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How to use this guide

Read each step once from start to finish. Then open your charts and repeat it on real days. Every chart in this guide is an illustration built to show the method clearly; real days are messier. That is why the practice tasks at the end matter more than the reading.

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INTRODUCTION

The strategy at a glance

The CMTC Daily Strategy is a rules-based way to trade one idea: **the first breakout of the Asian range during London often fails, and price reverses**. Instead of chasing the breakout, you wait for it to stall, mark the turning point, and enter on the reversal with a limit order and a fixed risk.

This is the method taught before the Weekly Strategy. Even if you plan to trade mainly weekly setups, learn the daily first. The logic, structure and discipline are the same; the daily chart simply lets you see the mechanics play out faster.

Step	What you do	Why it matters
1 Daily Open	Draw a line at the open of the 00:00 UTC candle.	Your anchor for the day.
2 Asian Range	Box the high and low of 00:00–08:00 UTC; extend it right.	Defines the levels London will test.
3 50-Pip Filter	Range under 50 pips: trade. 50 or more: skip.	Avoids days where the move is already spent.
4 London Breakout	Wait for a break of the box; mark the Temporal High or Low.	The setup trigger. You trade the reversal, not the break.
5 Anticipations	Place a limit order at A1, A2 or A3 on the reversal candle.	Lets price come to you.
6 Risk	20-pip stop, 50-pip target (2.5R), fixed % risk.	Keeps every loss small and planned.
7 Calendar	Check high-impact news before London opens.	News can jump a 20-pip stop.

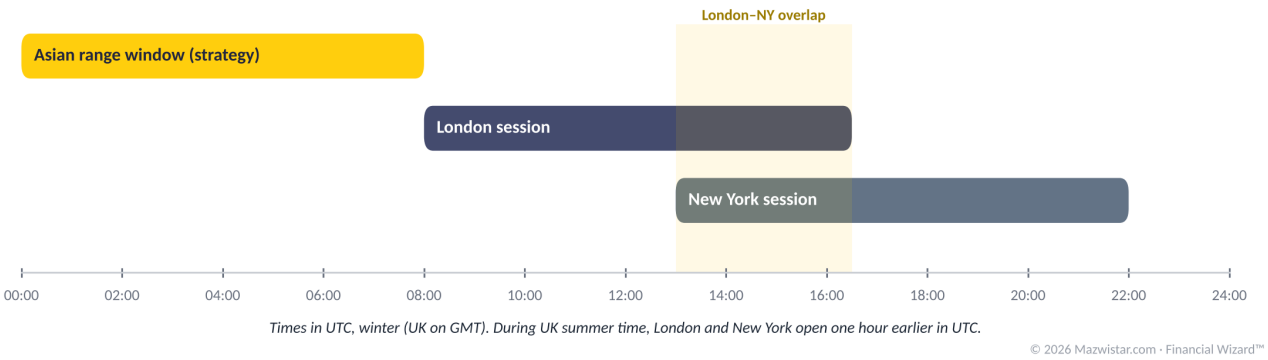


Figure 1. The trading day in UTC. The strategy measures Asia from 00:00 to 08:00 UTC and looks for the setup in London.

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BEFORE YOU START

Pips, pairs and time

Three basics decide whether every number in this guide means the same thing on your chart as it does on the page. Get these right first.

What is a pip?

Pair type	One pip is...	50 pips looks like	Example
Most majors (EUR/USD, GBP/USD, AUD/USD)	the 4th decimal (0.0001)	0.0050	1.08500 → 1.09000
JPY pairs (USD/JPY, GBP/JPY)	the 2nd decimal (0.01)	0.50	150.200 → 150.700

Most platforms show a 5th decimal (or 3rd on JPY pairs). That last digit is a *pipette* — one tenth of a pip. A move from 1.08500 to 1.08510 is one pip, not ten.

Which markets?

The pip values in this strategy — the 50-pip filter, the 20-pip stop, the 50-pip target — are built for **major currency pairs**. Gold, indices and synthetic indices move in completely different amounts, so those numbers do not transfer. Do not apply the daily rules to them unchanged.

Which time?

Everything in the strategy is in **UTC**. Your chart, however, shows your broker's server time, which may be UTC or two to three hours ahead. Step 1 shows how to check. Getting this wrong shifts your Daily Open and your Asian box, and every level after that is wrong.

