


Writing a Strong Thesis Statement




1. ****Understand the Purpose:****



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**- Clearly state
the main point of
your research
paper.**

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**- Provide a
roadmap for your
readers about
what to expect.**

2. ****Be Specific:****



**- Avoid vague or
broad
statements.**

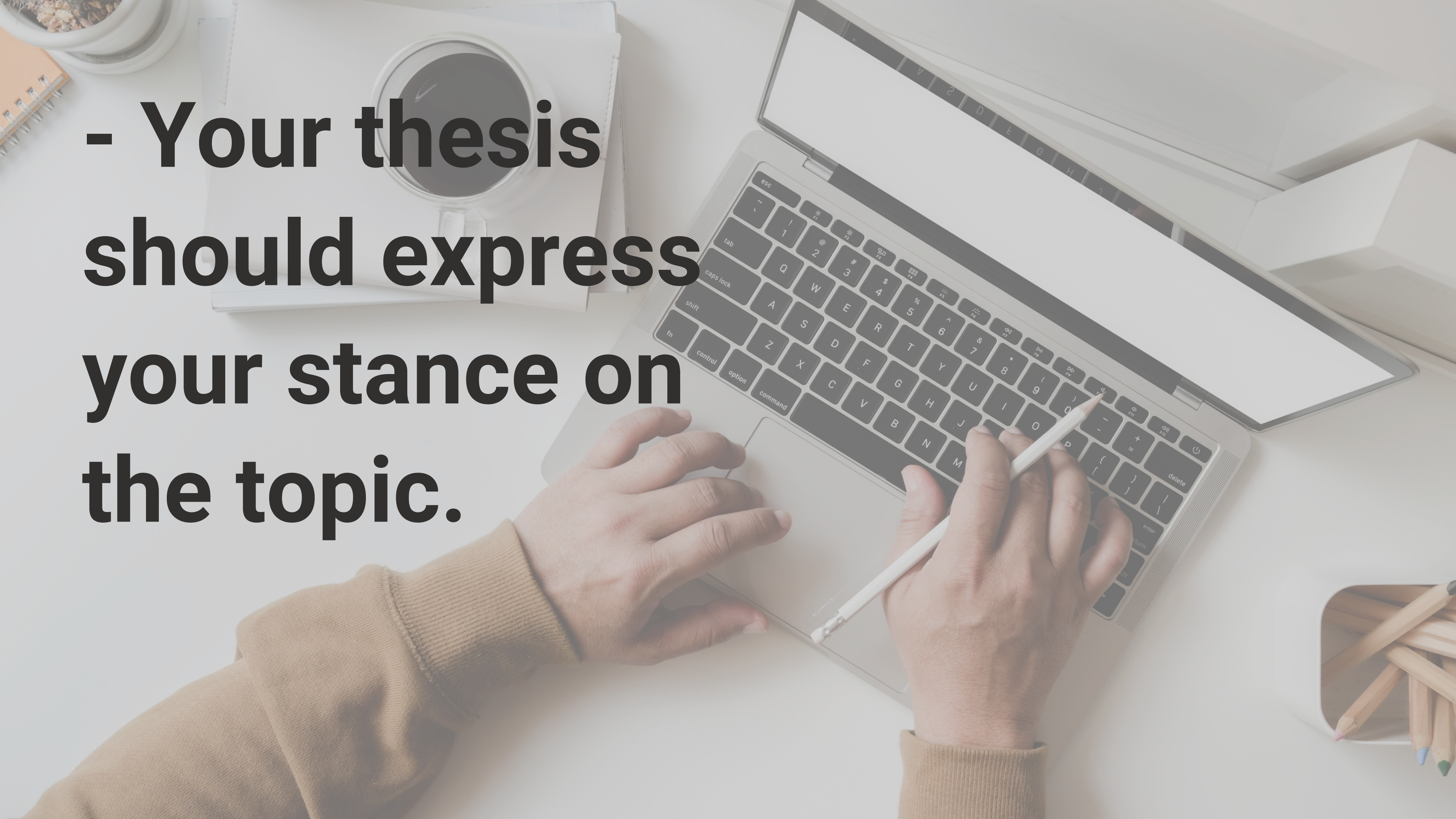


**- Focus on a
clear and
concise
argument.**



3. ****Take a Position:****



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**- Your thesis
should express
your stance on
the topic.**

