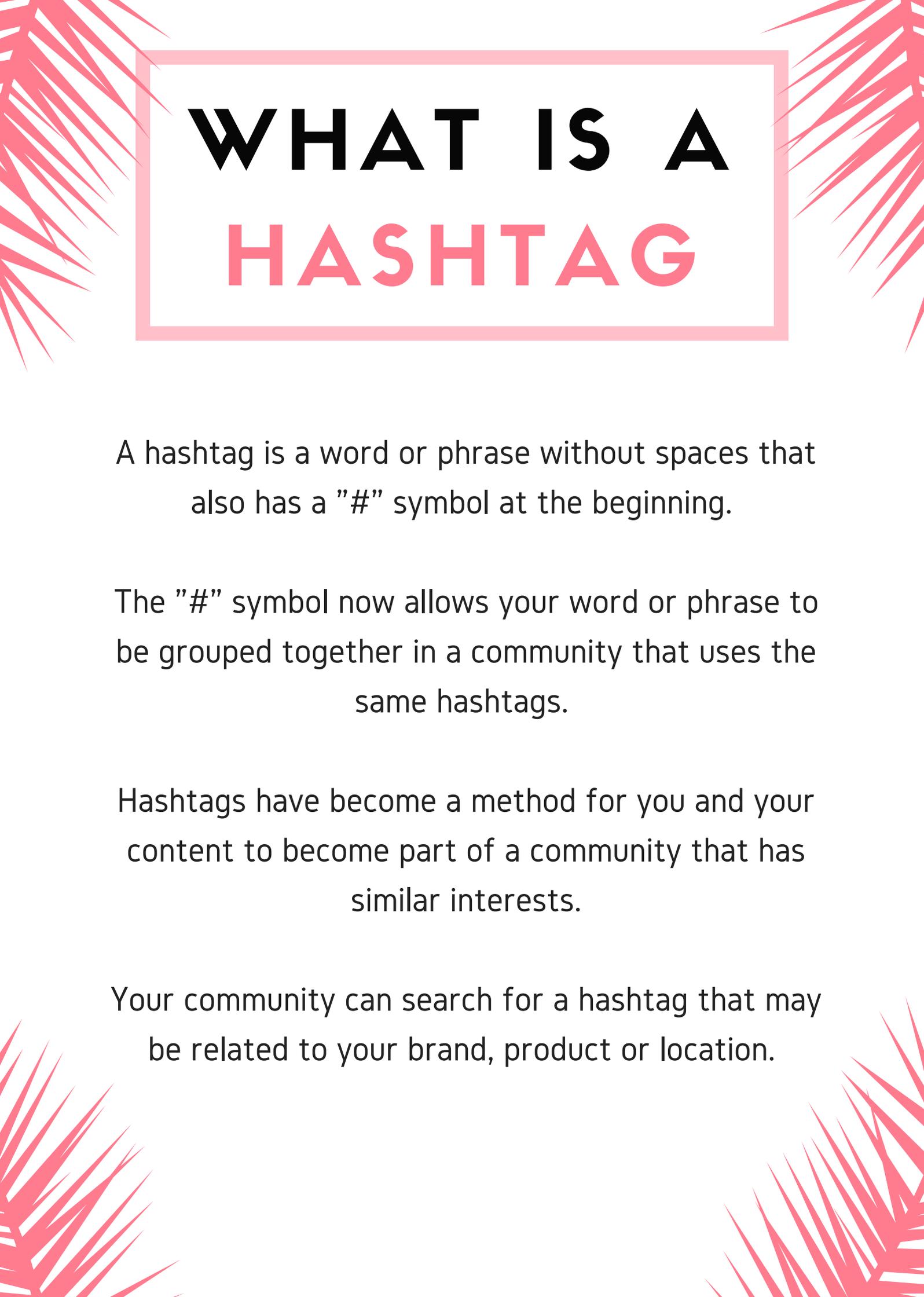


UNDERSTANDING:  
WHAT, WHY & HOW



# WHAT IS A HASHTAG

A hashtag is a word or phrase without spaces that also has a "#" symbol at the beginning.

The "#" symbol now allows your word or phrase to be grouped together in a community that uses the same hashtags.

Hashtags have become a method for you and your content to become part of a community that has similar interests.

Your community can search for a hashtag that may be related to your brand, product or location.

