

# The Three Link Rule Worksheet

Complete before publishing. An article without all three links is incomplete.

Article Title	_____
URL / Filename	_____
Publish Date	_____
Author	_____

Link Type	Target Article / Resource	Why this link matters	Placement in article
Backward (Context)	_____	_____	Intro / Body / Conclusion
Sideways (Depth)	_____	_____	Intro / Body / Conclusion
Forward (Action)	_____	_____	Intro / Body / Conclusion

## Completion Check

- All three links are present
- Backward link provides clear context
- Sideways link expands understanding
- Forward link directs a clear next action
- Forward link leads to a practical step or artefact
- Links are placed naturally within the article

## After Publishing: Signals to Watch

- Session depth increases across related articles
- Readers follow the forward link path
- Repeat entry into the same topic cluster

Use this worksheet for each article to build a connected Idea Mesh.