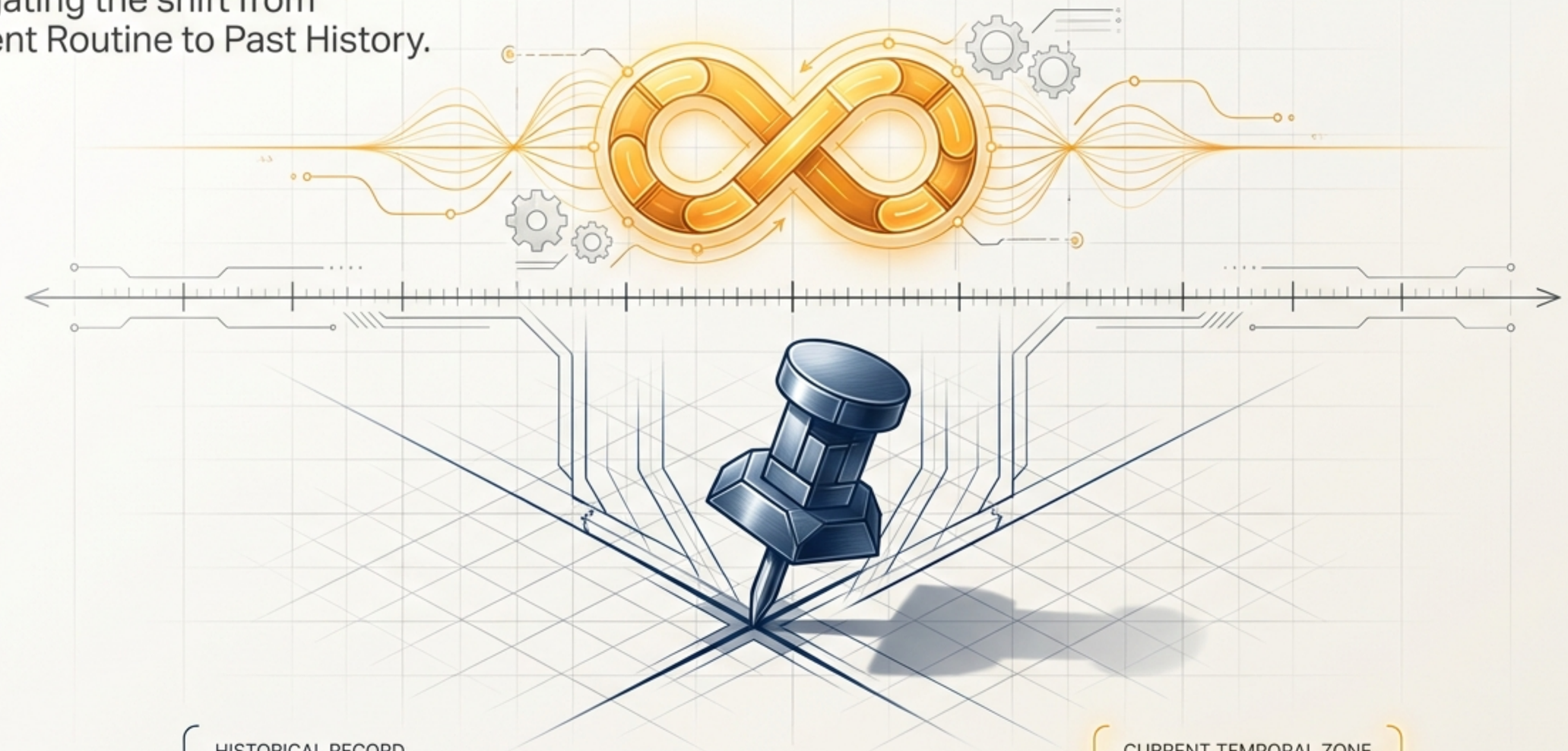
The Architecture of English Time

Mapping Daily Activities:
Navigating the shift from
Present Routine to Past History.



