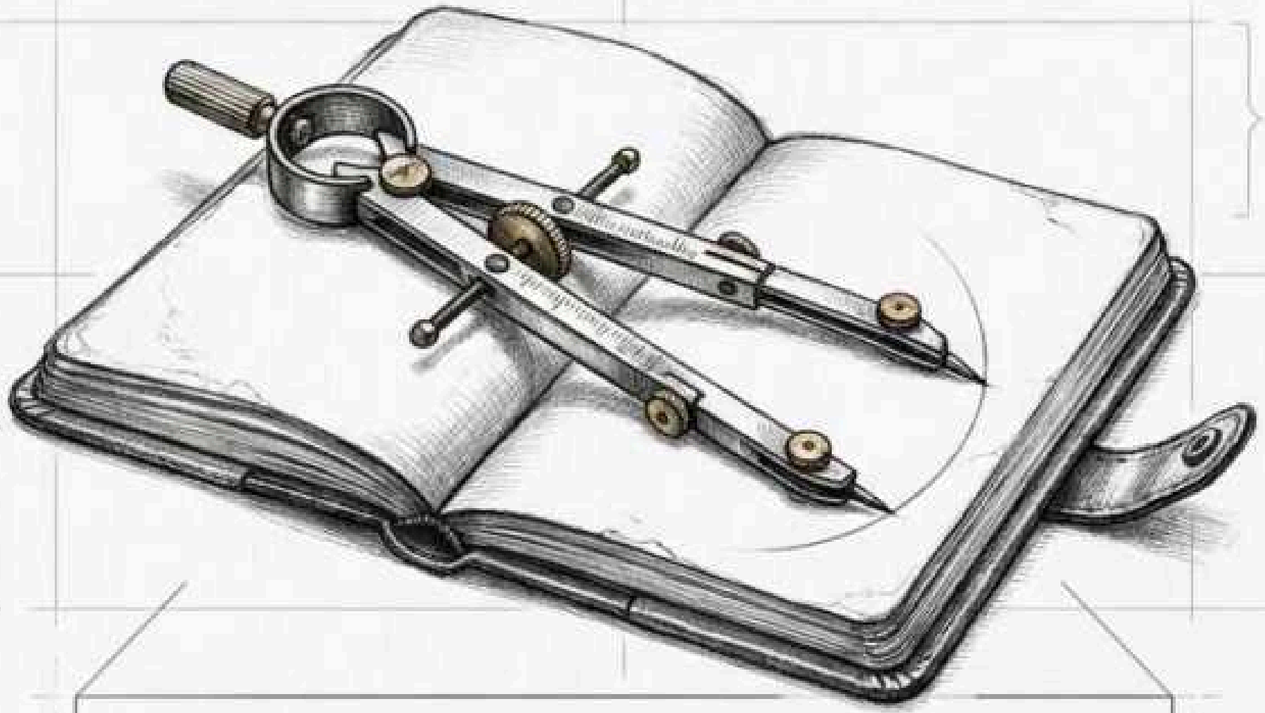
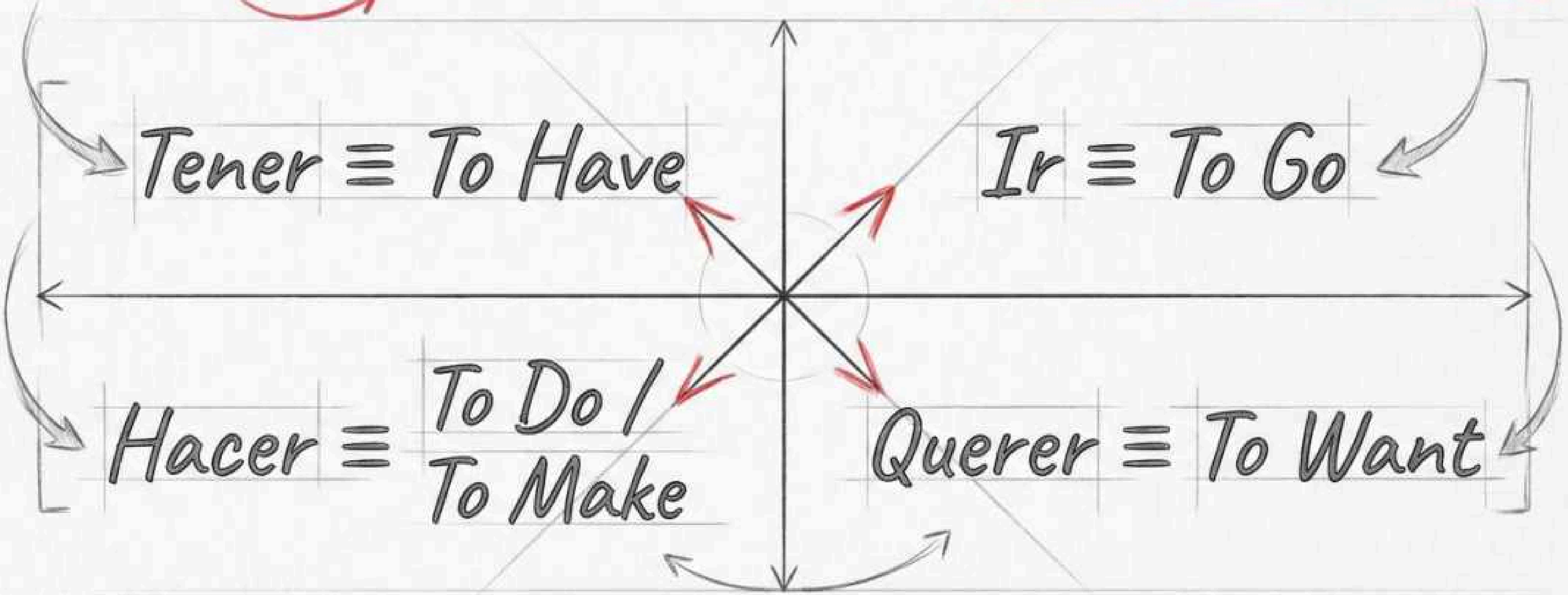
SPAN 101 B: LECTURE 5