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STEP 1

Mark the Daily Open

For this strategy, every trading day begins at **midnight UTC (00:00)**. Find the candle that opens at 00:00 UTC and draw a horizontal line at its **open price**. This is your **Daily Open** — the reference point for everything that follows.



Figure 2. The Daily Open is the opening price of the first candle of the new UTC day. Extend it across the whole day.

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STEP 1 · CONTINUED

Your broker's clock

Your chart shows your *broker's server time*, not necessarily UTC. Before you draw anything, know your offset.



Figure 3. Midnight UTC on four different clocks. Find the row that matches your broker.

Broker time note

Exness and **Deriv** run on **GMT+0**. Midnight on the chart is midnight UTC. No adjustment needed.
HFM and many other MT4/MT5 brokers run on **GMT+2 in winter and GMT+3 in summer**; they switch with US daylight saving. Midnight UTC appears on the chart as **02:00** (winter) or **03:00** (summer).
To check: open Market Watch in MT4/MT5 (Ctrl+M), note the server time, and compare it with the current UTC time. The difference is your offset. Re-check in March and in late October / early November, when clocks change.

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STEP 2

Identify the Asian Session Range

For this strategy, the Asian range is measured from **00:00 to 08:00 UTC** — the Tokyo session and the end of Sydney. These are usually the quietest hours of the day for major pairs, and they leave behind a clear high and low.

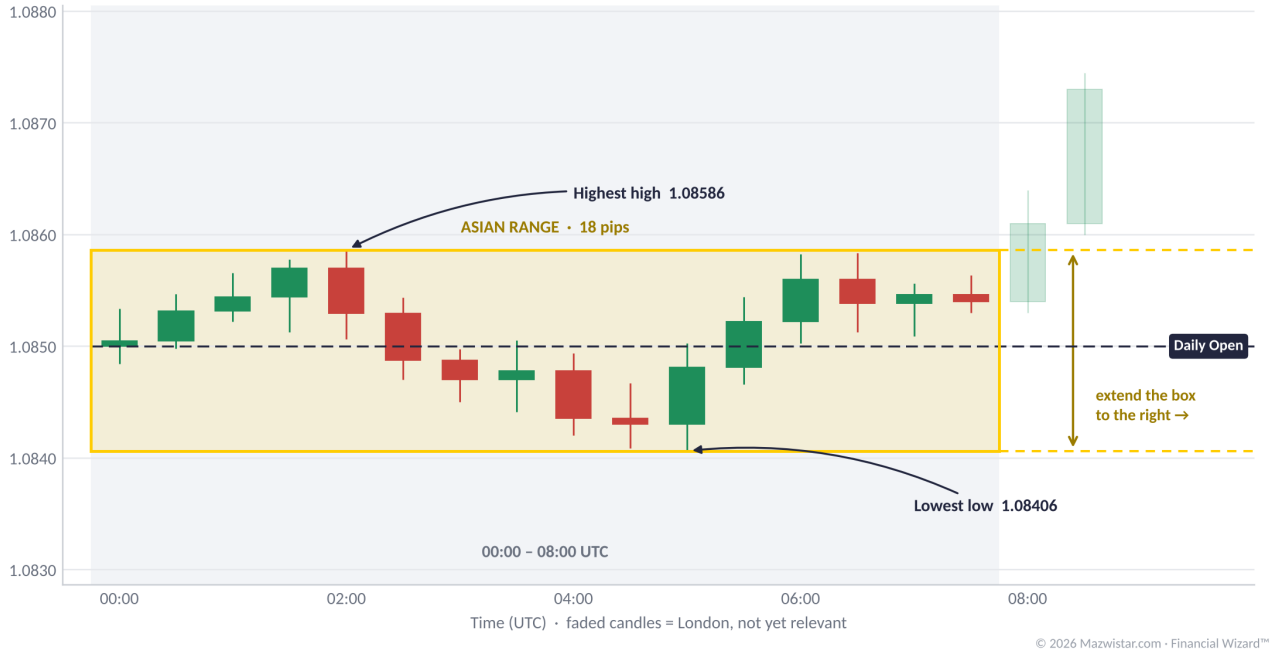


Figure 4. Box the eight Asian hours using the highest wick and the lowest wick, then extend the top and bottom lines to the right.

Once 08:00 UTC passes:

1. Mark the **highest high** and the **lowest low** of those eight hours — wicks included, not just candle bodies.
2. Draw a rectangle around that range.
3. **Extend it to the right** so the high and low stay visible for the rest of the day. These are the lines London will test.