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Two Ways to Anchor Reality

The Cycle



- Every day
- Usually
- Always

Habits, routines, and ongoing truths.
Actions that repeat without a defined end.

The Anchor



- Yesterday
- Last week
- In 2023

Closed, completed historical records.
Actions permanently fixed in the past.

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Mapping the 24-Hour Cycle



1
Wake up

2
Drink coffee

3
Work

4
Eat dinner

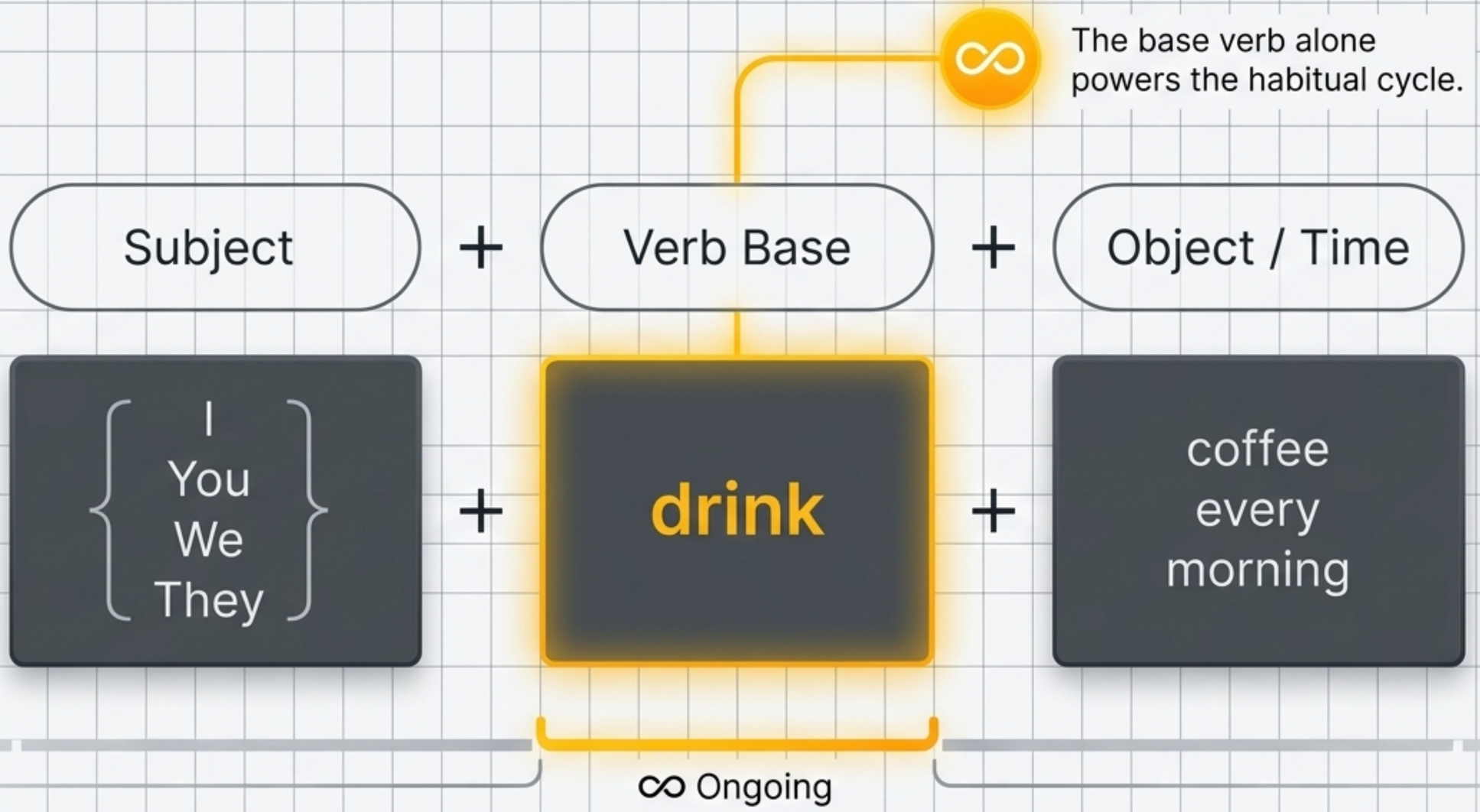
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Sleep

