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## Prep for Skills Building #1 Exercise

### Problem Statement

What is the problem that has been identified?

- The problem is an issue that the researcher seeks to improve and should be framed as a statement.
- Questions should not be asked within the problem statement.

### Purpose Statement

What is purpose does this research serve? Why are you researching this topic? This section should represent your overarching reasons for conducting this research.

- This statement conveys the overall intent of a proposed study in a sentence or several sentences.
- The purpose statement sets the objectives, the intent, or the major idea of a study.
- The idea builds on a need (the problem) and is refined into specific questions (the research questions).
  - Research questions should not be stated in this section.

### Developing a Usable Research Question

- The primary research question drives the research study.
- List all of the questions that you'd like answered yourself.
  - Choose the best question, one that is neither too broad nor too narrow.
- Questions should require analysis, thinking (how, why)
- Specific focus (who, what, when)
- No "YES or "NO" questions-too narrow (closed questions)



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