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THE ONLY FACTOR BECOMING SCARCE IN A WORLD OF ABUNDANCE IS HUMAN ATTENTION.



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EIGHT SECONDS.

That's the average amount of time we spend paying attention to any given message on social media, according to research.

In a world where your customers are bombarded with digital content, how can your brand grab their attention—and keep it?

Is your digital content the best it can be? Ask yourself these four questions!

Does your ad:

- Reflect your audience?
- Convey a clear message?
- Deliver the details?
- Lead to action?

Read on to learn more!

DOES IT REFLECT YOUR AUDIENCE?

REMEMBER THAT HUMANS ARE HARD-WIRED TO TRUST PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE US.

WE'RE ALSO HARD-WIRED TO AVOID PEOPLE WHO DON'T.

Knowing this can help you choose the right face for your campaign.



FOR EXAMPLE:

If you're targeting poor, female, subsistence farmers—don't use this male, middle-class, ex-banker-turned-organic-farmer to front your campaign.



HOWEVER:

This ad does a few things well.

The subject of the photograph is clear—meaning that it takes up at least a third of the frame. The subject is smiling and looking directly at the camera.



DOES IT CONVEY A CLEAR MESSAGE?





VISUALIZE EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE OFFERING AND TO WHOM.

A PICTURE MAY BE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS—BUT IF IT'S CONFUSING OR VISUALLY CLUTTERED, POTENTIAL CLIENTS WILL SKIP IT AND MOVE ON.



FOR EXAMPLE:

If you're not selling doors, this is probably the wrong image to use. (Fortunately, this is an ad for a home improvement loan in partnership with a door manufacturer.)



HOWEVER:

This ad does a few things well. The subject is angled towards a vanishing point—giving the image visual depth and interest.

DOES IT DELIVER THE DETAILS?





IN 12 WORDS OR FEWER, GIVE THE VITAL STATS.

Use numbers and percentages to capture the details of your offer—and format for emphasis (i.e. use text size or color to draw the eye towards the ONE most important detail).



FOR EXAMPLE:

Here's a good example of an ad that contains the key details and has a relevant and engaging subject that matches the target audience.



HOWEVER:

The offer details could be more prominent (larger relative to the entire art board). The size disparity between the man and the tractor makes the image feel lopsided. If this ad is viewed on a smartphone, the man will be very difficult to see.

DOES IT LEAD TO ACTION?

GIVE CUSTOMERS ONE-CLICK RESULTS.

A well-designed ad motivates customers to take action, and makes it easy for them to do so.

Your digital ads should lead directly to the point of purchase—in this case a loan application form.







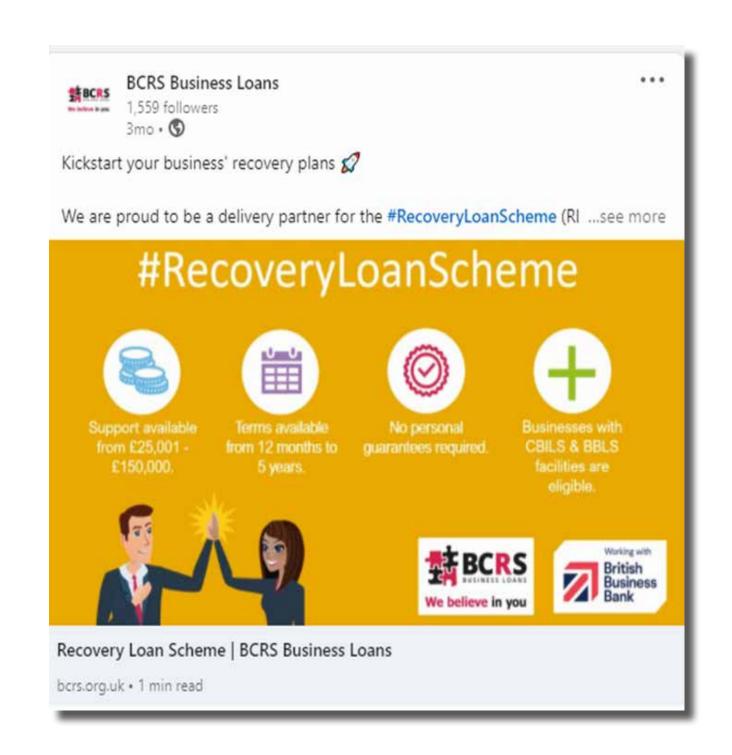


AUDIENCE MESSAGE ACTION



DETAILS

Needs key numbers, i.e. loan size range or duration











Nothing!



Two additional examples from mainstream banks in Poland:



(Translation:
Catch an additional 10% for your business!)





AUDIENCE MESSAGE DETAILS ACTION



Nothing!