Four Essential Irregular Verbs and Everyday Phrases



Welcome to Lecture 5. This is your structural blueprint for everyday conversation.

Regular Verbs = A Gift, but Irregular Verbs = The Engine of Daily Speech.



Learn these four thoroughly, and you can say a huge amount.

The Tener Matrix (To Have)

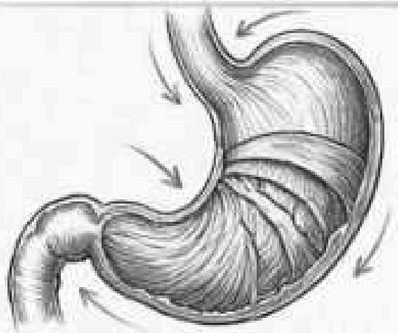
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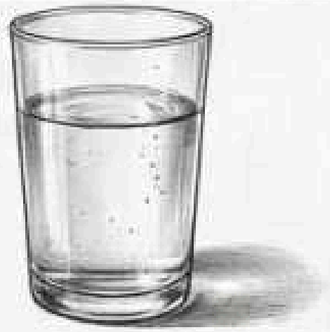
English [To Be + Adjective] ≠ Spanish [Tener + Noun]



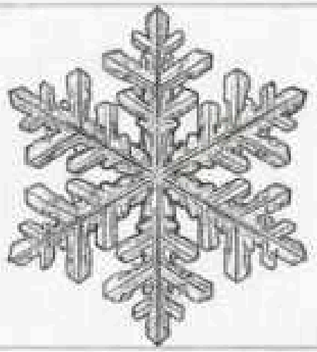
tengo veinte años
(I am 20 / I have 20 years)



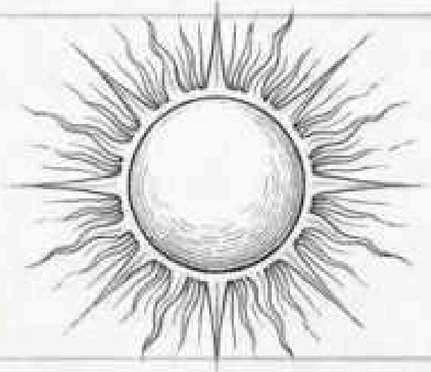
tengo hambre
(I am hungry / I have hunger)



tengo sed
(I am thirsty)



tengo frío (I am cold)



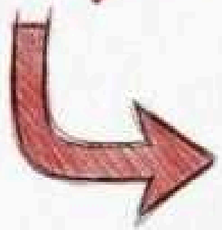
tengo calor (I am hot)



tengo sueño (I am sleepy)

Tener + que + [Infinitive] = Obligation (To have to)

1. tengo + que + estudiar = I have to study.
2. tienes + que + comer = You have to eat.



mañana tengo que trabajar
(Tomorrow I have to work).

