

Week 3: Connect it into a story that makes sense

Everything for the week on one page: your moves, worksheet, scripts, and score.

This week's moves

Move 1

15 min · ☐ Written

Find the throughline, today. Put your inventory and your direction side by side. What's the thread between them? Write it in one sentence using script 1: "I've always been the person who [X], and that's why I'm moving toward [Y]."

Move 2

20 min · ☐ Written

Write the short version. Three or four sentences: where you've been, what you're best at, where you're going, and why it connects. Use script 2. This is your "tell me about yourself" without the life history.

Move 3

10 min · ☐ Said

Say it once, out loud. Use the short version in one real moment this week: a 1:1, a coffee, an introduction. No moment came up? Rehearse it once with script 3. Saying it to the mirror counts.

The story builder (four sentences)

SENTENCE	YOURS
Where you've been	
What you're best at	
Where you're going	
Why it connects	

Script cards (cut along the dashed lines)

1. The connecting line

"I've always [pattern or strength], and now I want to [direction], because [the connection between them]."

2. The short story

Four sentences, in order. Past: "I've spent the last few years [X]." Strength: "What I'm best at is [strength]." Direction: "Where I'm headed is [direction]." Connection: "It fits because [throughline]."

3. The spoken "tell me about yourself:"

"The short version: I [strength and what you do]. Lately I've been focused on [direction]. What I'm looking for next is [next step]." Then stop talking.

4. The "why this, why you" line

For interviews and internal moves: "It fits because [throughline]. It's the natural next step from [recent work]."

5. Stop apologizing

Cut "this might sound weird," "I sort of fell into this," "I'm not sure if this makes sense." Your path is allowed to make sense. Say it like it does.

Self-score: Week 3

Score each statement from 1 (not true) to 5 (true). Mark one box per row.

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| 1. I can name three things I'm genuinely good at without downplaying them. | 1 | ☐ | 2 | ☐ | 3 | ☐ | 4 | ☐ | 5 | ☐ |
| 2. I know what I want my next career step to be. | 1 | ☐ | 2 | ☐ | 3 | ☐ | 4 | ☐ | 5 | ☐ |
| 3. I can explain how my past work connects to where I'm going. | 1 | ☐ | 2 | ☐ | 3 | ☐ | 4 | ☐ | 5 | ☐ |
| 4. I have a one-sentence answer to "what do you want to be known for." | 1 | ☐ | 2 | ☐ | 3 | ☐ | 4 | ☐ | 5 | ☐ |

Re-entry note

Behind? This week needs week 1 and 2 to work. If you only have one session, do move 1 (the throughline) using whatever you've got so far. The full story can wait a week.

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