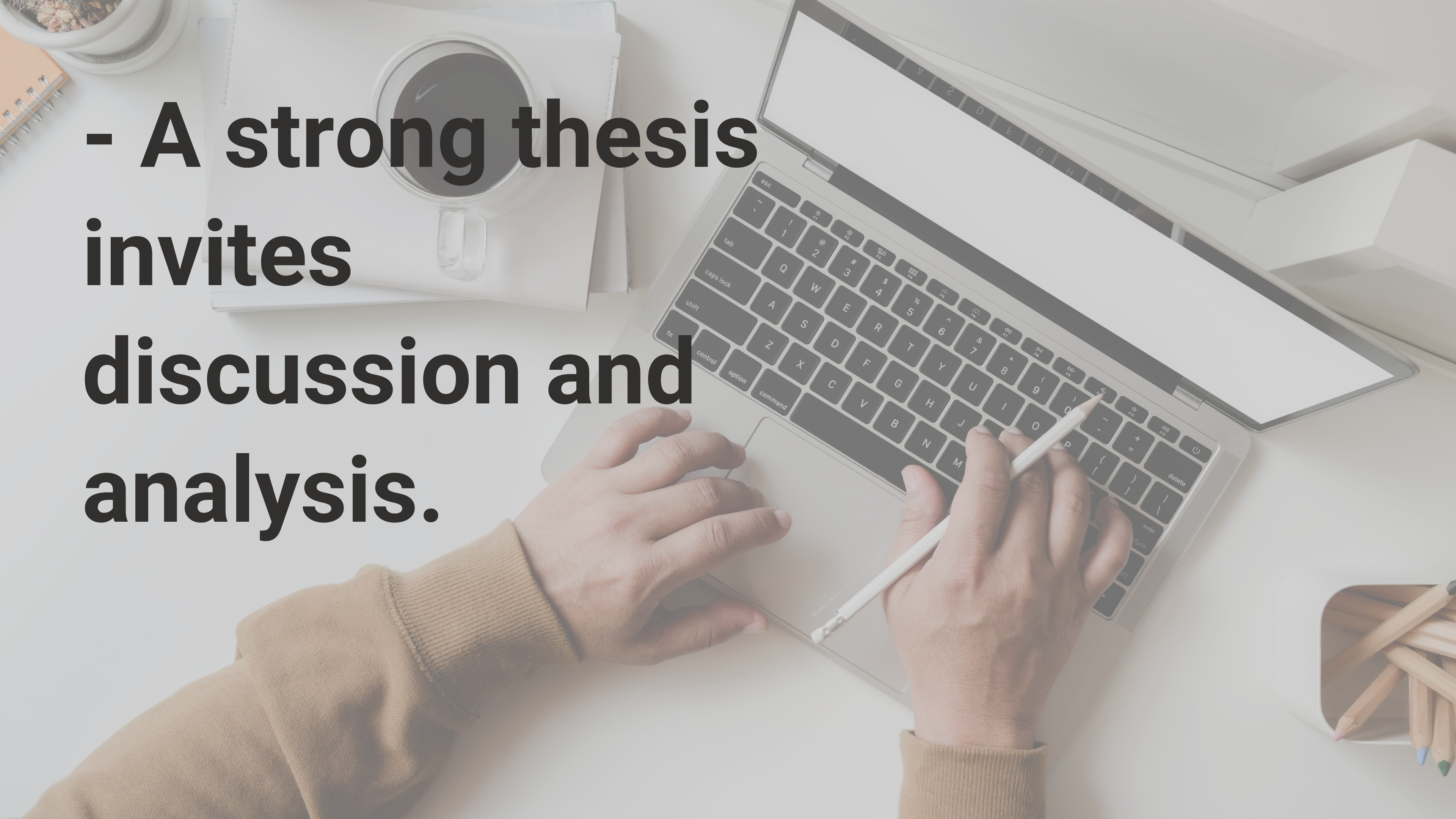
**- Avoid being
wishy-washy;
take a stand.**



