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1	Flattery	
	Do you compliment them or stroke their ego a bit?	
	Was the compliment specific and genuine?	
2	Benefit	
	How will this benefit them (not just you)?	
	Do you spell it out and is it a real benefit?	
3	Credibility	
	How can YOU be the person the other person would enjoy meeting?	
	What do they need to know about you?	
4	Call to Action	
	Are you asking for something specific?	
	Is it a reasonable request? (e.g. 10 minute call, not a 2-hour business planning session)	
	Do you give them a couple of options?	
5	Read it Aloud	
	Have you read it aloud? No, reallydid you do it?	
	Time it. Is it longer than a minute? If yes, then cut it down.	

6 Make It Easy to Say Yes

It's much easier for the other person to help when they see you've made a solid investment already — handwriting the note, researching, or just doing their work for them.

Is the email itself valuable?

Are the questions/CTAs easy to understand?

If you received this email from someone else how would you respond?