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# MOAB Switching Case

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This case study is intended only to foster thoughtful discussion and may not show correct technical procedure and may not be based on actual events. Consult your official resources and your Supervisor for correct policies and procedures. Names and details in this case may have been changed.



The Job

The HP Qs

The **Incident** 

The HP Analysis

You are completing a switching order that includes closing this substation Motor Operated Air Break (MOAB) switch. You're qualified to switch MOABs, but have not operated one for more than a year, and are rusty. You have no MOAB manual. Your System Operator is very familiar with MOABS and will stay on the phone with you throughout the procedure.













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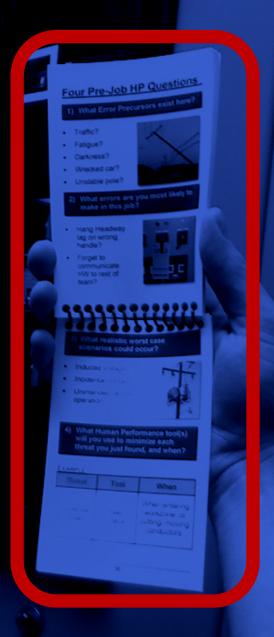
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With the person next to you, spend 4-7 minutes answering the *Four Human Performance Pre-Job Questions* for this case.

Write down key words for each answer.

Prepare to share with the group.