Rule: The infinitive **never** changes.

The Ir Matrix (To Go)

Completely Irregular (No stem logic).
Must be learned by sound.

Special Case:
¡Vamos! =
Come on /
Let us go.

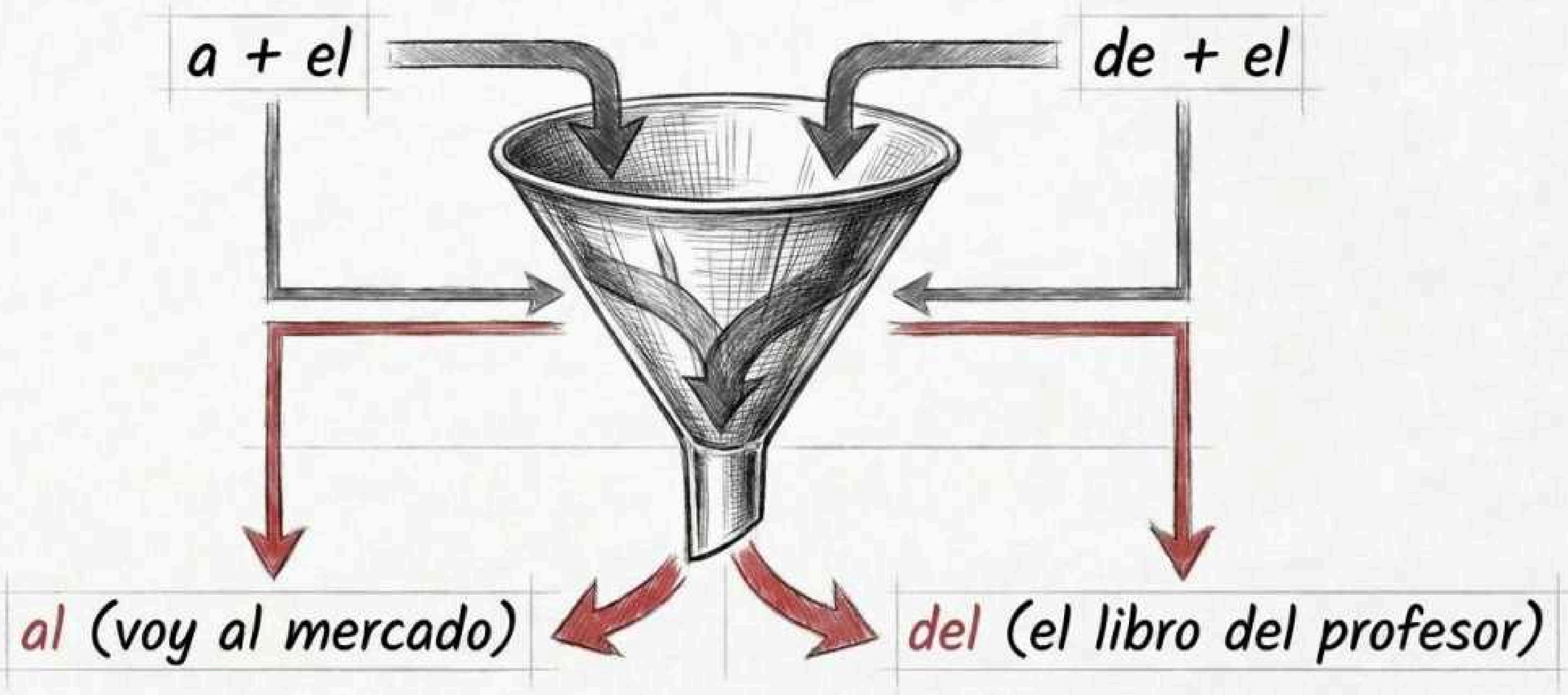
voy	vamos
vas	vais
va	van



Spatial Geometry Formula

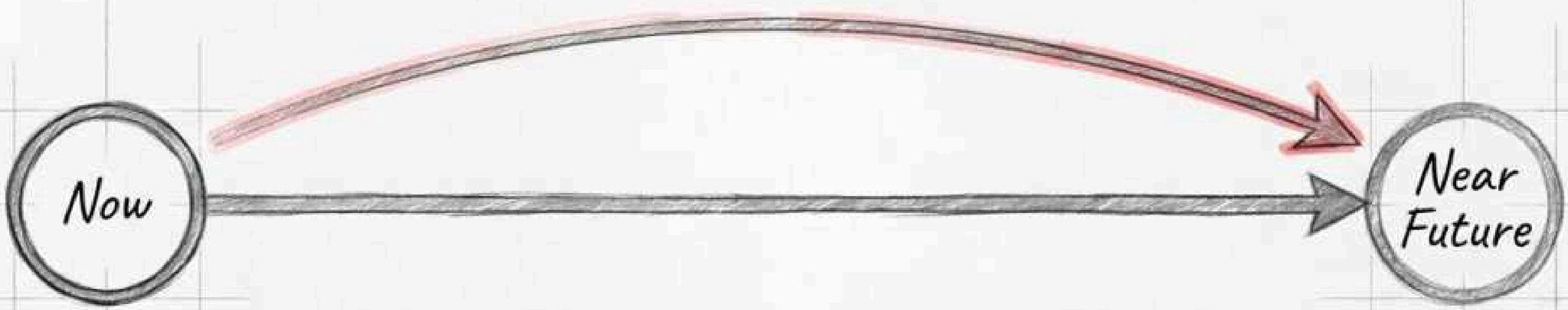
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Ir + a + [Location] (e.g., voy a la escuela, vamos a casa)



Temporal Geometry Formula

Ir + a + [Infinitive] = Near Future



*Voy + a + **comer** = I am going to eat.*

Vamos + a + estudiar = We are going to study.

The everyday way to talk about the near future.
*The **infinitive** is a constant (it never changes).*

The Hacer Matrix (To Do / To Make)

hago	hacemos
haces	hacéis
