FRAMING SESSION TEMPLATES

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STAKEHOLDER DESCRIPTION

Include only relevant characteristics. These could be for example

- demographics, e.g. gender, age, education, status, occupation, ethnicity, etc.
- personality traits or preferences, e.g. extravert, honest, creative, etc.
- situational or contextual characteristics, e.g. being in a hurry, valuing freedom, being a newcomer, struggling with work-life balance, etc

ISSUE

In a nutshell, describe the issue from the stakeholder's perspective.

CORE NEEDS

Include only needs (or goals) relevant to the issue.



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QUOTE

Revealing quote, e.g. from a user interview.

CORE FRUSTRATIONS

Include only frustrations relevant to the issue.



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CUSTOMER: TEAM NAME: Think & Feel What occupies thoughts What matters Worries & aspirations Hear See Others saying In the environment Friends On the market Colleagues Others doing Say & Do Behavior Quotes PainsGainsFears, anxieties Wants/needs Frustrations Measures of success Obstacles Hopes and dream

POINT-OF-VIEW STATEMENTS TEMPLATE

Strive for specificity and

vividness! **WANTS TO WANTS TO WANTS TO** [specific stakeholder segment] [specific stakeholder segment] [specific stakeholder segment] **BECAUSE BECAUSE BECAUSE** [need expressed by the stakeholder] [need expressed by the stakeholder] [need expressed by the stakeholder] **BUT BUT BUT** [motivation expressed by the stakeholder [motivation expressed by the stakeholder [motivation expressed by the stakeholder [barrier expressed by the stakeholder] [barrier expressed by the stakeholder] [barrier expressed by the stakeholder] **WANTS TO WANTS TO WANTS TO** [specific stakeholder segment] [specific stakeholder segment] [specific stakeholder segment] **BECAUSE BECAUSE BECAUSE** [need expressed by the stakeholder] [need expressed by the stakeholder] [need expressed by the stakeholder] BUT **BUT** BUT [motivation expressed by the stakeholder [motivation expressed by the stakeholder [motivation expressed by the stakeholder [barrier expressed by the stakeholder] [barrier expressed by the stakeholder] [barrier expressed by the stakeholder]



I want to...

COMPELLING INSIGHT:

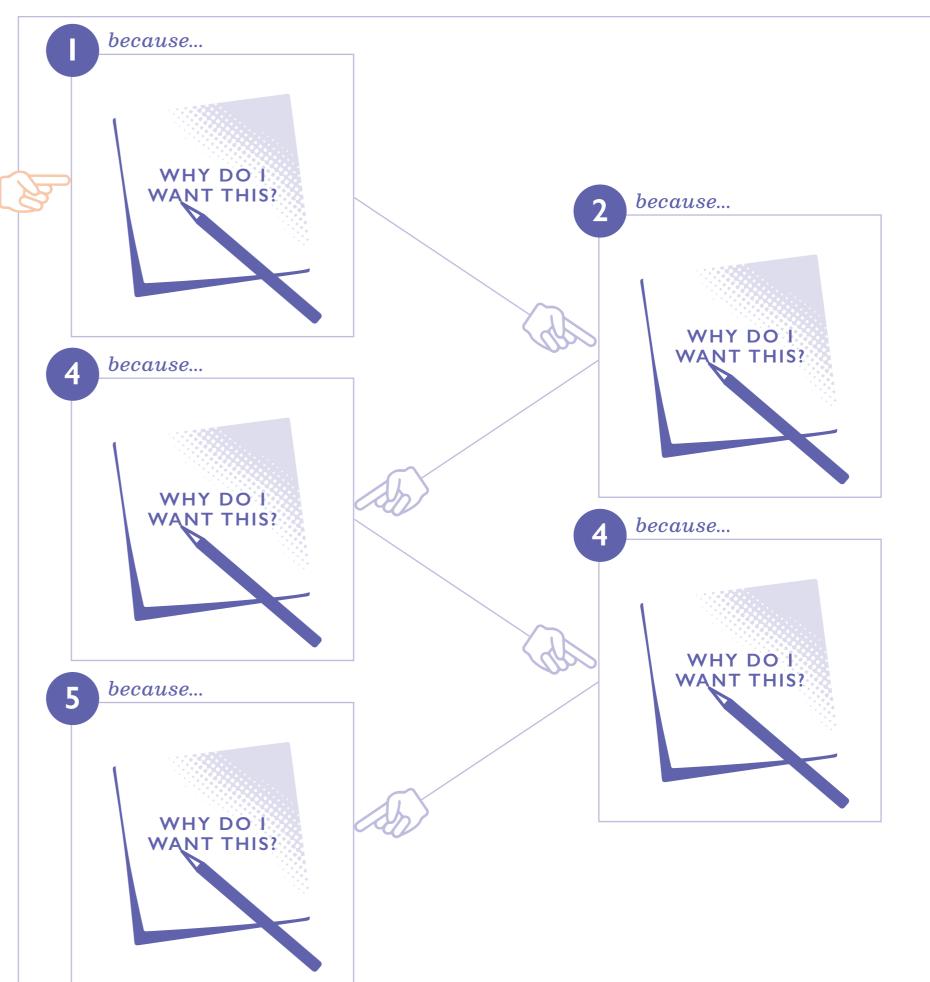
why DOI WANT THIS?

Write an

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose an insight that sparks your curiosity. Put yourself in the shoes of the stakeholder for this entire exercise. Write your insight on a sticky note as "I want [expressed motivation]". Read the motivation and ask yourself, "Why do I want this?". Write your response on a new sticky note. Read this response, ask yourself, "Why do I want this?", and writeit on a separate sticky note. Ask "Why" five times.

Note that another underlying motivation could replace every response to "Why do I want this?". Ideally, these responses are informed by user data, but sometimes, you might need to make some assumptions. If you get stuck and can't imagine an underlying motivation, return to an earlier response and change it.



HOW MIGHT WE	[what: goal]
SO THAT	[who: stakeholder]
CAN	[why: underlying need]

"HOW MIGHT WE"?

What solution options we can think of depends on how we understand the problem or task at hand. A frame guides what we notice, what we see as relevant to the challenge and what is background noise. Framing your goal with a "how might we" question helps to explicate your understanding of the issue.

Play around with multiple frames, trying out different what, who and why options. Have everyone in your team write a few alternative ones, and discuss your different versions.



You can construct the questions also from bottom to top, starting from a user research insight you felt was compelling and working your way up.

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