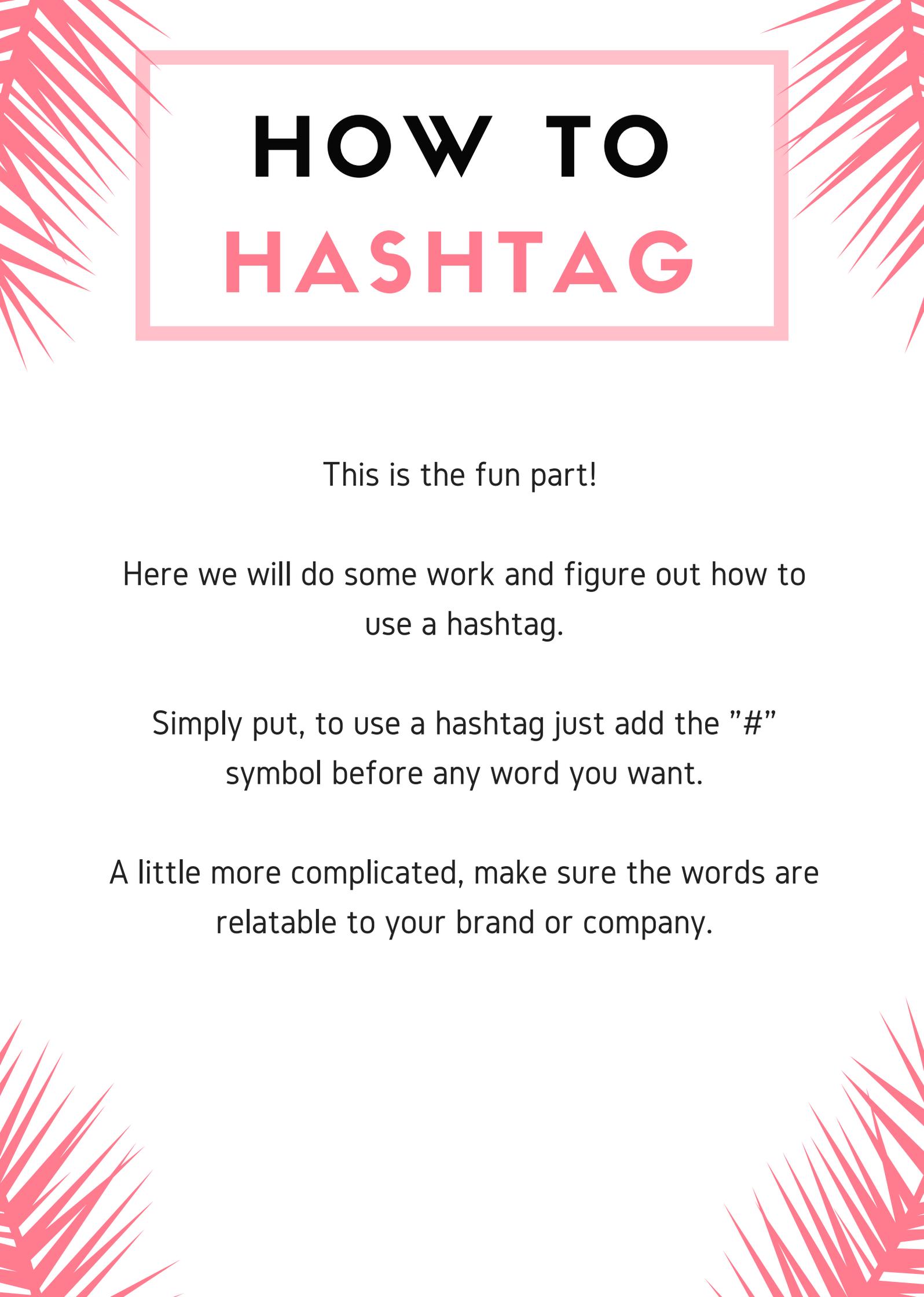


# WHY USE A HASHTAG

Posts on Social Media that use one or more hashtags are approximately 12% more likely to be found compared to a post that does not use any hashtags.

Hashtags allow for your content to be found based on a direct hashtag search.

Your content will be categorized along with other accounts that have similar interests. This means, that people who are searching for a relatable hashtag could become a new member to your online community, simply by finding you through a hashtag!



# HOW TO HASHTAG

This is the fun part!