> **Remember**
> If your broker is on GMT+2, the Asian window on your chart is 02:00 to 10:00. On GMT+3 it is 03:00 to 11:00. Always convert from UTC — never just use the hours printed on the chart.

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STEP 3

Apply the 50-Pip Filter

Measure the Asian range from its highest high to its lowest low. This one number decides whether you trade today at all.

Asian range	Decision
Under 50 pips	The day is tradable. Proceed to Step 4.
50 pips or more	Skip the day entirely. No setup, no order, no exceptions.

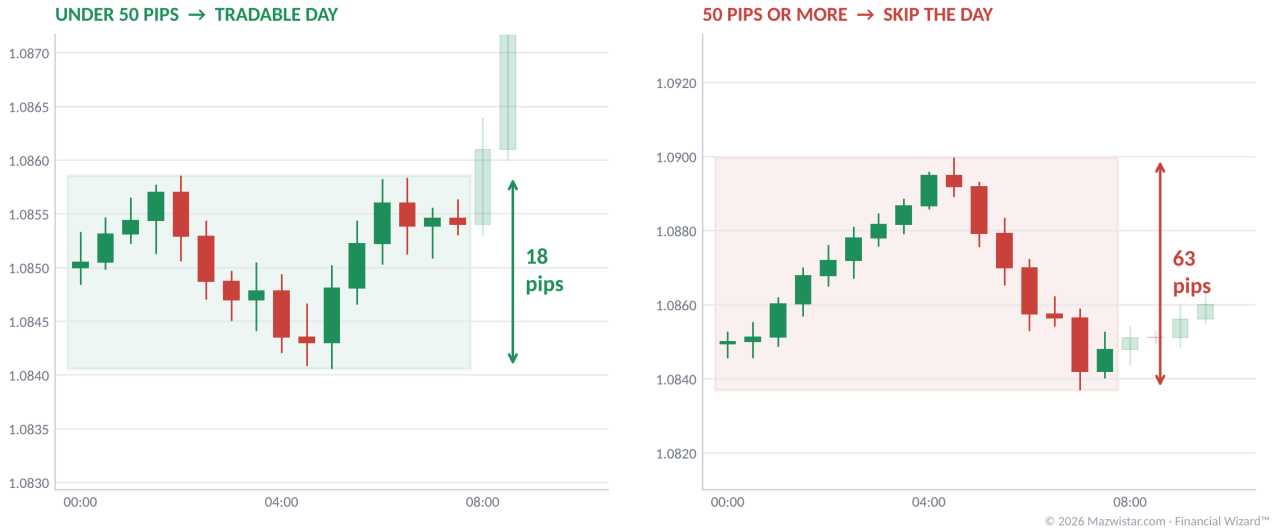


Figure 5. Left: an 18-pip Asian range — a tradable day. Right: a 63-pip range — the day is skipped.

Why it works

A wide Asian range means much of the day's typical movement has already happened before London opens. There is less room left for a clean breakout and reversal, and the 50-pip target becomes harder to reach. A tight range is coiled energy; a wide one is energy already spent.

This single filter keeps you out of many losing days. Respect it — a skipped day is a decision, not a missed opportunity.

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STEP 4

Wait for the London Breakout

With the Asian range marked, wait for price to **break out** of the box during the London session — from 08:00 UTC, or 07:00 UTC while the UK is on summer time.