Ongoing

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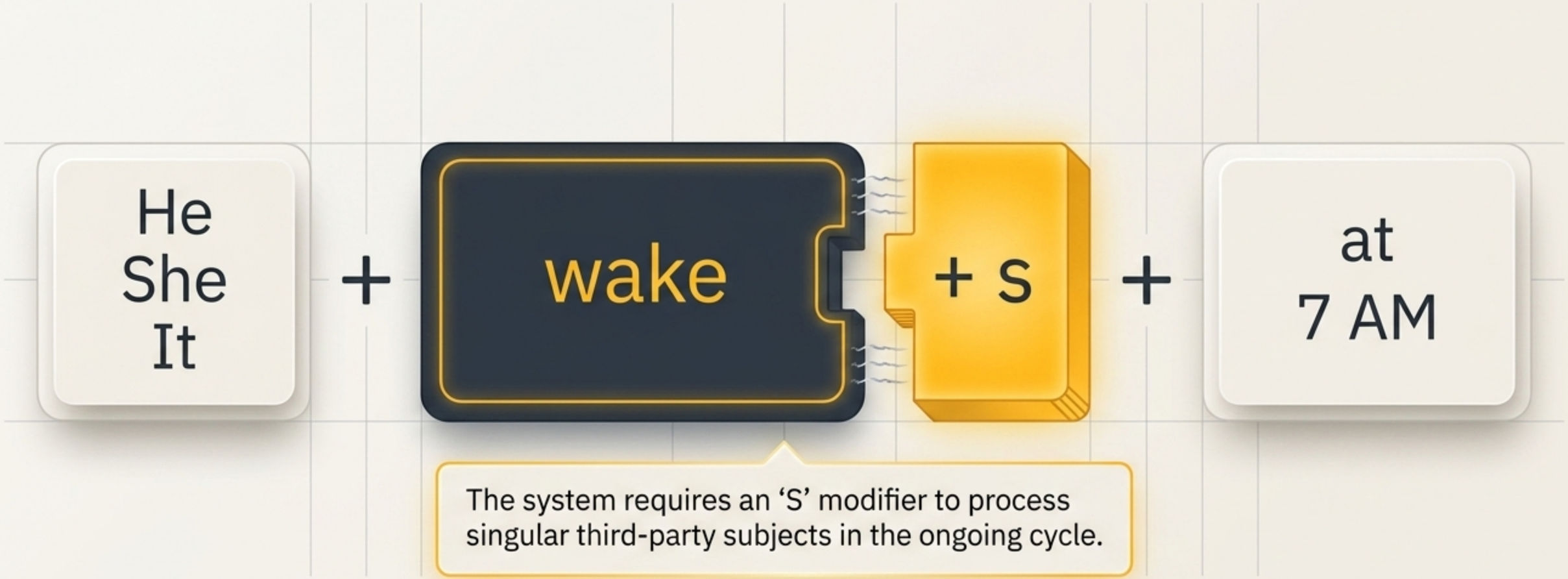
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Constructing the Present Timeline