Here we will do some work and figure out how to use a hashtag.

Simply put, to use a hashtag just add the “#” symbol before any word you want.

A little more complicated, make sure the words are relatable to your brand or company.

# HOW TO HASHTAG

Let's begin with the location Hashtags

1. Where am I located?

#YourCity

#YourCityProduct

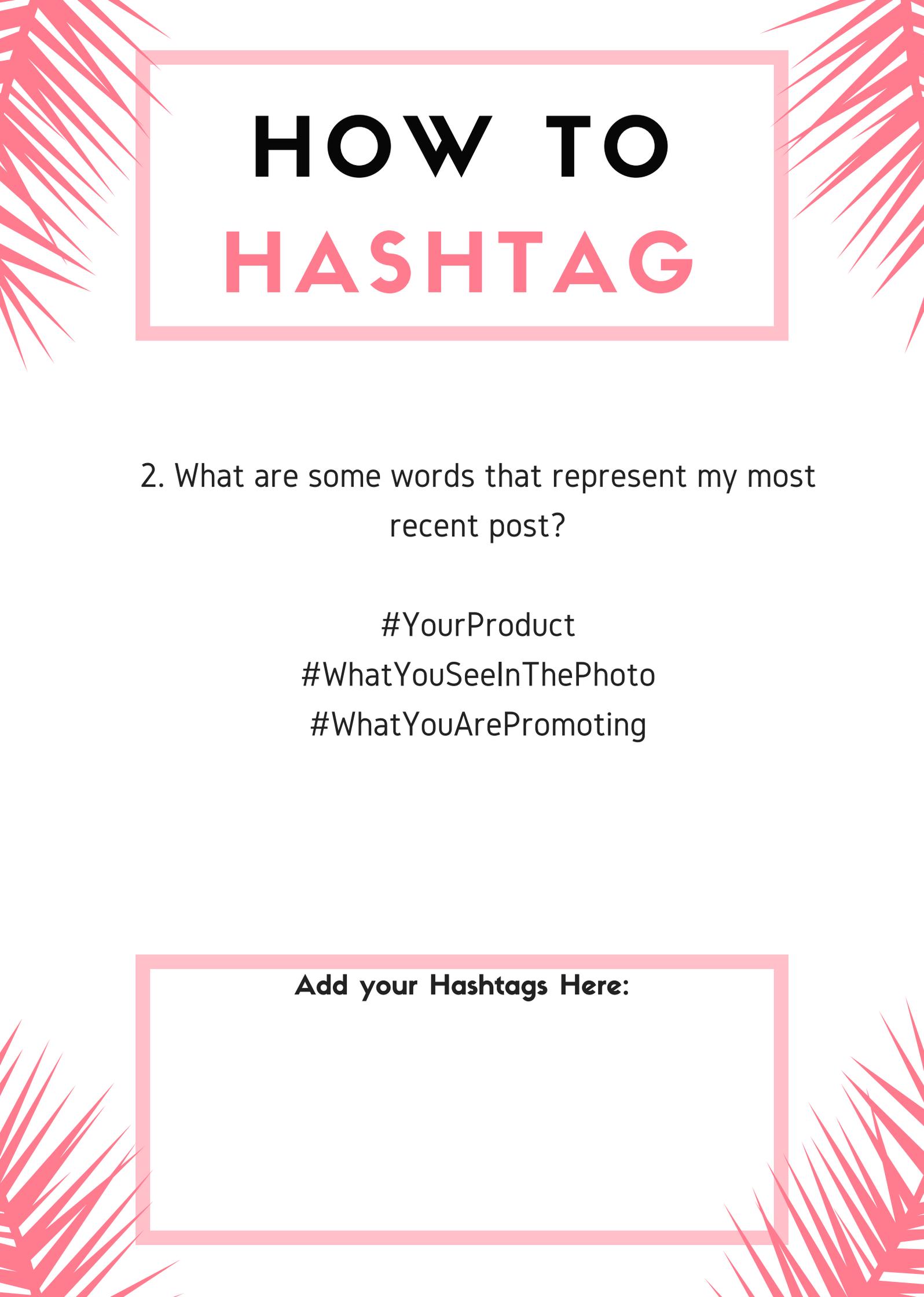
#YourCountryProduct

#YourCitySkill

#YourCityBrand

These will help your audience find you based on a geographical location.

