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Striving to Grow

Aligned to the following standards:

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Directions:

Using the article "Anticipating Your Shortcomings and Overcoming Objections" (<https://www.agcareers.com/ag-and-food-career-guide/2024/US/13/>), complete the activity below.

Pre-Reading

Answer these questions before reading the article.

1. Describe a time that you doubted yourself.

2. How did you overcome that self-doubt?

Post-Reading

Answer these questions after reading the article.

1. How does this article encourage you to think of shortcomings?

2. Do you believe you can still have the skills for a job without having the experience? Why?

3. What are two steps you can take to address your shortcomings as you prepare for a career?

4. Think about your participation in a group project. Which type of role do you usually play?

5. How should you respond in an interview if you do not have specific qualifications related to the question?

6. What is a benefit of answering honestly in an interview, even if it's not what the interviewers are looking for?

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Dig Deeper

Everyone has weaknesses they can work on improving. Below is a list of common weaknesses people say about themselves during a job search. Select two weaknesses that you believe match you and answer the questions.

Public Speaking	Delegation	Time Management	Perfectionism	Impatience
Confidence	Work-Life Balance	Saying No	Asking for Help	Handling Criticism
Detail-Oriented	Multitasking	Procrastination	Overthinking	Adapting to Change

1. My two weaknesses:

❖ First weakness:

❖ Second weakness:

2. What are two action steps you can take to begin turning your chosen weaknesses into strengths?

❖ First weakness action step:

❖ Second weakness action step: