Examples of Professional Scientific Writing

Some of you may be struggling with the concept of how to write about your internship without lots of “I” statements; I would be, too. Following are a few examples that will (hopefully) help.

Try to word sentences around yourself, such as:

"I chose this objective because it helps my employer to increase efficiency in the production phase of the project.”

vs.

"The fourth objective was chosen because of its ability to increase efficiency in the production phase of the project."

The first sentence has "I" and "my" in it, while the second sentence states essentially the same idea, but without any personal ownership or attachment.

“I wasn’t able to complete the final objective on my list because we ran out of funding, so my project was cut short.”

vs.

“The final objective was not met due to lack of funding for the project.”

“My internship with Jack’s Jack-in-the-Box Outlet was beneficial to my Electrical Engineering career in that I was able to create a release system that opens the box lid.”

vs.

“Electrical Engineering ties into the internship with Jack’s Jack-in-the-Box Outlet because of the complicated system that was created to release the Jack-in-the-Box

Dr. Budge is looking for information to be presented in the format of the second sentence in each example set given. I hope that these examples help. It will take more time and effort to write, but it’s good practice for you; professional scientific writing has to be formatted in that way. For this reason, Dr. Budge wants you to practice it now.