



Advanced Theory



Nuanced Hooks



Breaking News Hook

Module 03

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Module Overview

The Breaking News Hook creates a sense of urgency and exclusivity by presenting information as recent, tapping into our natural attraction to novelty and desire to be first to know.

Scientists just found this in the Mariana Trench and not a single one knows what the hell it is.

ACTION PLAN:



Identify genuinely new information in your content



Add urgency words like 'just' and 'happening'



Create a script that delivers on the urgency



Release quickly while information is current



Update regularly with newer developments

Key Terms

URGENCY TRIGGER

Using time-sensitive language to create a feeling that content must be consumed immediately to

stay informed.

INFORMATION EXCLUSIVITY

The perception that you're providing access to knowledge that

few others currently possess.

CURIOSITY GAP

Creating tension between what viewers know and what they think they need to know that can only be

resolved by watching.

HOOK-FIRST SCRIPTING

Designing your content around your hook rather than finding a hook to fit existing content.

Key Takeaways

The Psychology of Now

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Humans are instinctively drawn to what's happening right now. The word 'just' signals recency, activating our desire to be informed and ahead of others.

- ◆ Triggers status-seeking behavior
- ◆ Creates fear of becoming outdated
- ◆ Activates information-sharing impulse

PRO TIP



For maximum impact, pair 'just' with alarming or exciting emotion words - 'Scientists just found this TERRIFYING creature...'

- ◆ Signals time-sensitivity
- ◆ Creates artificial urgency
- ◆ Works with relatively recent news

The Power of 'Just'

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The word 'just' is magical in hooks - it transforms ordinary information into breaking news. Even if something isn't brand new, it might be new to your audience.

Hook-First Scripting

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With breaking news hooks, design your entire content around the urgency. Start with a powerful hook, then shape your content to maintain and pay off that initial excitement.

- ◆ Begin with the hook, not the content
- ◆ Structure to maintain urgency
- ◆ Save key revelations for later

- ◆ Set up alerts for industry news

- ◆ Follow key influencers for early signals

- ◆ Be first to contextualize trends

Finding Breaking Content

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Monitor your niche for genuine developments, industry changes, or new research. The closer to actual breaking news, the more powerful your hook becomes.

Remember...

URGENCY CREATES ENGAGEMENT

The sense that they might miss out drives viewers to watch immediately.

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