hace	hacen

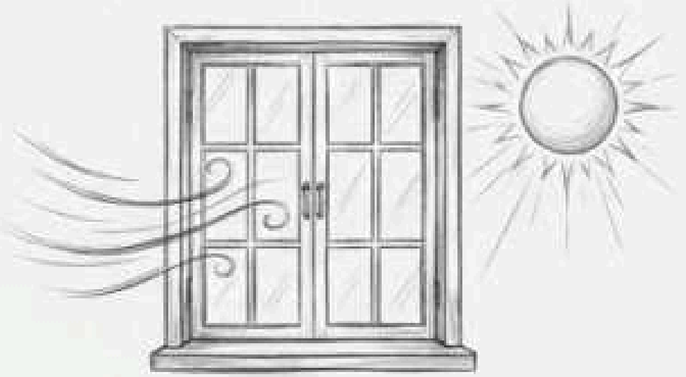
Only irregular yo form.

Hacer + [Activity]



hago la tarea (I do homework)

Hacer + [Weather]



hace frío (it is cold), **hace calor** (it is hot)

Interrogative Algorithms (Hacer)

Present Query

¿Qué haces? →
(What are you doing?)

Future Query

¿Qué vas a hacer mañana? →
(What are you going to do tomorrow?)

Voy a trabajar, y después voy a estudiar.

This one question is a good model for your first real conversations. People love to talk about their plans.

The Querer Matrix (To Want)

quer- → quier-

quiero	queremos
quieres	queréis
quiere	quieren

Original stem maintained (stress on ending).

Pattern match: Just like Tener, stress falls on the stem causing a change in 4 of 6 forms.