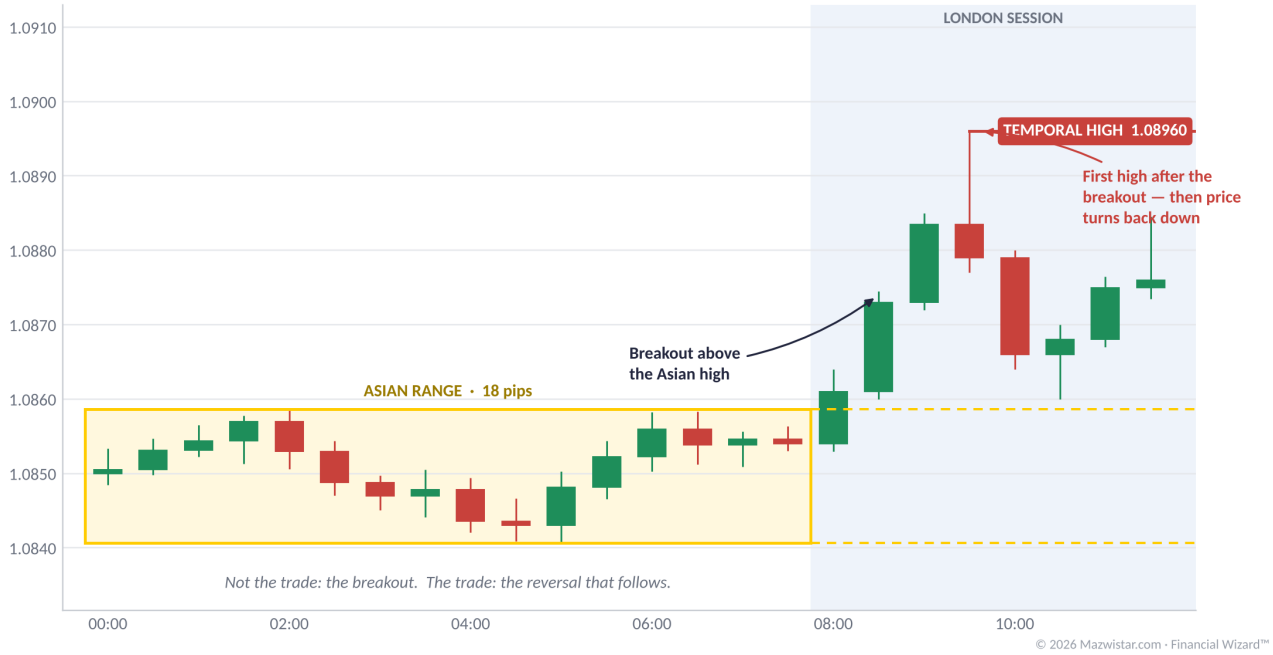


Figure 6. Price breaks above the Asian high, prints a Temporal High, and turns back down. That turn is the setup.

If price breaks...	Watch for...	Which sets up a...
above the Asian high	the **Temporal High** — the first high formed after the breakout, before price turns back down	**SELL**
below the Asian low	the **Temporal Low** — the first low formed after the breakout, before price turns back up	**BUY**

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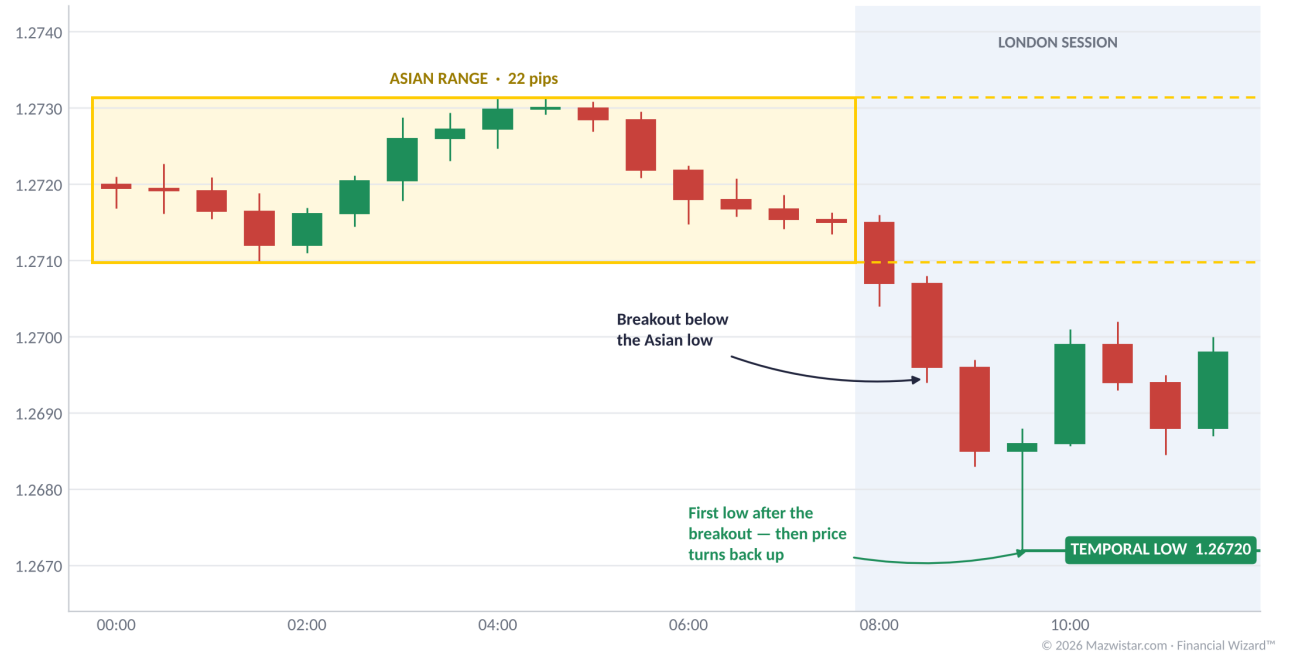


Figure 7. The mirror image: a break below the Asian low, a Temporal Low, and a turn back up.

