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STORY INVENTORY WORKSHEET

Logbook audits, application preparation, and hiring-window readiness for regional first officers applying to the major airlines.

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The boundary page (read first)

This worksheet organizes your material. It does not coach your delivery, and no worksheet substitutes for a human mock interview.

Here is the honest division of labor. Airlines' published processes (Delta's official FAQ; FedEx's official FAQ; consistent 2026 candidate reports for United) describe interviews built around **behavioral storytelling**: United and Delta panels use **TMAAT** ("Tell me about a time...") questions; FedEx uses a **situational-based interview (SBI)**. What those formats reward is a candidate who has already located the real events of their own career — the diversions, the difficult captains, the mistakes owned early — and can retrieve them under pressure without inventing, rambling, or contradicting their own application.

Locating your material is clerical work, and a worksheet does it well. **Shaping how you tell it — pacing, presence, follow-up handling, the sound of a canned answer (which experienced interviewers detect, and which pilots in forum after forum warn against) — is coaching**, and it belongs to humans who can hear you. If your interview is scheduled and the stakes are what they are, the human services pilots use are listed in §4 with their real prices. This file's job is narrower: when you sit down with one of them — or walk into the room without one — your raw material is already dug up, dated, and consistent with your records.

One more rule, from File 04: **every story you inventory here must reconcile with your application, your PRD, and your logbook**. A story that improves on the record is not a story; it is a discrepancy with anecdotes. If an event belongs in File 04's disclosure inventory — especially its red-flag rows — it does not get workshopped here at all. It goes to a professional first (File 04, page 1).

1. The category inventory

Published process descriptions and the structure of behavioral interviewing converge on a stable set of categories. For each: you need **two** inventoried events — one primary, one spare — drawn from your actual record. Logbook page / training-file references go in the right column; if you can't point to the record, don't use the event.

#	Category (what the format probes)	Your event #1 (date / setting / record ref)	Your event #2 (spare)
1	A time you made a mistake in the cockpit — and what you did about it		

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2	A diversion, return, or plan change you owned		
3	A difficult crew member / captain / dispatcher — and how you handled the relationship, not just the flight		
4	A time you saw something unsafe and spoke up (or should have — and what changed)		
5	A failure or setback in training (this is where File 04's inventory feeds in — the disclosed version, told identically)		
6	A passenger/customer problem you solved under time pressure		
7	A time you led without being in charge		
8	A time you were humbled — learned the limits of your experience		
9	A mechanical/technical abnormal handled by the book (QRH/checklist discipline)		
10	Weather judgment: a time you said no, or slowed down, when others pressed on		
11	A conflict between schedule pressure and doing it right		
12	Why this airline, from evidence in your own history (not flattery — specifics)		

2. The story-harvesting worksheet (one per event)

For each inventoried event, complete in writing — bullet fragments are fine; you are building a retrieval index, not a script:

- **Situation** — date, aircraft, route/operation, who was there. (Two sentences max. Facts only — these come from the logbook.)
- **Task** — what was actually yours to decide or do.
- **Action** — what you did, in order. (First person singular. "We" is where candidates hide; interviewers notice.)
- **Result** — what happened, including the unflattering parts.
- **Reflection** — what you do differently now, stated as a present habit, not a vow. (This line is where a setback becomes evidence of growth — the only alchemy these interviews actually reward, and it only works if it's true.)
- **Record check** — ☐ logbook entry located ☐ consistent with File 04 inventory ☐ numbers match File 02 ledger (block time, aircraft, dates)

- **Length test** — read your fragments aloud once, timed. If the event can't be told in roughly 2-3 minutes at a natural pace, it is either two events or a summary problem — note which, and move on. How to fix delivery is coaching (§4), not worksheet work.

3. The SBI variant (FedEx's published format)

FedEx's situational-based interview presents a scenario rather than asking for your past. The transferable preparation is structural, and it comes straight from your §2 inventory: for your six strongest events, write one line — **"the principle I now apply"** — in plain language (e.g., "I brief the divert early so the decision is already made when the weather arrives"). Scenario questions test whether principles like these exist and are yours. A principle you derived from your own logbook survives follow-ups; a memorized one does not. That is as far as a worksheet honestly goes — and it is genuinely useful groundwork for the human prep in §4.

4. When you need a human — the referral table (prices observed October 2026)

Service	What they're known for	Published price
Emerald Coast Interview Consulting	Flagship prep: academics + group sessions + one 1:1 mock; conditional money-back guarantee with strict terms (read them)	\$795 (TSA/CRM add-ons \$395)
Cage Marshall Consulting	Most genuinely 1:1-centric at its price; 3 hrs 1:1 in the package	\$399 package
Aero Crew Solutions	Former pilot recruiters; 3 phone hours; majority-HR focus	\$599
Spitfire Elite	High-volume course + live group webinars + final 1:1 mock; no guarantee — their FAQ is proudly skeptical of them	\$849 course
Raven Careers	Bespoke, price consultation-gated; the Disclosure Review for red-flag histories	Not published
CheckedAndSet	Application review specialist (not interview coaching) — the human version of Files 02-03, with a person	\$349-\$999 by scope

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Buy the pack for your paperwork. Buy a human for your performance. Confusing the two — in either direction — wastes money.

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