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### Question - 1:

What is your personal mission statement?

#### Ans:

Is it to conquer the world? Is it to become a CEO? Is it to give back to the community? Is it to inspire others? Define your statement by stating a clear vision of how you want to make an impact on the world with your work.

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### Question - 2:

What do you do in your spare time?

#### Ans:

If you want to show your fun side, discuss your extracurricular activities. If you want to show your ambition, discuss the work / school projects you do in your spare time.

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### Question - 3:

What is your dream job?

#### Ans:

There is almost no good answer to this question, so don't be specific. If you tell the interviewer that the job you're applying for with his/her company is the perfect job you may lose credibility if you don't sound believable (which you probably won't if you're not telling the truth.) If you give the interviewer some other job the interviewer may get concerned that you'll get dissatisfied with the position if you're hired. Again, don't be specific. A good response could be, "A job where my work ethic and abilities are recognized and I can make a meaningful difference to the organization."

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### Question - 4:

Are you currently looking at other job opportunities?

#### Ans:

Just answer this question honestly. Sometime an employer wants to know if there are other companies you're considering so that they can determine how serious you are about the industry, they're company and find out if you're in demand. Don't spend a lot of time on this question; just try to stay focused on the job you're interviewing for.

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### Question - 5:

Tell me about yourself?

#### Ans:

There are some questions that your potential employer aren't allowed to ask (but trust me, they probably want to). For instance, they shouldn't really ask about your family or how far away you live from your potential place of employment. If you can find a way to answer these questions anyway (with the answers they want to hear), that will give them a little added info to help them make the (right) decision!

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### Question - 6:

Give me an example of a time when you were able to successfully communicate with another person even when that individual may not have personally liked you (or vice versa). How did you handle the situation? What obstacles or difficulties did you face? How did you deal with them?

#### Ans:

First, the key is to state the differences in personality to give the interviewer some background. Second, you want to discuss how that was affecting the situation. Third, show how you were able to adapt to the way the person wanted to be communicated with to achieve your goals

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**Question - 7:**

How does your present position differ from past ones?

**Ans:**

Describe the difference with regards to responsibilities, culture, team, career opportunity, and the work itself.

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**Question - 8:**

How do you think you might fit this position In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

An important part of research before the interview is what the company does and how the job role relates to that. This includes the company philosophy and working methods. Questions such as this seek to find out how a candidate will fit into the organisation In Blueprints. Answer positively; including practical examples of how you anticipate you would perform in the new role.

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**Question - 9:**

Do you work well within a team?

**Ans:**

Some people are thrown when they are asked this Blueprints question when they are applying for a position to work alone. Every company works as a team, so you are a good team player, give an example of when you have worked well within a team.

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**Question - 10:**

Have you ever been caught stealing, or better yet, have you ever stole anything?

**Ans:**

I guess everyone takes a pen or paper or little things like that. But other than that, NO. I have never stole from my employers or better yet In Blueprints, from anyone.

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**Question - 11:**

What have you done to improve yourself in the last year In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

Discuss how you've improved yourself through work experiences, books you've read, classes, club(s) / extracurricular activities and describe the process on how it's happened. For example: I've improved my presentation skills tremendously because I've had to do 2 presentations this year for my communications class.

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**Question - 12:**

Explain what are your weaknesses In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

Red flags: This is the peanut butter to the previous question's jelly. Again, everyone should expect it, so it's a bad sign if someone seems totally unprepared, or gives a stock answer like, "I'm a perfectionist." Also, of course, candidates crazy enough to blurt out some horrible personality trait should go in the red flagged pile.

Good answer: Candidates should talk about a real weakness they've been working on improving. For instance, they're not good at public speaking, but they've been taking a course to help them improve. Or maybe they feel that they're easily distracted when working online, but have installed software that helps them stay on task. Answers like these show a desire for improvement, self awareness and discipline.

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**Question - 13:**

How do you think your colleagues at your last job would describe you?

**Ans:**

While your CV will say a lot about your work history In Blueprints, the interviewer will most likely look for greater detail with questions such as this. Be positive about previous experience, highlighting your own strengths.

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**Question - 14:**

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?

**Ans:**

This is another opportunity to show the interviewer what you're capable of so make sure to be prepared for this type of question. Have an example ready and make sure its an example of a suggestion you've made that was accepted and that have positive influence. If you can come up with an example that relates to the position you're applying for that would be even better.