**Add your Hashtags Here:**



# HOW TO HASHTAG

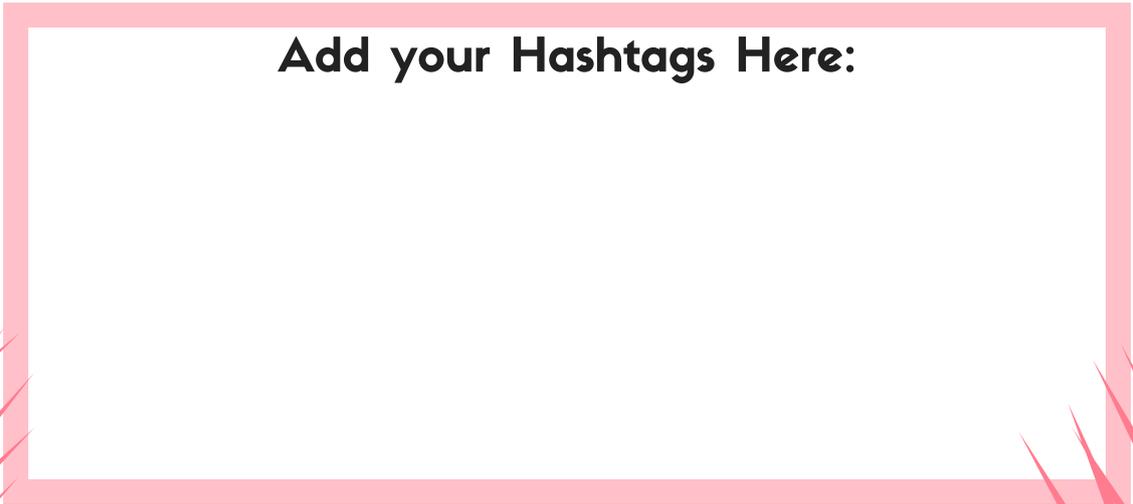
2. What are some words that represent my most recent post?

#YourProduct

#WhatYouSeeInThePhoto

#WhatYouArePromoting

**Add your Hashtags Here:**



# HOW TO HASHTAG

3. How many hashtags should I use?

Instagram allows for 1-30 Hashtags

Lets Break That Down:

10-20 Related to your post

3-5 Brand/Product

(that you sell or use, to potentially get a repost)

4-8 Location

1-3 Branded

**Add your Hashtags Here:**

# HOW TO HASHTAG

## 4. How do I know I am using the right Hashtags?

Grab your phone and open up the Instagram App. General rule is if the hashtag has under 500K uses, you will have a better chance to be found.

Hashtags in the millions or billions will push your post down after 3 seconds, so the likelihood of your content being found is minimal and very short lived.

Always make sure to research your hashtags before putting them to use.

Since anyone can use a hashtag without it being approved, you want to make sure the content coming up is related to your content and not something that is inappropriate or unrelated.

# BANNED HASHTAG

#adulthood  
#alone  
#asia  
#attractive  
#assday  
#beautyblogger  
#brain  
#babe  
#bikinibody  
#boho  
#books  
#beyonce  
#costumes  
#curvy  
#curvygirls  
#desk  
#direct  
#dm  
#date  
#dating  
#daddylove  
#dogsofinstagram  
#eggplant  
#elevator  
#easter  
#fitnessgirls  
#fishnets  
#goddess  
#girlsonly  
#gloves  
#graffitiigers  
#happythanksgiving  
#hardworkpaysoff  
#humpday  
#ig  
#instamood  
#iphonegraphy  
#italiano  
#killingit  
#kansas  
#kissing  
#lingerie  
#like  
#lean  
#master  
#models  
#mustfollow  
#nasty  
#newyears  
#newyearsday  
#overnight  
#petite  
#pornfood  
#popular  
#pushups  
#skype  
#snap  
#snapchat  
#single  
#singlelife  
#stranger  
#saltwater  
#shower  
#shit  
#sallyhansen  
#sopretty  
#sunbathing  
#streetphoto  
#swole  
#snowstorm  
#tanlines  
#tgif  
#todayimwearing  
#teens  
#teen  
#thought  
#tag4like  
#thighs  
#undies  
#valentinesday  
#woman  
#womancrushwednesday  
#women  
#workflow  
#wtfAdd a little bit of body text