

Table of GROW Stages and Questions

GROW Stage	Purpose	Questions to ask
Goal	The Goal stage is	What goal are you trying to achieve?
	determining or stating	Which competency would you like to work on?
	the outcome of the	 What problem/challenge are you trying to resolve?
	conversation.	What would you like to talk about?
		What skill are you trying to improve?
	These questions can be	What would you like coaching on?
	asked during a	What do you want to achieve from this conversation?
	conversation, or	What does your ideal outcome look like?
	reflected upon	
	individually.	
Reality	The Reality stage is	Tell me more
	understanding what is	 What is happening now or has happened so far?
	currently happening,	What's working? What's not working?
	what obstacles exist,	Where do you feel stuck?
	and what has been done	 If things don't change, what will likely happen?
	so far to reach the	What have you tried? What haven't you tried?
	stated goal or aim.	What skills/knowledge do you have that will help achieve your
		goal?
	This stage helps to	How have you seen improvement?
	determine how far away	 What is the greatest obstacle you are facing?
	the current reality is	What resources are available?
	from the goal or aim,	What is behind the resistance?
	and what needs to be	What are the time constraints?
	done to bridge that gap.	
Options	The Options stage is for	What ideas do you have?
	exploring all the	What else could you try?
	different avenues or	What have you done in similar situations?
	ideas available to	 What are the pros/cons of these actions?
	achieve the desired	 Which actions will have the greatest impact?
	outcome.	What could you do differently?
		 What helps you overcome obstacles or challenges?
		What would you like to do more of or less of?
		What resources are available?
Will	The Will stage is	 What do you think is the first step? Next step?
	determining what the	What support might you need? How and when will you enlist
	next steps are based on	that support?
	the options presented,	 What is the best way for us to follow up on this?
	what resources are	What support can I provide?
	available and what is	What might get in the way?
	required of one or all	When will we check in again?
	parties in the	Who can you use as a resource?
	conversation.	What are the milestones for this goal?
		When would you like to accomplish this?