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**Question - 15:**

If the company you worked for was doing something unethical or illegal, what would you do?

**Ans:**

Report it to the leaders within the company. True leaders understand business ethics are important to the company's longevity



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**Question - 16:**

If you felt like you were hitting the proverbial "wall" and getting burned out, what would you do to re-energize yourself?

**Ans:**

Take a break to rest. Work in smaller increments of time to increase focus with breaks in between. Delegate tasks to those that are willing to help.

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**Question - 17:**

Why are you interested in working In Blueprints for [insert company name here]?

**Ans:**

Bad Answer: They don't have a good reason, or provide a generic answer, "I think it represents a great opportunity."

Good answer: One that shows they've done research on the company, and are truly excited about specific things they can do at the job. This not only shows enthusiasm for the work and basic preparation skills, gives you clues about the cultural fit.

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**Question - 18:**

What kind of work interests you the most?

**Ans:**

You can talk about what you're passionate about. What motivates you. What excites you.

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**Question - 19:**

Do you have any blind spots?

**Ans:**

This question is often meant to trick candidates since acknowledgment of blind spots would indicate they were aware of them. Also, do not disclose bad habits or other personal concerns. Let the interviewer find out about your personal flaws through the course of the interview without directly stating these flaws.

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**Question - 20:**

What is your greatest achievement outside of work In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

This is a great opportunity for you to discuss how you've given back to the community, how you've achieved in a competitive extracurricular activity (think sports or clubs), how you've mentored others, and so forth.

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**Question - 21:**

How do you handle your anger?

**Ans:**

I don't get angry very easily but in the rare occasion that I do, I hold it in and act as though nothing is wrong.

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**Question - 22:**

Do you value recognition or pay more? Why?

**Ans:**

Either preference is fine, but just remember you have to be able to explain why. If you say recognition, then back that up by describing how achievement really carries weight with you and how you like to feel valued in the work that you do because it validates that you're helping your teammates / customers and so forth. If you choose money, you can also explain that is important to you as validation and you can highlight how money is important to you because of your goals (financial security, providing for your family, and so forth). The key is to be authentic with your answer. However, if you say you value pay more because you're greedy - know that doesn't align usually to most company's values/vision.

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**Question - 23:**

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

Hard decisions are hard for a reason. It could dramatically effect the company. It could affect other workers. So if you have a story about how you made a hard decision and had a good outcome, share that. If you have one where the outcome wasn't great, explain how you would have changed the way you approached the decision to show you learned how to improve.

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**Question - 24:**

How do you feel about taking no for an answer?

**Ans:**

It's good to be persistent, but not overbearing. Everyone will face rejection at some point in their life, so at some point you'll have to take no for an answer but then learn why you were turned down.

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**Question - 25:**

Where do you see yourself in five years In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

If asked this question, be honest and specific about your future goals, but consider this:

A hiring manager wants to know

\* a) if you've set realistic expectations for your career,

\* b) if you have ambition (a.k.a., this interview isn't the first time you're considering the question), and

\* c) if the position aligns with your goals and growth. Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines.

And if the position isn't necessarily a one-way ticket to your aspirations?

It's OK to say that you're not quite sure what the future holds, but that you see this experience playing an important role in helping you make that decision.

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**Question - 26:**

Do you have the ability to articulate a vision and to get others involved to carry it out?

**Ans:**

If yes, then share an example of how you've done so at work or college. If not, then discuss how you would do so. Example: "I would first understand the goals of the staff members and then I would align those to the goals of the project / company. Then I would articulate the vision of that alignment and ask them to participate. From there, we would delegate tasks among the team and then follow up on a date and time to ensure follow through on the tasks. Lastly, we would review the results together."

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**Question - 27:**

Why are manhole covers round?

**Ans:**

This is a classic brainteaser, which was reportedly first asked by a Microsoft interviewer. Here's how to ""solve"" this brainteaser (remember to speak and reason out loud while solving this brainteaser): Why are manhole covers round? Could there be a structural reason? Why aren't manhole covers square? It would make it harder to fit with a cover. You'd have to rotate it exactly the right way.

The pipes below are also round, so fitting them might be easier, as might be making them. So many manhole covers are round because they don't need to be rotated. There are no corners to deal with. Also, a round manhole cover won't fall into a hole because it was rotated the wrong way, so it's safer. Looking at this, it seems corners are a problem. You can't cut yourself on a round manhole cover. And because it's round, it can be more easily transported. One person can roll it.