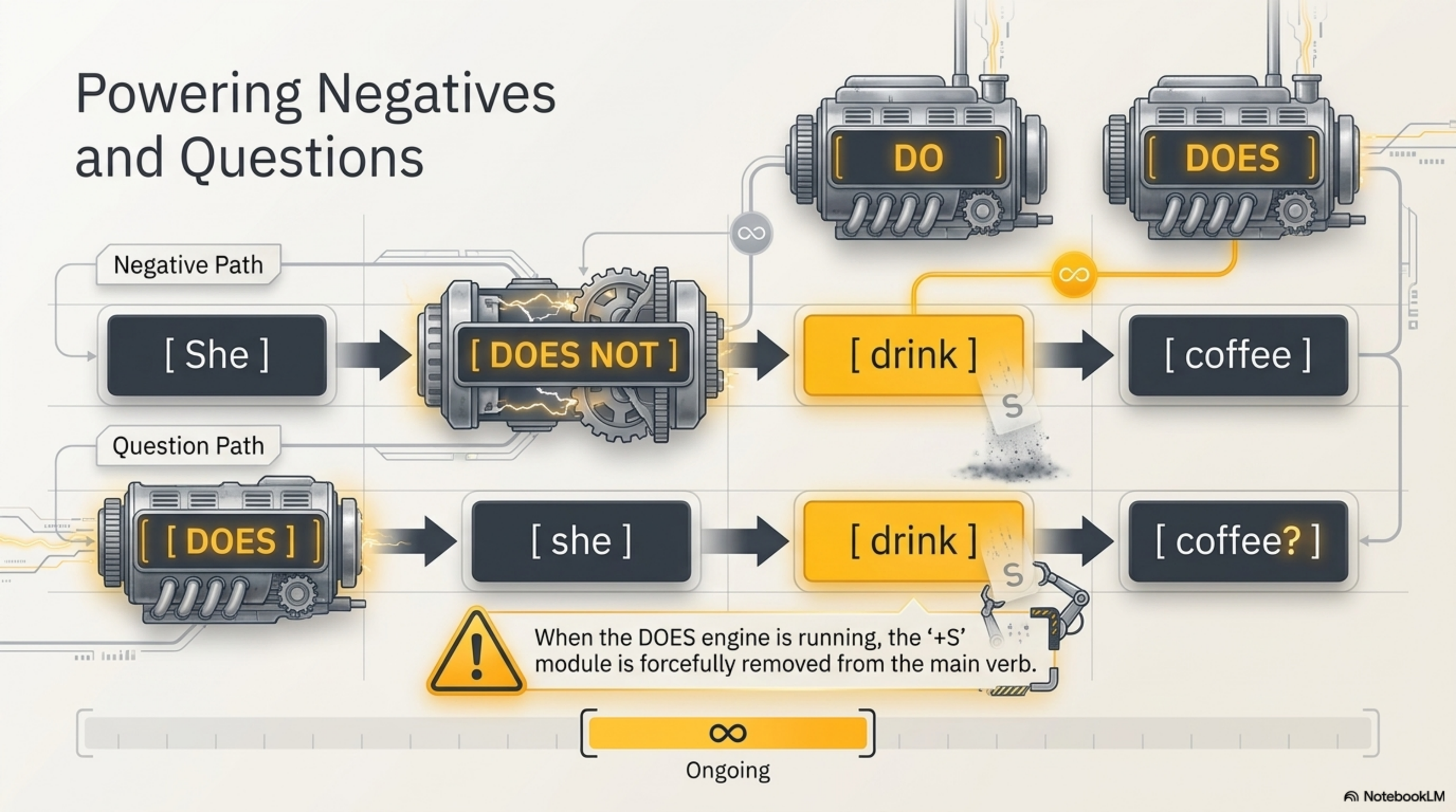
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The Third-Person Module



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Powering Negatives and Questions