Querer

+ [Noun] → *quiero un café*

+ [Infinitive] → *quiero hablar español*

The Polite Modulator Box

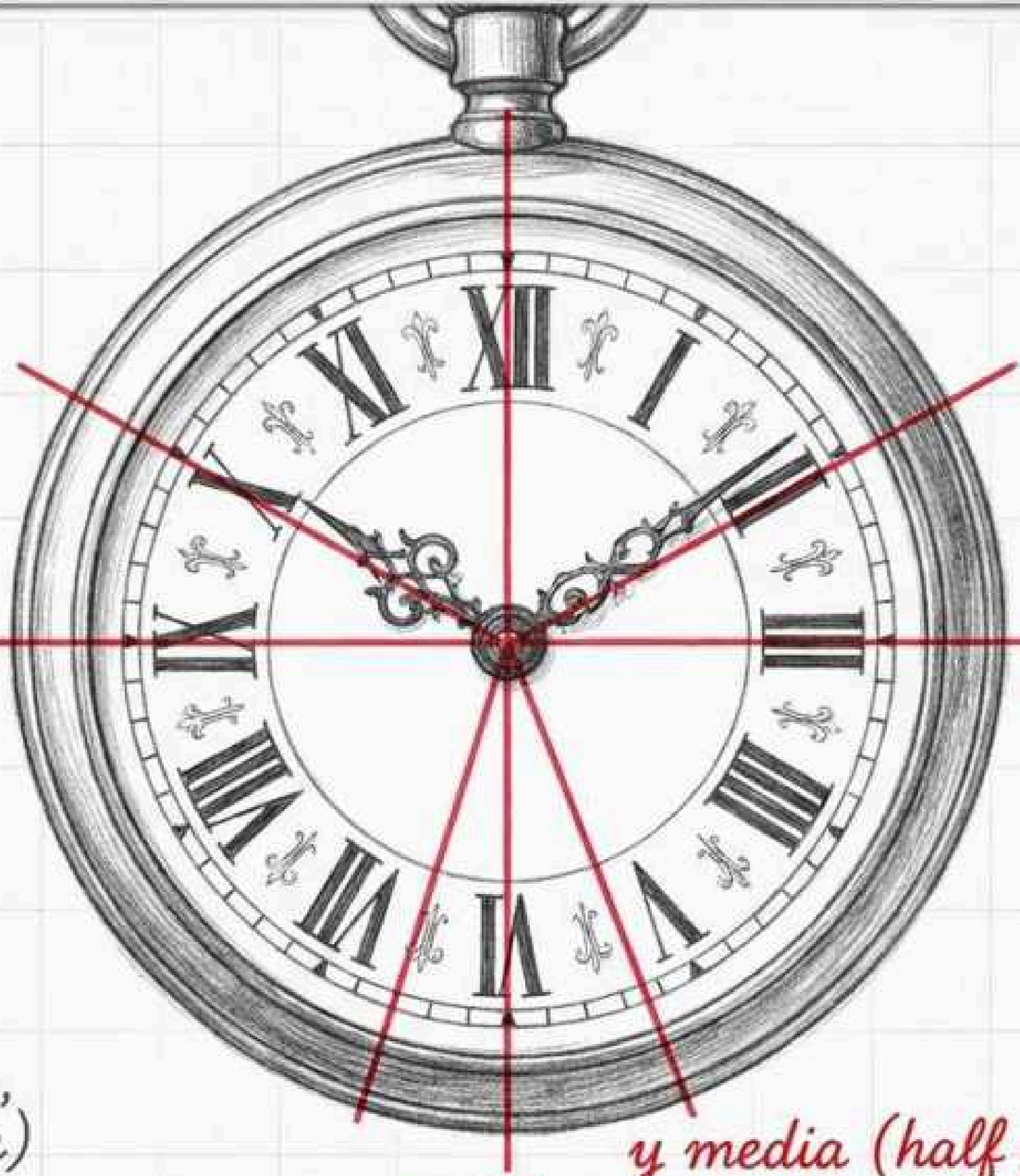
Quisiera = I would like

quisiera una mesa para dos
(I would like a table for two).

The standard way to order politely in a restaurant.



¿Qué hora es?



