1. **SSIS Project & Package** – Project: container for all packages/resources. Package: single ETL process (.dtsx). One project can have many packages for different tasks.

2. **Source** – where data comes from:

   o OLE DB (SQL Server)

   o Flat File (CSV/TXT)

   o Excel (spreadsheet)

3. **Destination** – where data is written:

   o OLE DB (SQL Server)

   o Flat File (CSV/TXT)

   o Excel (spreadsheet)

4. **Control Flow vs Data Flow** – Control Flow manages task order; Data Flow moves/transforms data.

5. **Excel Source/Destination prerequisite** – Install Microsoft Access Database Engine (ACE OLEDB Provider).