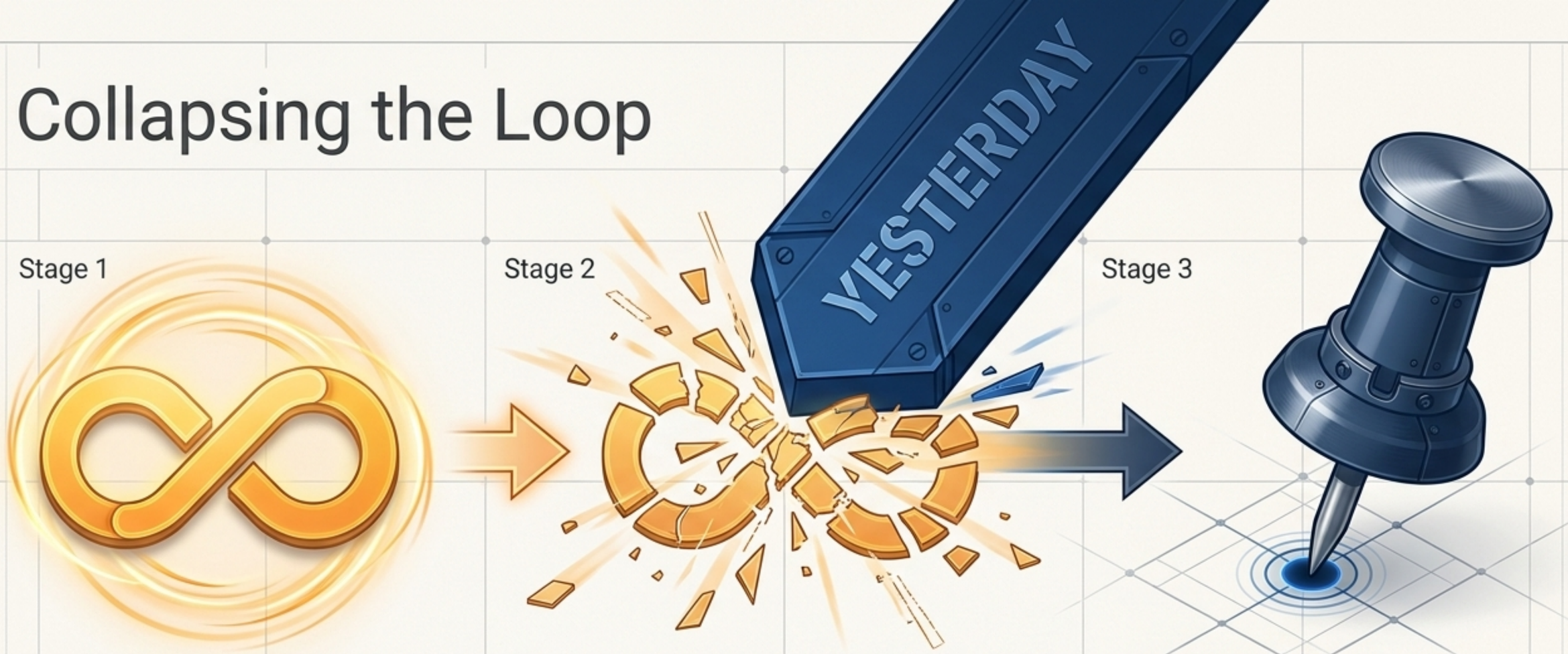
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Collapsing the Loop

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3



Present Continuous Cycle

Temporal Disruption

Fixed Historical Anchor

When the timeline shifts to a completed historical moment, the habitual cycle ends.
The structural architecture must adapt.

Ongoing

Completed

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Constructing Historical Records

