

## THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE

# Strategist

Think clearly. Make the next move.



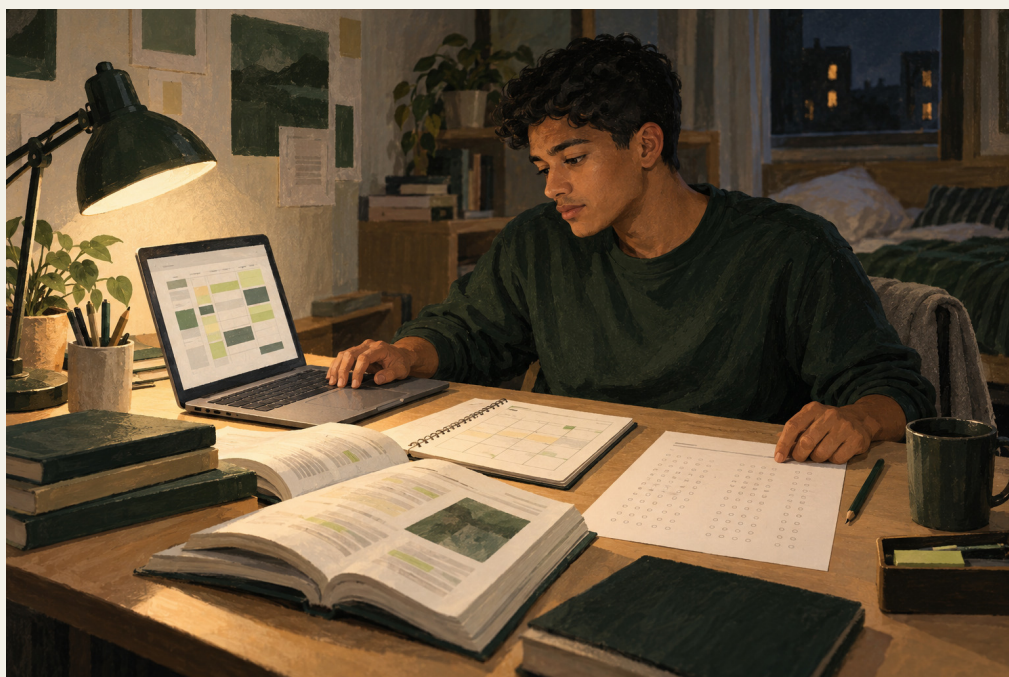
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A practical companion for noticing patterns and trying small changes.

## CHAPTER 01 / A FICTIONAL SCENE

# You spent the evening preparing. What became possible?



Kai preparing for an exam: an original fictional scene, illustrated with AI.

Kai has an exam in two weeks. Tonight was meant to be the first revision session. He compares study apps, watches a video on note layouts and starts building a timetable. Each choice seems useful.

At eleven, the timetable has six colors. He has answered no practice questions. He still does not know which topics he can explain without looking at his notes.

Kai has worked. The missing piece is contact with the task he was preparing for. His next useful information may come from trying it.

## What can you do after this search that you could not do before it?

Next: give the next search a question it can actually answer.

CHAPTER 01 / THE NEXT TAB

# Ask what could change the decision.

One more source can be valuable. Give it a job before opening it. Which missing fact could change your next move?

**A useful question.** “Does this course give feedback on my work?” You can check the description or ask the provider. The answer affects whether the course meets your need.

**An endless question.** “Is this definitely the best course for me?” Every new review can introduce another doubt. Decide which requirements would make a short trial worthwhile.

**A question that needs action.** “Will I actually use this study routine?” A small attempt tells you something that ten more descriptions may leave unanswered.

KAI NAMES THE MISSING INFORMATION

“I need to find out which topics I can answer unaided.” He can use questions he already has. Choosing another app does not answer that question.

If an essential fact is missing, check it. If the search adds no decision-relevant information, count the time it takes from the task itself.

**My next search would answer \_\_\_\_\_. If the answer is \_\_\_\_\_, I would change \_\_\_\_\_.**

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Next: decide when the research is finished before you begin it.

THE NEXT QUESTION / CHAPTER 02

# What would ready enough look like before you feel ready?

Kai's next practice question can give his research a purpose. It still leaves a decision: where does preparation stop and an attempt begin?

FROM THE GUIDE / PAGE 07 / HISTORICAL CONTEXT

By June 1858, Charles Darwin was working on a substantial account of natural selection. Then Alfred Russel Wallace sent an essay setting out a closely related idea. In a letter to Charles Lyell, dated 18 [June] by its editors, Darwin described the striking overlap. [2, 3]

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## How much do you need to know?

- 01 Define the specific step you are preparing to take.
- 02 Separate essentials from preferences.
- 03 Decide which uncertainty a small attempt can carry.

LINKED SOURCES FOR THIS PREVIEW

[\[2\] Darwin's letter to Lyell](#)

[\[3\] Darwin's work in 1858-1859](#)

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