-90° wedge
menos cuarto
(quarter to)

+90° wedge
y cuarto
(quarter past)

y media (half past)

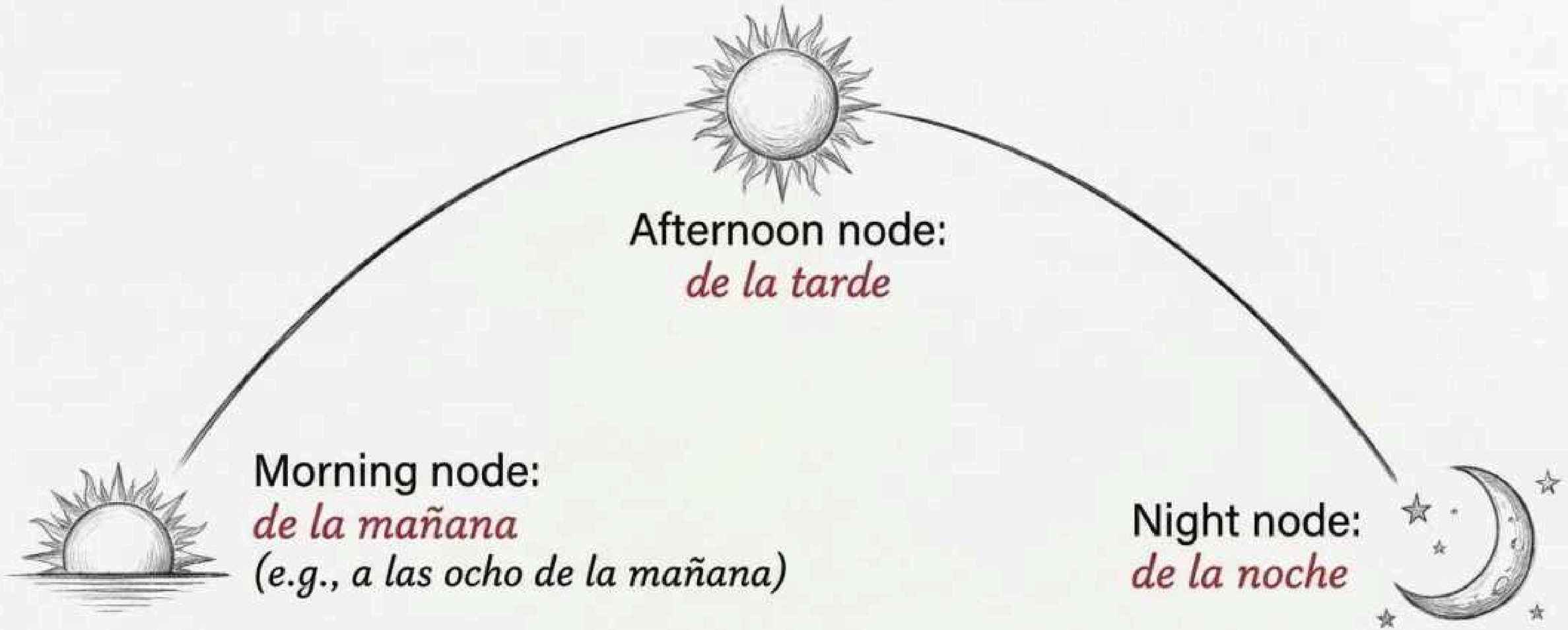
+180° slice – e.g., son las tres y media

1:00 = es la una
(Singular)

x:00 = son las + x
(Plural: son las dos,
son las diez)