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**Question - 28:**

How have you achieved your success?

**Ans:**

Discuss stories of how you've progressed over the years to achieve success. People relate best to stories.

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**Question - 29:**

What do you already know about our company?

**Ans:**

Good reputation of a large home grown company that has various departments and product.

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**Question - 30:**

What will your ramp time be before you become a meaningful contributor?

**Ans:**

Companies want staff that can ramp quickly, but also want people who are realistic. So take into consideration how intense the job is and then give a good answer. For example, if you have simple responsibilities that don't require a huge development curve, then your ramp time will probably be shorter. If it's a complex set of skills that you need to develop, then your ramp time could be longer - the key is you have to explain why you believe that ramp time should be.

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**Question - 31:**

Describe a time where you've failed and bounced back?

**Ans:**

Share a story to describe this. For example: "I accidentally made the mistake of telling a customer I could deliver on a solution set on a certain date and then later found out our business partner couldn't do it on that time. I learned that I shouldn't rush into important decisions and promises like this and that I should always check with my counterparts first before committing to a statement of work."

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**Question - 32:**

What is it about this position In Blueprints that attracts you the most?

**Ans:**

Use your knowledge of the job description to demonstrate how you are a suitable match for the role.

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**Question - 33:**

If you have seven white socks and nine black socks in a drawer, how many socks do you have to pull out blindly in order to ensure that you have a matching pair?

**Ans:**

if the first one is one color (say, white), and the second one is the other color (black), then the third one, no matter what the color, will make a matching pair. (Sometimes you're not supposed to think that hard.)

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**Question - 34:**

What type of mentors do you seek out and why?

**Ans:**

Think of your top 3 mentors and what attributes they exhibit that you want to emulate. Common attributes include passion, desire, will, leadership, ability to influence others, intelligence.

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**Question - 35:**

How do you feel about taking on repetitive tasks In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

This answer depends on whether or not the job has a lot of repetitive tasks with no variation. If it does, then you would need to be okay with the idea of doing the same task over and over again. If you feel you can offer more than repetitive work, then describe how you would be able to do so.

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**Question - 36:**

Describe your work style?

**Ans:**

Describe the positive aspects of your work style if possible, including: work ethic, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, skill sets (analytical or otherwise), leadership abilities, communication skills.

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**Question - 37:**

What motivates you to succeed?

**Ans:**

Your interviewer will likely want to know the reasons why you will remain motivated to do your best during your employment with the company In Blueprints. Perhaps you are interested in being challenged, but you may also have interest in being recognized for your hard work in the form of the number of sales you can attain. A great example answer for this question is "I always do my best in everything, including my job. I take pride in my success, and I also want the company for which I work to be successful. Being affiliated with a company that is known for its excellence is very important to me."

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**Question - 38:**

What does "collaboration with teammates" mean to you?

**Ans:**

Drinking at the water cooler together is not the best example. Think of how you can collaborate with teammates to generate new ideas, to create initiatives to impact the business' success for the better (specifically in the department that you're applying for). For example, if you're applying to marketing, collaboration could mean discussing new ways of social media advertising to reach an audience of over a million people to strengthen the brand awareness of the company.

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**Question - 39:**

Do you have good manners? What types of people need to be treated with good manners?

**Ans:**

You should have good manners. Everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect.

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**Question - 40:**

What types of situations do you consider "unfixable"?

**Ans:**

Most situations are "fixable" - the ones that are not are typically related to business ethics (someone is cheating the company, someone is stealing, etc)

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**Question - 41:**

What do you know about this department?

**Ans:**

One good way to find out about the department is to try to "informally" interview the existing employees over coffee (outside of the office) if possible. It's hard if you don't have any connections there, but if you do a great way to learn about it. Other than that, it's often hard to learn about the department so you can turn the table back on them by asking questions to learn about it.

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**Question - 42:**

There's no right or wrong answer, but if you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

**Ans:**

Just be honest about where you'd like to be - you never know - you may end up bonding with the interviewer with the location. However, you want to stress that you want to work out of the location that you're interviewing for.

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**Question - 43:**

Describe to me the position In Blueprints you're applying for?

**Ans:**

This is a "homework" question, too, but it also gives some clues as to the perspective the person brings to the table. The best preparation you can do is to read the job description and repeat it to yourself in your own words so that you can do this smoothly at the interview.