The key idea

You are **not** trading the breakout itself. You are trading the **reversal** after it. A break above the Asian high sets up a sell; a break below the Asian low sets up a buy.

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STEP 5

Place Your Limit Order (Anticipations)

Once the Temporal High or Low has formed, use a **limit order** — never a market order. The **reversal candle** is the candle that prints the Temporal High (or Low). Your entry sits at one of three **Anticipation levels** on that candle.

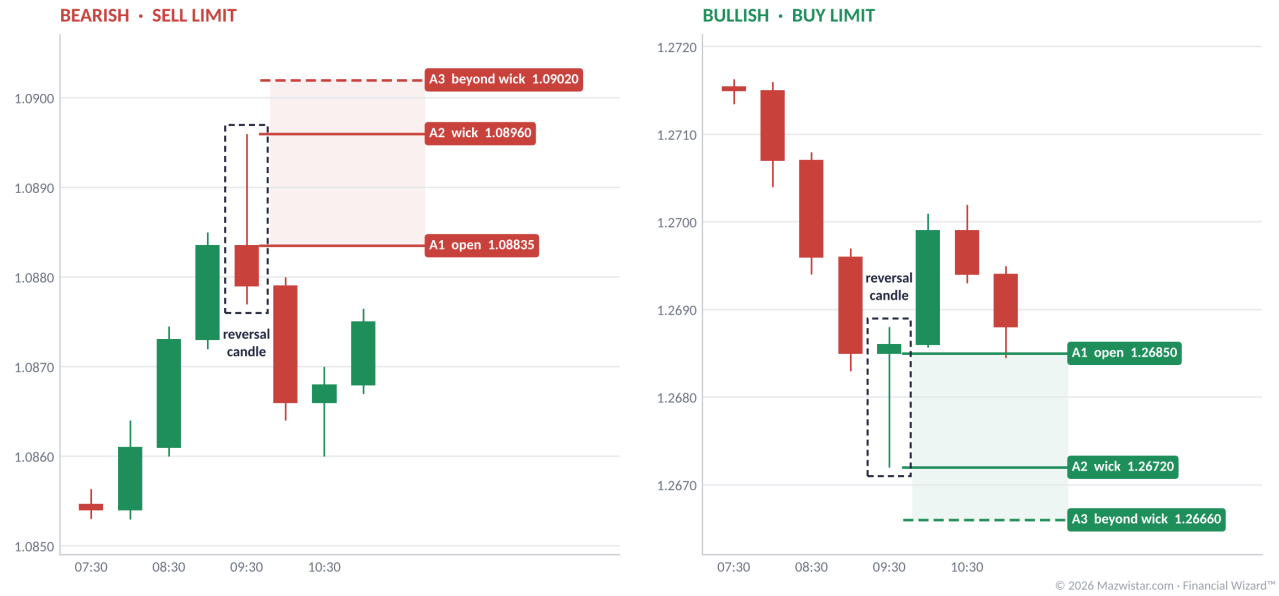


Figure 8. The three Anticipation levels on the reversal candle. Left: sell limit above price. Right: buy limit below price.

Level	Where	Fills...	Trade-off
A1	At the **open** of the reversal candle — usually the same price as the close of the last bullish candle before it (sell) or the last bearish candle (buy)	Most often — price usually pulls back to it	Most reliable entry; least favourable price
A2	At the **wick** — the candle's high (sell) or low (buy)	Only if price returns to the extreme	Better price; some trades will leave without you
A3	**Beyond** the wick, at an extended level	Only on a further push	Best price; fills least often. Use when momentum is strong

Placing the order

Bearish setup (Temporal High): place a **Sell Limit** at your chosen Anticipation — from the candle's open up to just beyond its high.
Bullish setup (Temporal Low): place a **Buy Limit** at your chosen Anticipation — from the candle's open down to just beyond its low.
A sell limit always sits *above* current price and a buy limit *below* it. You are waiting for price to come back to your level.