4. ****Make It Debatable:****



**- A strong thesis
invites
discussion and
analysis.**



**- Avoid stating
obvious or
universally
accepted facts.**



5. ****Include Your Main Points:****



**- Preview the
main supporting
arguments of
your paper.**




**- Indicate the
structure of your
paper.**



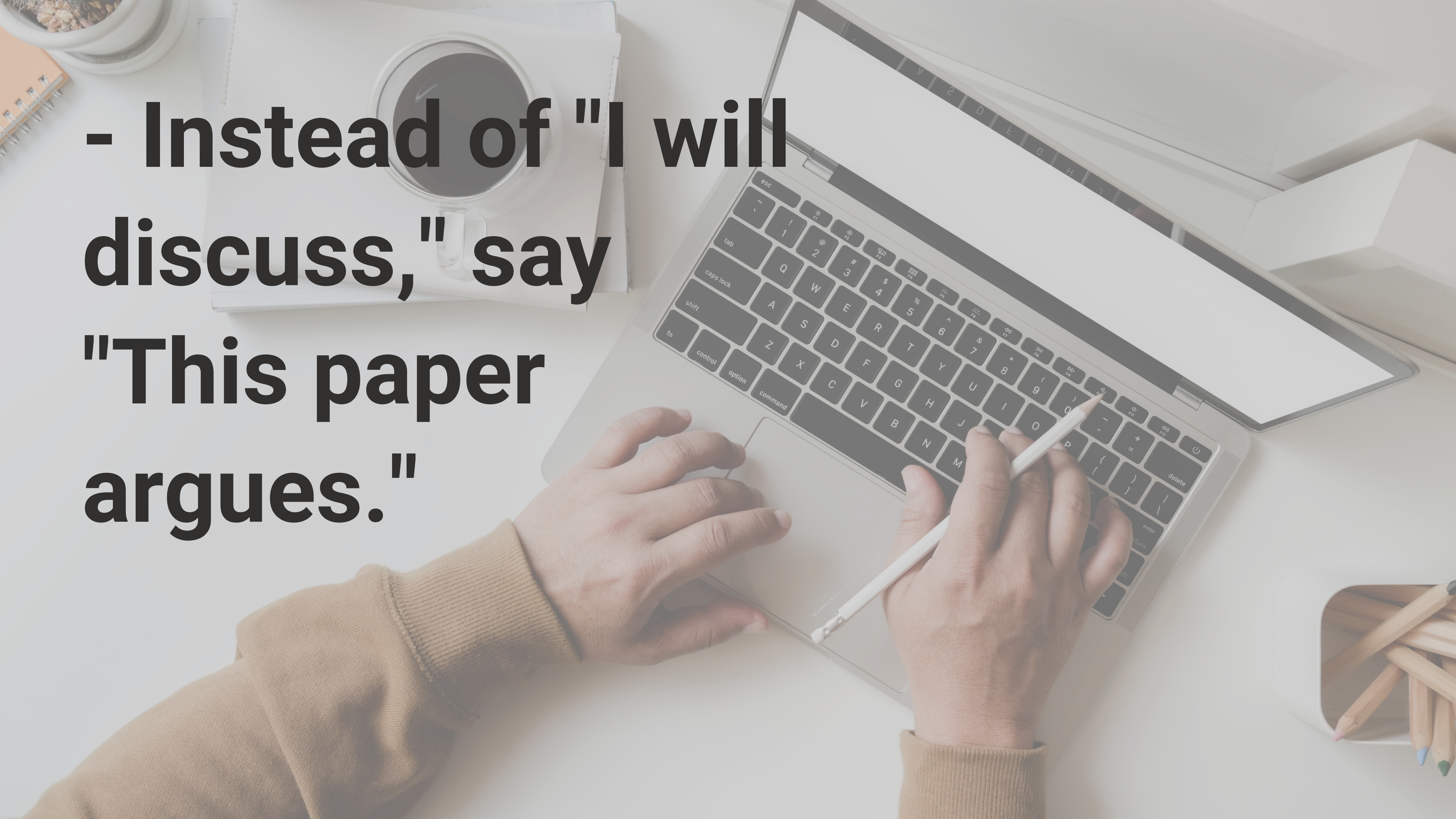
6. ****Avoid Announcements:****



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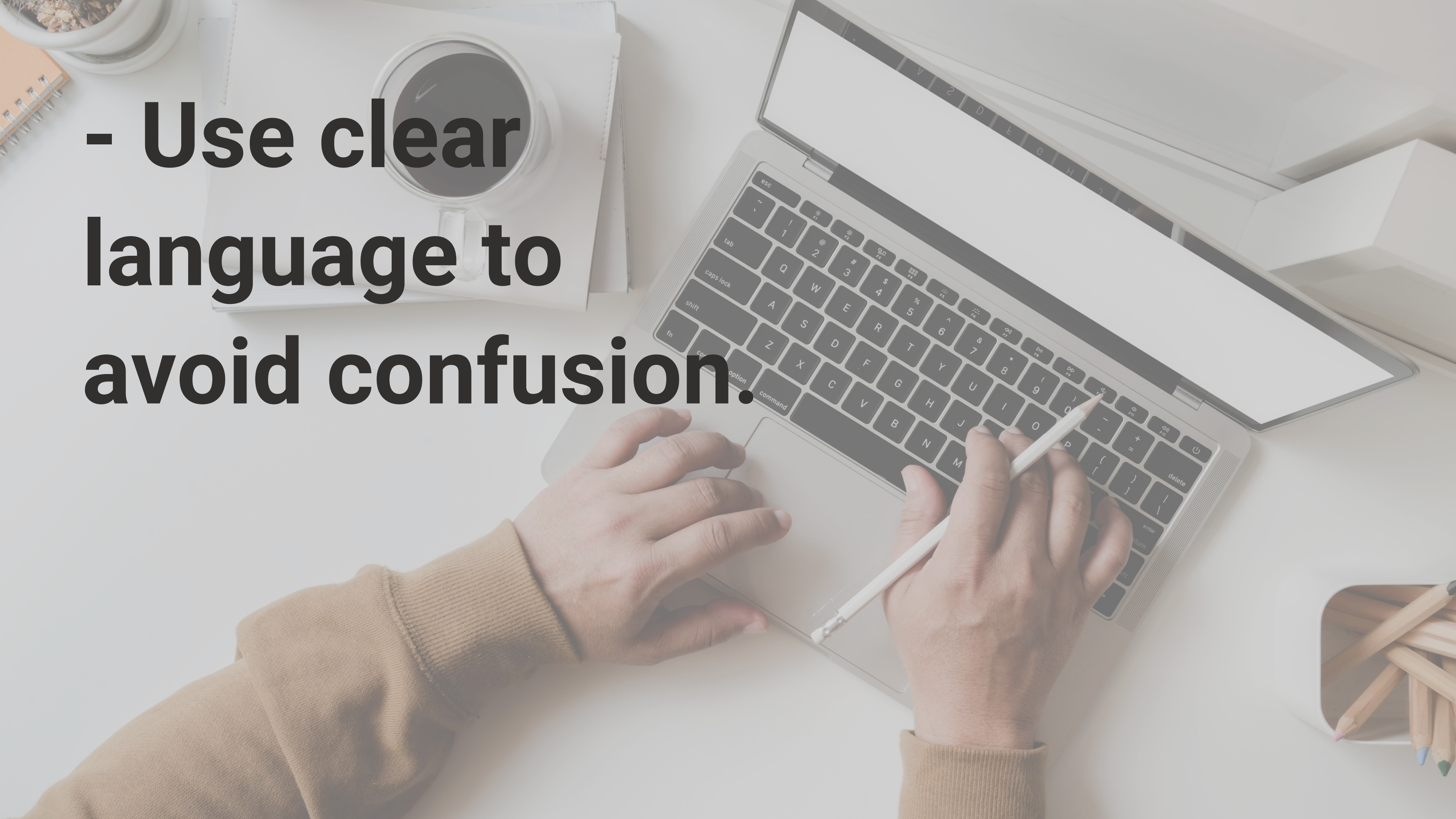
**- Don't simply
announce your
topic; provide a
perspective.**

**- Instead of "I will
discuss," say
"This paper
argues."**



7. ****Be Clear and Precise:****



A top-down view of a person's hands using a silver laptop. The left hand is on the trackpad, and the right hand is holding a white pencil. The laptop is open, and the screen is blank. In the background, there is a magnifying glass on a piece of paper, a small white container with pencils, and a small white cup with a plant. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**- Use clear
language to
avoid confusion.**

**- Avoid jargon or
overly technical
terms.**



8. ****Tailor to Your Audience:****



- Consider your audience's knowledge level and interests.