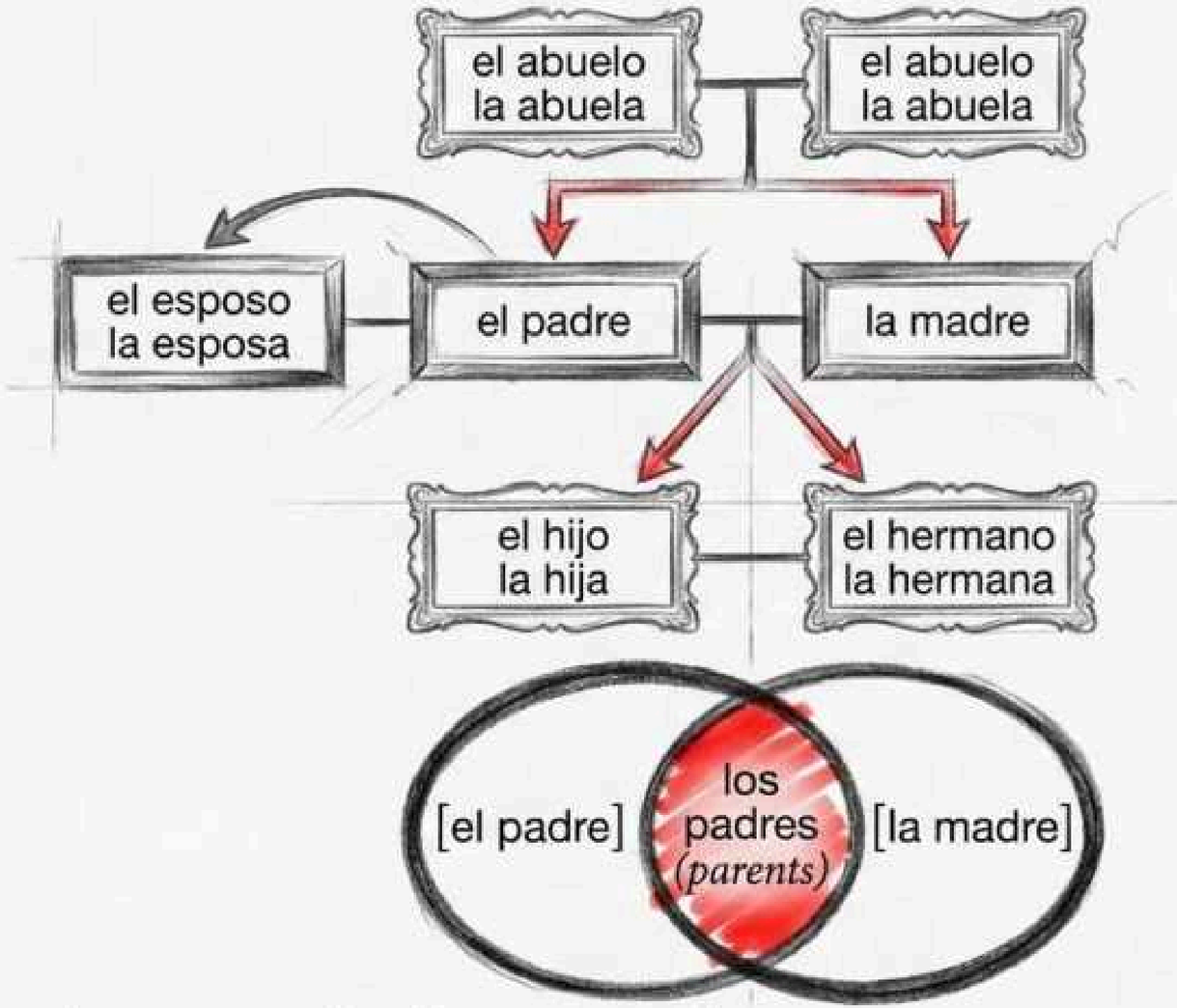
¿A qué hora? *(When?)*

Event + es + [a la / a las] + Time. Example: la clase es a las nueve.



The Family Node-Graph (*La Familia*)

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$$[el\ hermano] + [la\ hermana] = los\ hermanos\ (brothers\ \&\ sisters)$$

Rule: Plural masculine covers a mixed group.

Possessive words follow the same agreement rules as adjectives.

Variables Matrix: Singular to Plural

	Singular	Plural
1	*mi* →	***mis*** *(mis libros)*
2	*tu* →	***tus*** *(tus amigos)*
3	*su* →	***sus*** *(sus padres - his/her/their/formal your)*

The 4-Form Exception Box

nuestro/a → *(nuestra casa)*	*nuestros/as (nuestros hijos)*
vuestro (your plural)	

Querer
Input Path B
(Slide 12)

Obligation
Equation
(Slide 5)

Hacer
Interrogative
Algorithm
(Slide 10)

[¿Qué haces hoy? Hoy tengo que trabajar, pero mañana voy a la playa con mi familia. Quiero nadar.]

Today I have to work, but tomorrow I am going to the beach with my family, and I want to swim.