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STEP 6

Set Risk Management

Every trade on the daily uses the same fixed numbers. That consistency is what makes your results measurable — and your losses survivable.



Figure 9. A sell at A1 (1.08835, the reversal candle's open): stop 20 pips above, target 50 pips below. Reward ÷ risk = 2.5.

Rule	Sell setup	Buy setup
Stop loss	20 pips **above** entry	20 pips **below** entry
Initial target	50 pips **below** entry	50 pips **above** entry
Reward : risk	50 ÷ 20 = **2.5 : 1**	50 ÷ 20 = **2.5 : 1**

Position size

The stop is always 20 pips, so the only thing that changes your risk is lot size. Risk a fixed **1–2% of your account** on every trade, and size the position to match:

The formula

Lot size = amount at risk ÷ (20 pips × pip value per lot)

On EUR/USD and other USD-quoted pairs, one standard lot is worth about **$10 per pip**. On JPY and cross pairs the pip value differs — check it in your platform.

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Account	Risk at 1%	Calculation (EUR/USD)	Lot size
$500	$5	$5 ÷ (20 × $10)	0.025 → **0.02**
$1,000	$10	$10 ÷ (20 × $10)	**0.05**
$5,000	$50	$50 ÷ (20 × $10)	**0.25**

*Always round **down** to your broker's minimum step (usually 0.01 lots), never up.*

Managing the trade

Once in profit, manage the trade — trail your stop or take partial profits as price extends towards and beyond the initial target. Never move your stop further away to "give it room".

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FTAP — Forex Trading Accountability Program

Knowing the rules is easy. Following them every day is the hard part. FTAP keeps you accountable to your plan — the 20-pip stop, the 1–2% risk, the skipped days — so discipline becomes habit.

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STEP 7

Check the Economic Calendar

Check the economic calendar **before London opens** — not after your order is placed. Look for **high-impact (red-flag) events** on *either* currency in your pair.

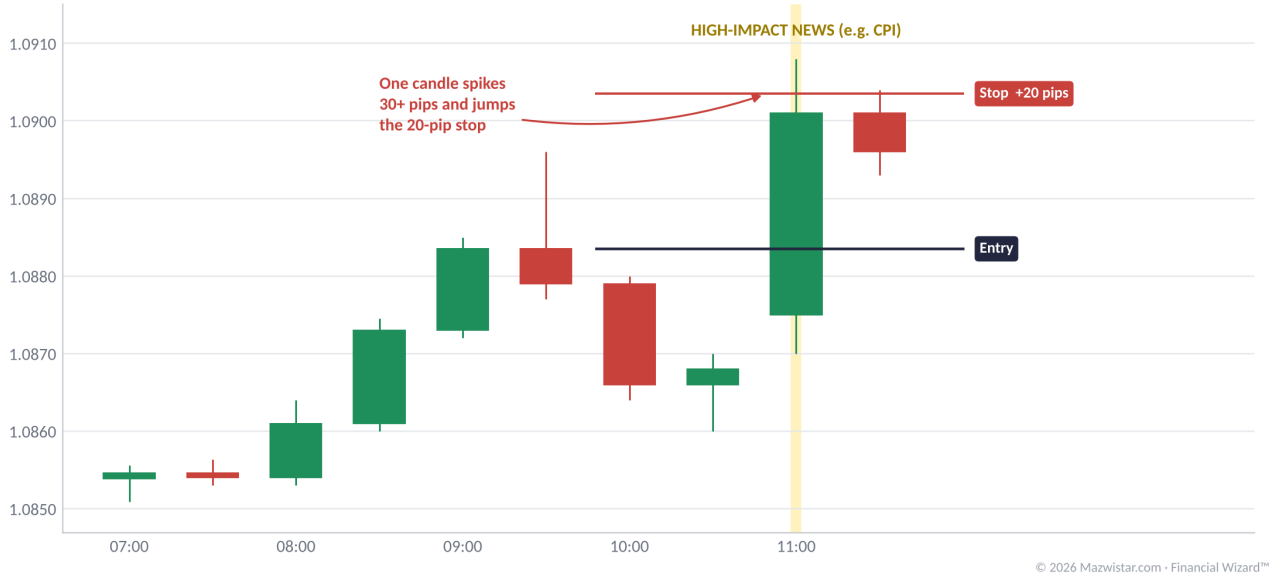


Figure 10. Why the calendar matters: a single news candle can move further than your entire 20-pip stop in seconds.