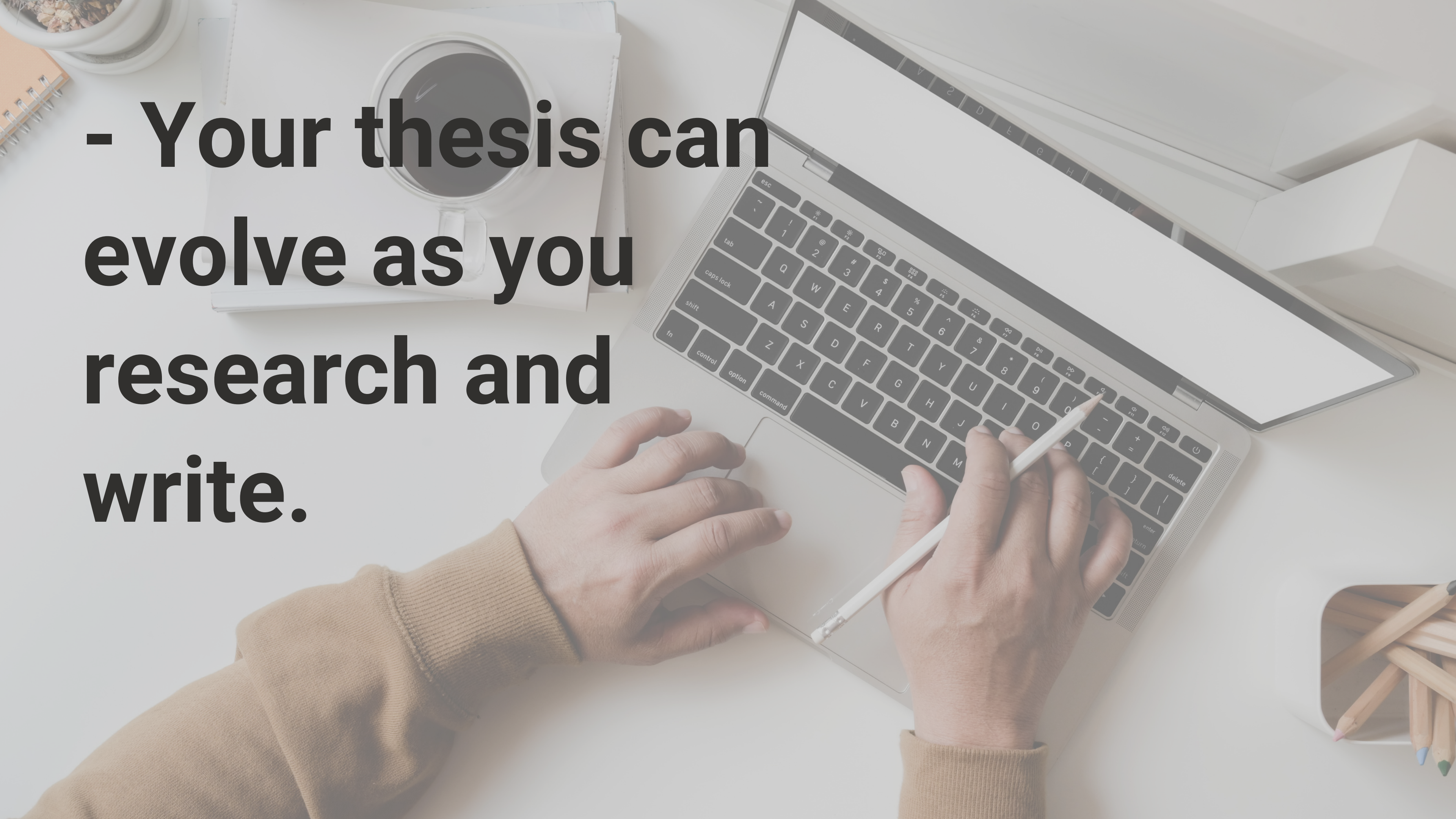
**- Adjust your
thesis to
resonate with
them.**



9. ****Revise and Refine:****



**- Your thesis can
evolve as you
research and
write.**



**- Revise and
refine it for
accuracy and
clarity.**



10. ****Seek Feedback:****



**- Ask peers or
instructors for
feedback on your
thesis.**





**- Fresh
perspectives can
help you improve
it.**

**11. **Place It
Carefully:****



A top-down view of a person's hands working on a silver laptop. The left hand is on the trackpad, and the right hand is holding a white pencil. The laptop screen is open and shows a blank white page. In the background, there is a magnifying glass, a small white container with pencils, and some papers. The overall scene is a workspace for writing or research.


- Typically, your thesis appears in the introduction.

- Aim for the last sentence of your introductory paragraph.