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**Question - 44:**

What type of work environment do you prefer?

**Ans:**

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

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**Question - 45:**

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

**Ans:**

I work well under pressure to meet deadlines without jeopardizing the quality of my work. I have always worked in a fast pace environment where we are constantly under pressure to achieve best results within a time frame.

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**Question - 46:**

If you had to choose one, would you consider yourself a big-picture person or a detail-oriented person?

**Ans:**

Both are important. You need to stress that. However, if you could only choose one, ask yourself In Blueprints - do you like to be "in the weeds" with your work, or do you want to be the one painting the vision?

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**Question - 47:**

What do you think we could do better or differently?

**Ans:**

This is a common one at startups. Hiring managers want to know that you not only have some background on the company, but that you're able to think critically about it and come to the table with new ideas. So, come with new ideas! What new features would you love to see? How could the company increase conversions? How could customer service be improved? You don't need to have the company's four-year strategy figured out, but do share your thoughts, and more importantly, show how your interests and expertise would lend themselves to the job.

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**Question - 48:**

Do you have good computer skills?

**Ans:**

It is becoming increasingly important for medical assistants to be knowledgeable about computers. If you are a long-time computer user with experience with different software applications, mention it. It is also a good idea to mention any other computer skills you have, such as a high typing rate, website creation, and more.

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**Question - 49:**

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

**Ans:**

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words: "My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."





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**Question - 50:**

Why are you leaving your current job?

**Ans:**

This is a toughie, but one you can be sure you'll be asked. Definitely keep things positive-you have nothing to gain by being negative about your past employers. Instead, frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities and that the role you're interviewing for is a better fit for you than your current or last position. For example, "I'd really love to be part of product development from beginning to end, and I know I'd have that opportunity here." And if you were let go? Keep it simple: "Unfortunately, I was let go," is a totally OK answer.

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**Question - 51:**

When was the last time something upset you at work? What did you do?

**Ans:**

Almost everyone has an emotional moment related to work at some point - you're not alone. The key is to learn why you reacted that way and to focus not on the problem but HOW to resolve it. Another key component is to be aware of your emotional response so that you can learn to control it in the future in a calm way.

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**Question - 52:**

How would you define success?

**Ans:**

Success is defined differently for everybody. Just make sure the parameters are defined by you with regards to work life balance, financial gain, career growth, achievements, creating meaningful work / products and so forth. If you can clearly articulate what it means to you that is a strong answer.

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**Question - 53:**

What is your biggest achievement?

**Ans:**

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.

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**Question - 54:**

How would you motivate your team members to produce the best possible results?

**Ans:**

Trying to create competitive atmosphere, trying to motivate the team as a whole, organizing team building activities, building good relationships amongst people.

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**Question - 55:**

What's your salary history?

**Ans:**

When you are interviewing for a new job, it is common practice for the company to ask you about your salary history. I typically want to know what the candidate's base salary is, if they receive any bonus, the average bonus amount, and any additional compensation or perks, such as 500k matching, stock grants or stock options, paid time off and how much they are required to pay towards their medical premiums.

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**Question - 56:**

How do you decide what to delegate and to whom?

**Ans:**

Identify the strengths of your team members and their availability based on the priorities they have on their plate. From there, invest the tasks upon each member based on where you think you'll get the best return.

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**Question - 57:**

What was the most important task you ever had?

**Ans:**

There are two common answers to this question that do little to impress recruiters:

\* 'I got a 2.1'

\* 'I passed my driving test'

No matter how proud you are of these achievements, they don't say anything exciting about you. When you're going for a graduate job, having a degree is hardly going to make you stand out from the crowd and neither is having a driving licence, which is a requirement of many jobs.

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**Question - 58:**



Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

**Ans:**

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

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**Question - 59:**

What are your salary expectations In Blueprints?

**Ans:**

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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**Question - 60:**

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

**Ans:**

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is?

Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- \* Respect
- \* A sense of accomplishment
- \* Recognition

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**Question - 61:**

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

**Ans:**

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist."

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**Question - 62:**

Explain an idea that you have had and have then implemented in practice?

**Ans:**

Often an interview guide will outline the so-called 'STAR' approach for answering such questions; Structure the answer as a situation, task, action, and result: what the context was, what you needed to achieve, what you did, and what the outcome was as a result of your actions.

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