- Typical high-impact releases: **NFP** (US jobs), **CPI** (inflation), **interest rate decisions** and central bank press conferences.
- If one falls inside your trade window, either sit out or tighten your plan.
- Remember that news times are published in local time; convert them to UTC (and to your broker's time) the same way you did for the Daily Open.
- Never ignore the calendar. A perfect setup does not protect you from a surprise release.

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WORKED EXAMPLES

Two full days, start to finish

Here is the whole method on two complete days. The gold numbers on each chart match the steps in the table beneath it.



Figure 11. A bearish day on EUR/USD-style prices.

#	What happened	Level
1	Daily Open marked at the 00:00 UTC candle	1.08500
2	Asian range 00:00–08:00: high 1.08586, low 1.08406 = 18 pips. Under 50 — tradable	18 pips
3	London breaks above the Asian high	> 1.08586
4	Temporal High printed by the 09:30 reversal candle, which closes back down	1.08960
5	Sell Limit at A1 — the reversal candle's open, equal to the close of the last bullish candle before it. Price pulls back and fills it at 11:30	1.08835
6	Stop 20 pips above (1.09035), never touched. Target 50 pips below reached at 14:30	1.08335

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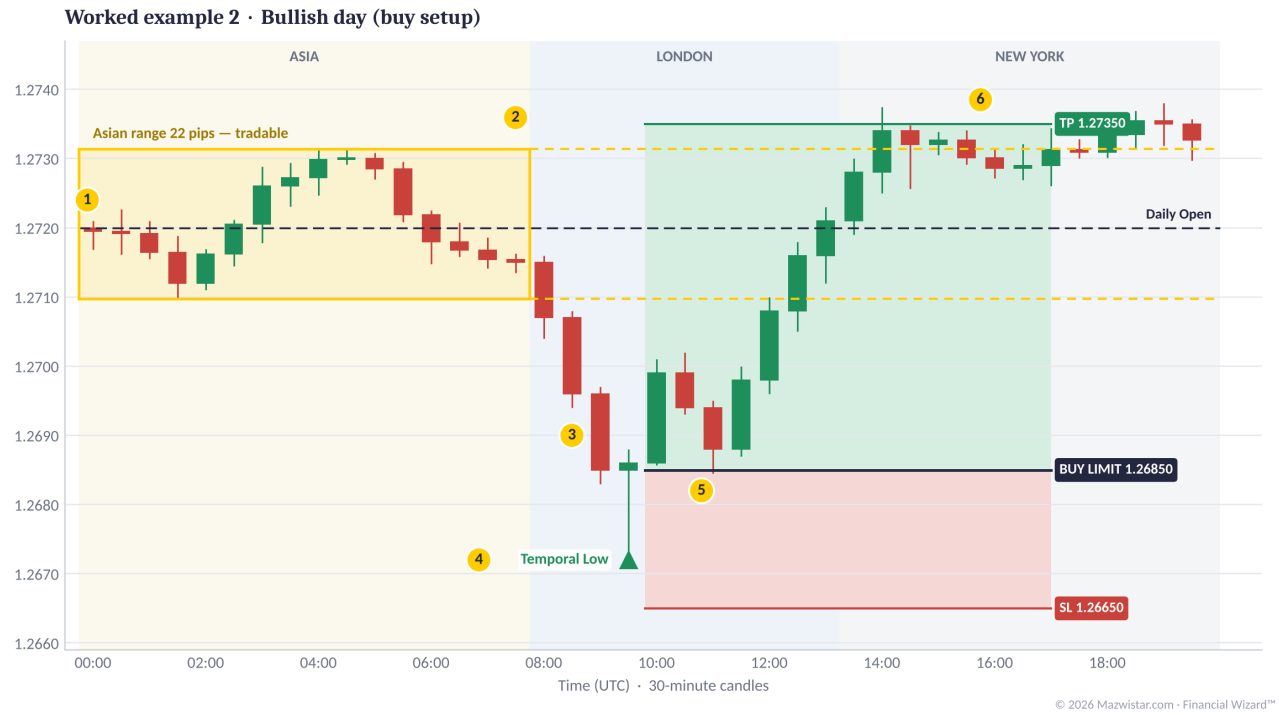


Figure 12. A bullish day on GBP/USD-style prices — the mirror image.