Subject + Verb (V2) + Object / Time

All Subjects + worked + yesterday



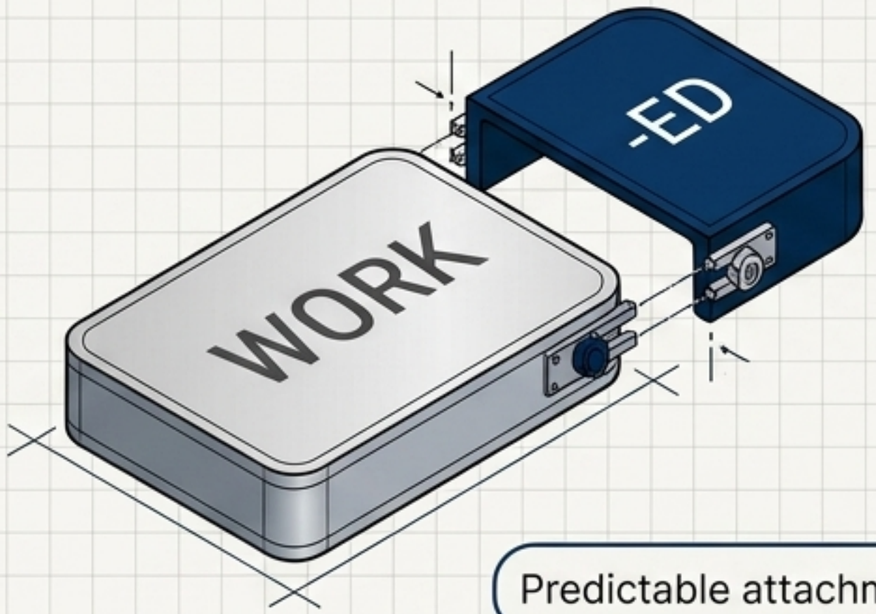
A single, unified structure for all subjects.
The action is anchored and closed.



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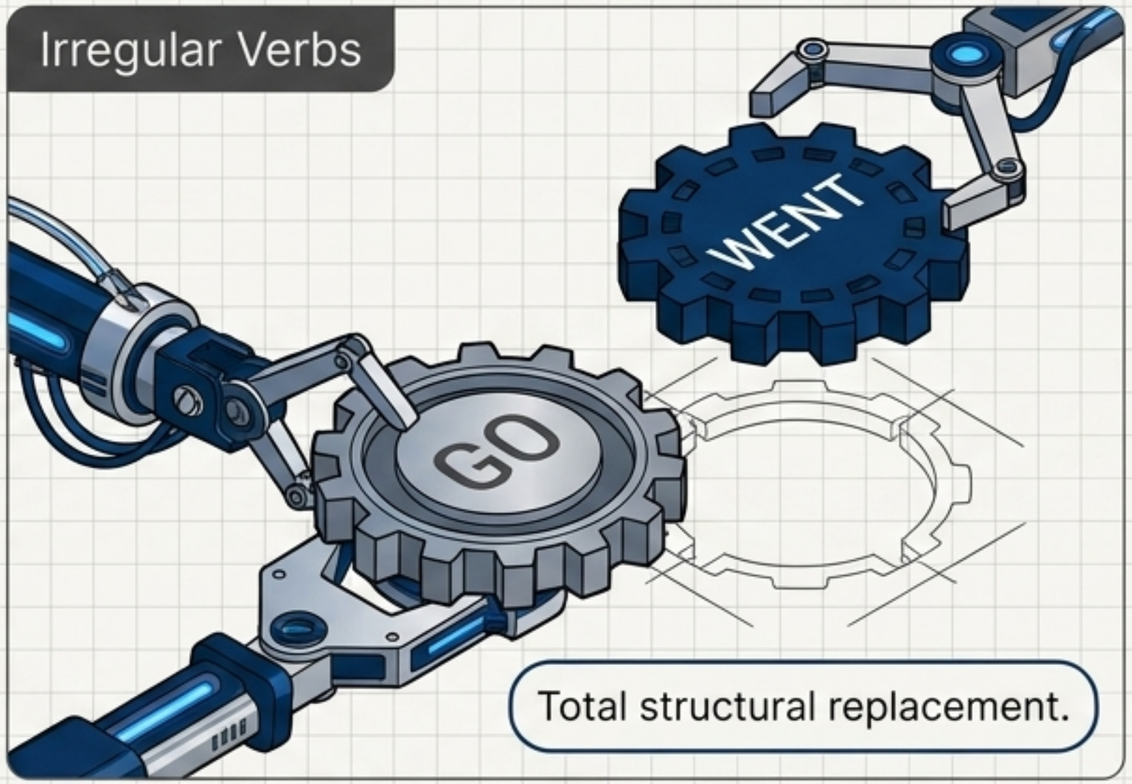
The Morphological Shift

Regular Verbs



Predictable attachments.