Ir
Spatial Geometry
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Emergency Variables (Rescue Phrases)



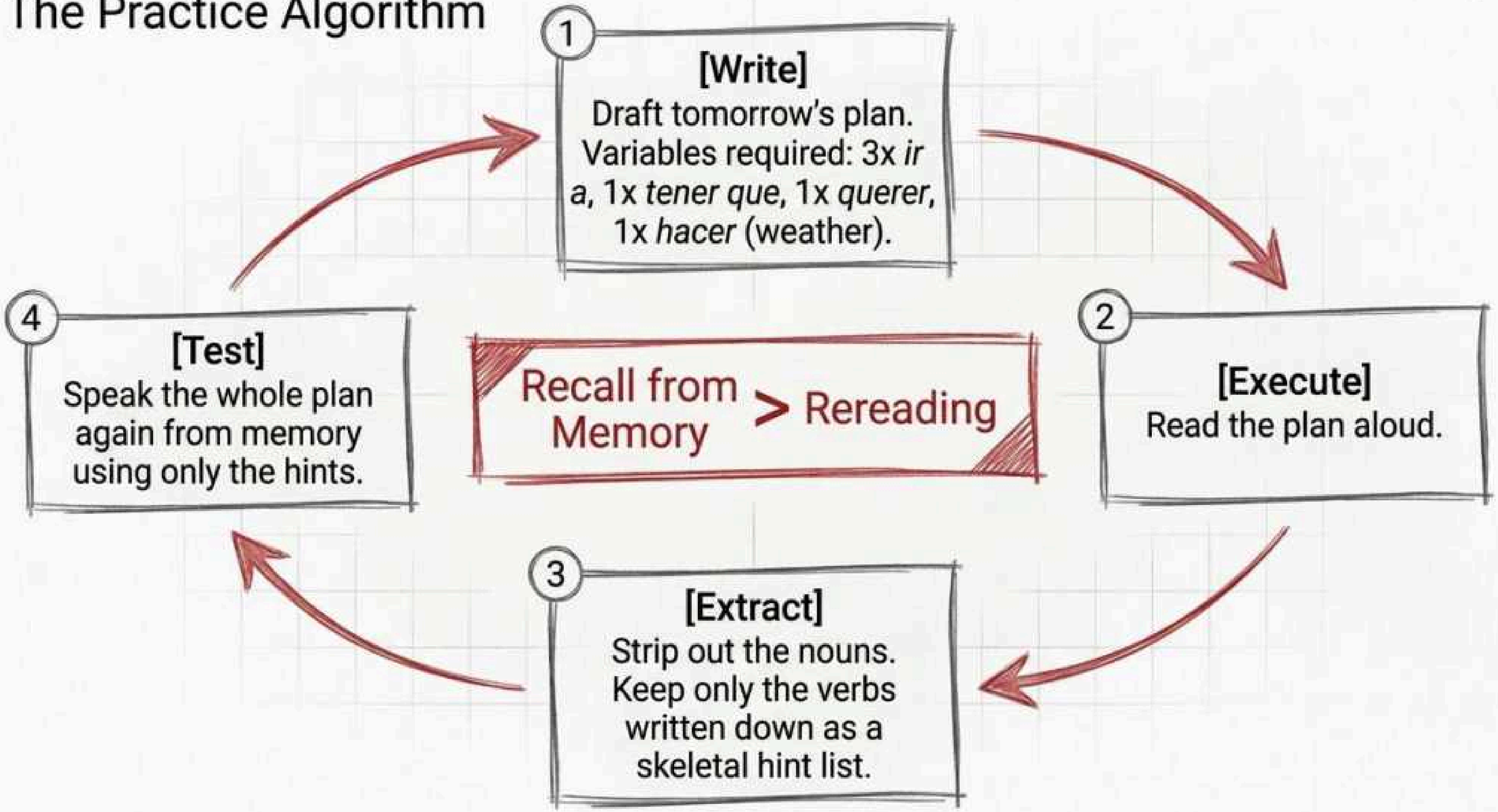
Navigation
Con permiso (excuse me when passing)
Perdón (pardon when you bump into someone)

Commerce
¿Cuánto cuesta? (how much does it cost)

Comprehension
No entiendo (I do not understand)
¿Puede repetir, por favor? (Can you repeat, please)
Más despacio, por favor (More slowly, please)

These phrases rescue every conversation.

The Practice Algorithm



System Integration

In the final lecture, we combine everything into real conversations, and plan how to keep learning.

You now possess the foundational blueprints. It's time to build.