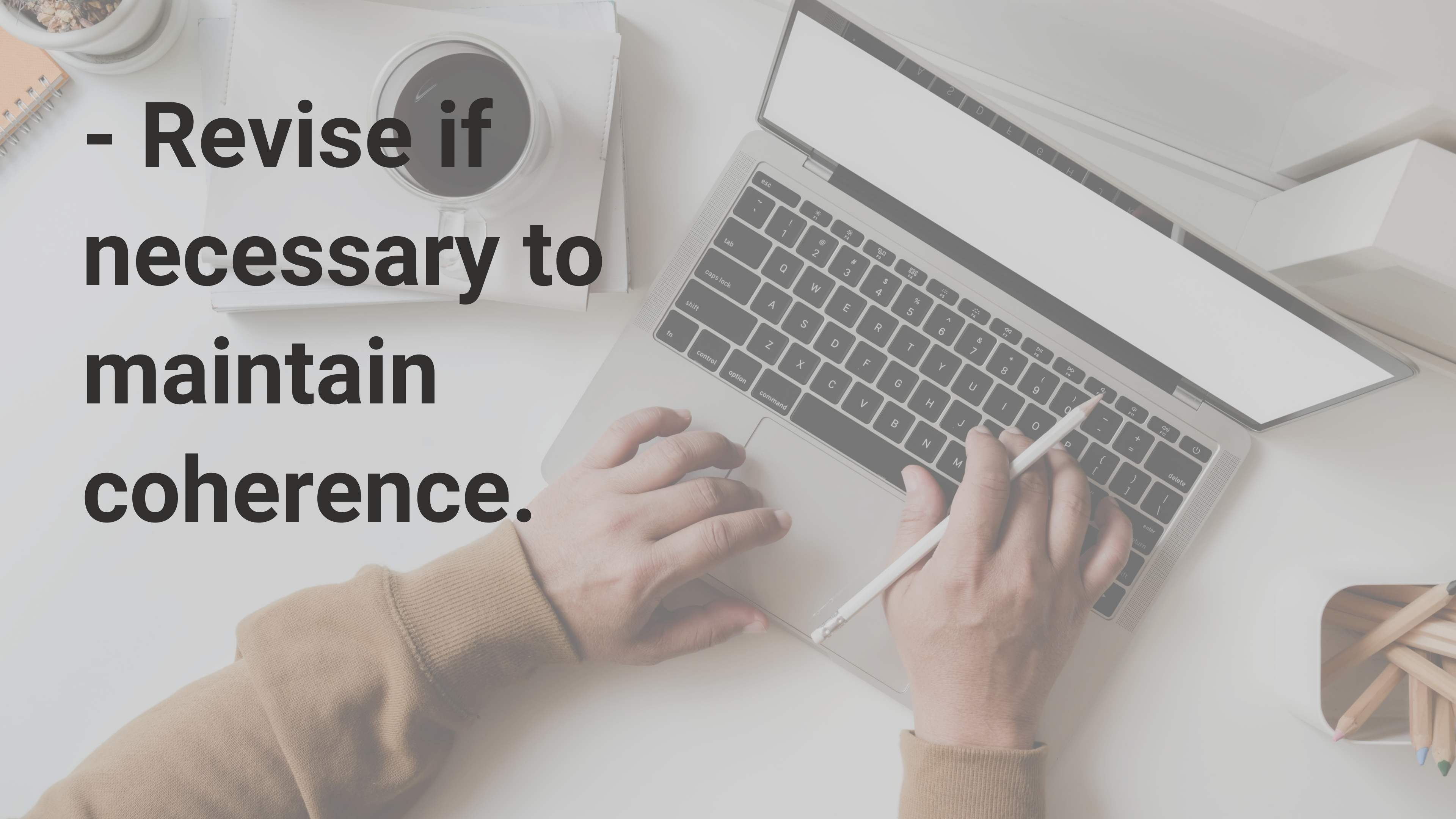
12. ****Revisit as You Write:****



A top-down view of a person's hands writing on a silver laptop. The person is wearing a tan sweater. Their right hand holds a white pencil, poised over the keyboard, while their left hand rests on the trackpad. A magnifying glass sits on a piece of paper to the left of the laptop, and a white mug with coffee is in the top left corner. A small container with several colored pencils is in the bottom right. The background is a clean, light-colored desk.


**- As you write,
ensure your
thesis remains
aligned with your
arguments.**

**- Revise if
necessary to
maintain
coherence.**



Sample Thesis Statements:



A top-down view of a person's hands working on a silver laptop. The left hand rests on the trackpad, while the right hand holds a white pencil over the keyboard. In the background, a magnifying glass sits on a white surface, and a small container holds several colored pencils. The scene is brightly lit, creating a clean and professional aesthetic.

Food Comparison:

"Comparing Italian and Mexican cuisines reveals distinctive flavors, preparation methods, and cultural influences, showcasing how food reflects cultural diversity and culinary creativity."

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Music Comparison:

"Examining classical orchestral music and modern electronic dance music highlights variations in compositional structure, instrumentation, and audience engagement, illustrating how music evolves across different eras and genres."