Irregular Verbs



Total structural replacement.

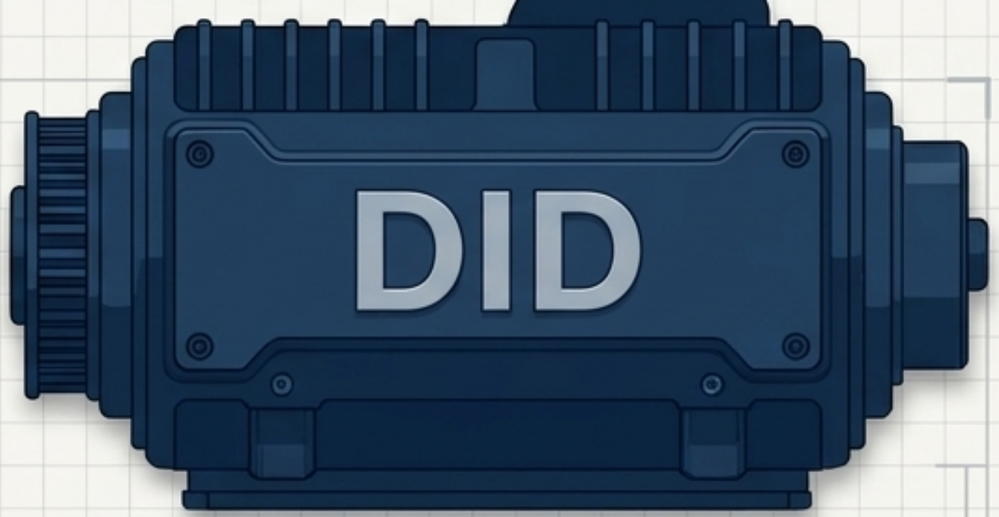
[Sleep] → Slept [Eat] → Ate [Wake] → Woke

Ongoing

Completed

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The Universal Past Engine



Negative Sequence

[I] → [did not] → [sleep]

Question Sequence

[Did] → [you] → [sleep?]

> **!** When the DID engine is running, the main verb reverts to its raw, base form. The '-ED' attachments and irregular gears are entirely stripped away.

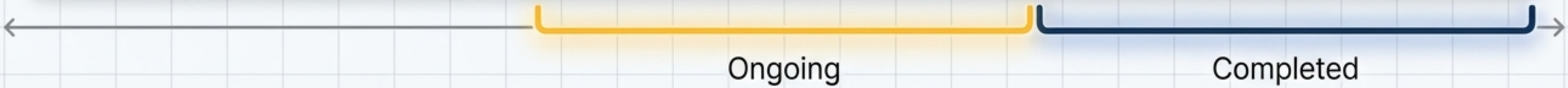


Ongoing → [Completed]

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Tense Diagnostic Matrix

Dimensions of Comparison	Present Simple ∞	Past Simple
Time Orientation	Habit / Routine	Completed Event
Core Signal Words	Every day, Usually	Yesterday, Last night
Affirmative Formula	Base / Base + s	V2 (ed / irregular)
Auxiliary Engines	Do / Does	Did



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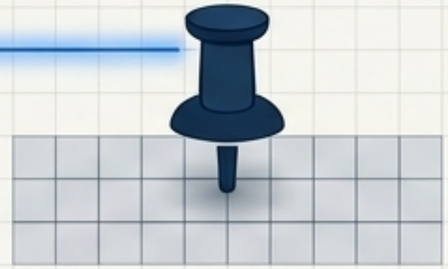
The Reality Shift: How Yesterday Changes Today

The Amber Cycle

I drink coffee at 8 AM.

The Slate Anchor

I drank coffee at 8 AM yesterday.



English relies on microscopic modular shifts—a single vowel change or an added suffix—to instantly re-architect the timeline of reality.

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