#	What happened	Level
1	Daily Open marked at the 00:00 UTC candle	1.27200
2	Asian range: high 1.27314, low 1.27098 = 22 pips. Under 50 — tradable	22 pips
3	London breaks below the Asian low	< 1.27098
4	Temporal Low printed by the 09:30 reversal candle, which closes back up	1.26720
5	Buy Limit at A1 — the reversal candle's open, equal to the close of the last bearish candle before it. Price pulls back and fills it at 11:00	1.26850
6	Stop 20 pips below (1.26650), never touched. Target 50 pips above reached at 14:00	1.27350

Be realistic

These examples were chosen to show the method clearly, and both reach their target. Real days include losing trades. A 2.5R system can be profitable while winning fewer than half its trades — but only if every loss stays at the planned 20 pips.

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AVOID THESE

Common mistakes

Mistake	What it looks like
Using the wrong clock	Drawing the Daily Open and Asian box on broker time instead of UTC. Every level after it is then wrong.
Measuring bodies, not wicks	The Asian high and low are the extreme wicks. Using candle bodies makes the range look smaller than it is.
Trading a wide day	Talking yourself into a 55-pip day because the chart “looks good”. The filter exists for exactly that moment.
Chasing the breakout	Buying the break of the Asian high. The strategy trades the reversal after it — the opposite direction.
Using market orders	Jumping in at market when price is moving. Use the limit order at your Anticipation and let price come to you.
Widening the stop	Moving the stop beyond 20 pips once in a trade. That turns a planned loss into an unplanned one.
Oversizing	Risking more than 1–2% to “make it back”. Size from the formula, every time.
Skipping the calendar	Placing an order thirty minutes before CPI. Check the calendar before London opens.
Using it on gold or indices	The pip figures are for major FX pairs. Other instruments need their own rules.

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Your daily checklist

- [ ] I know my broker's UTC offset today (GMT+0, +2 or +3).
- [ ] I have checked the economic calendar for both currencies in my pair.
- [ ] I have marked the Daily Open at the 00:00 UTC candle.
- [ ] I have boxed the Asian range (00:00–08:00 UTC) using wicks, and extended it right.
- [ ] The Asian range is under 50 pips. (If not, I stop here for today.)
- [ ] London has broken the Asian high or low.
- [ ] A Temporal High or Temporal Low has formed, and I have identified the reversal candle.
- [ ] I have chosen my Anticipation level (A1, A2 or A3) and placed a limit order — not a market order.
- [ ] My stop is exactly 20 pips from entry and my target is 50 pips.
- [ ] My lot size risks no more than 1–2% of my account.
- [ ] I have screenshotted the chart for my journal and the group.

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KEY TERMS

Glossary

Term	Meaning
Daily Open	The opening price of the first candle of the UTC day (00:00 UTC). The day's anchor.
Asian Range	The highest high to lowest low between 00:00 and 08:00 UTC, drawn as a box and extended right.
50-Pip Filter	The rule that a day is only tradable if the Asian range is under 50 pips.
London Breakout	The first move of price outside the Asian range during the London session.
Temporal High	The first high formed after price breaks above the Asian high, before it turns back down. Sets up a sell.
Temporal Low	The first low formed after price breaks below the Asian low, before it turns back up. Sets up a buy.
Reversal candle	The candle that prints the Temporal High or Low. The Anticipation levels are measured on it.
Anticipation 1 / 2 / 3	Limit entry levels at the reversal candle's open (A1), its wick (A2), and beyond the wick (A3).
Limit order	An order to buy below, or sell above, the current price. It fills only if price comes to your level.
Pip	The standard unit of price movement: 0.0001 on most pairs, 0.01 on JPY pairs.
R (risk multiple)	Profit or loss measured in units of the amount risked. A 50-pip win on a 20-pip stop is +2.5R.
Server time	The clock your broker's platform uses. It may differ from UTC by 0, 2 or 3 hours.
High-impact news	Scheduled releases (NFP, CPI, rate decisions) that can move price sharply in seconds.

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BEFORE YOU MOVE ON

Next steps

The **Weekly Strategy** builds directly on everything in this guide — the same logic on a larger timeframe, with more deliberate entries. You will not understand the weekly if you skip the daily.

Your practice tasks

1. Complete the **Learning Progress Report** form for this session.
2. Mark the Daily Open, Asian range and Temporal High/Low on at least **3 recent trading days**.
3. Share your chart screenshots in the group for feedback.
4. Ask questions — there are no penalties for not understanding something the first time.

The only way to internalise this strategy is to do the work on your charts.

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