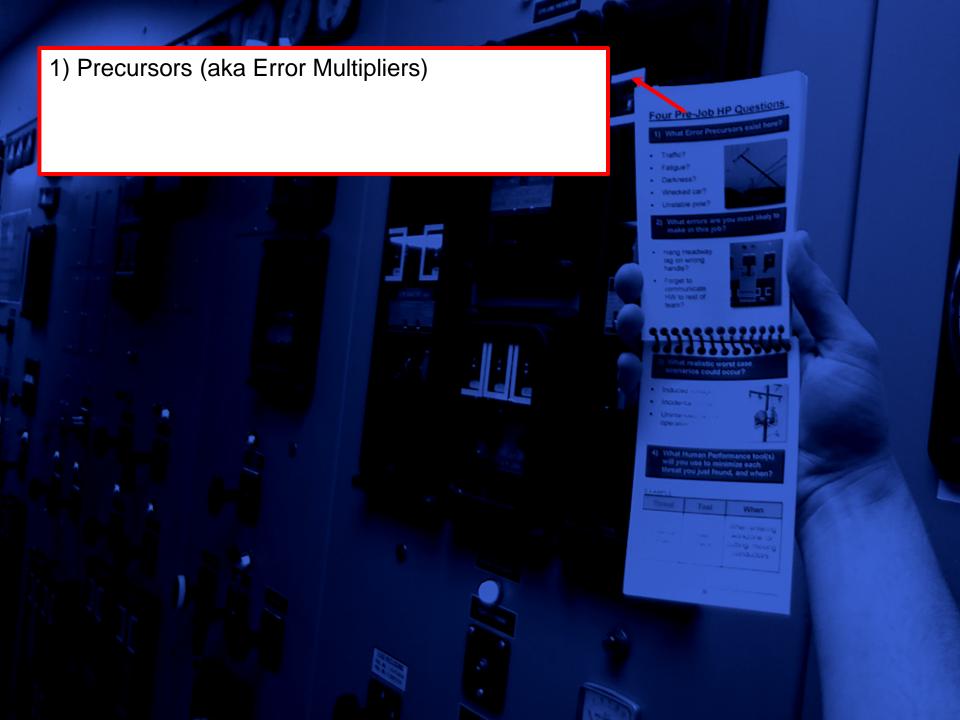


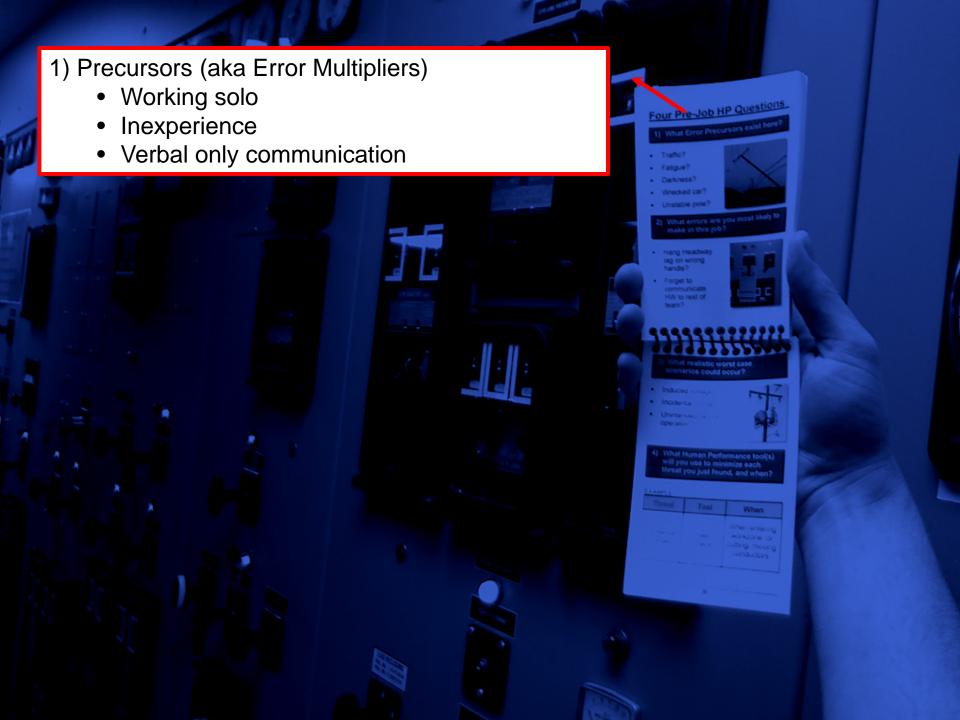
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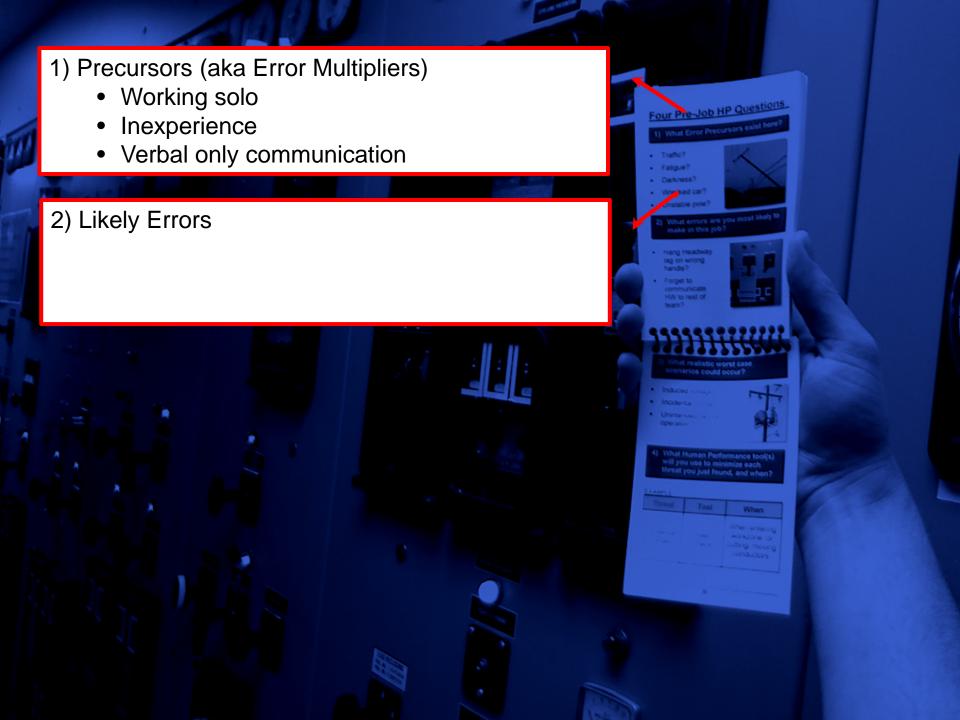
2) What errors are you most likely to make in this job?

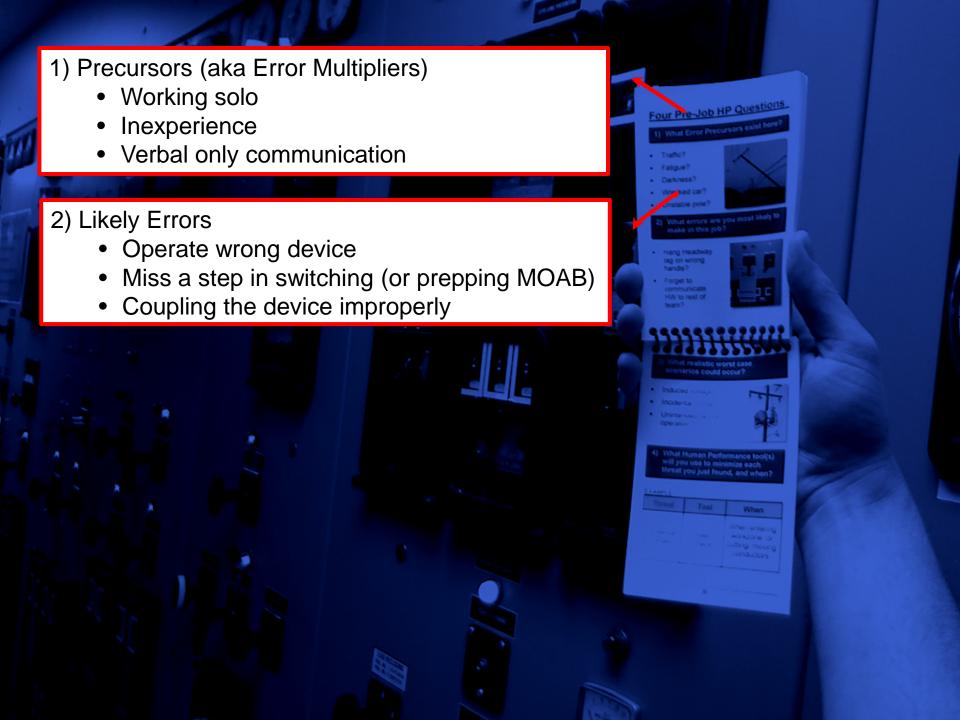
3) What realistic worst case scenarios could occur?

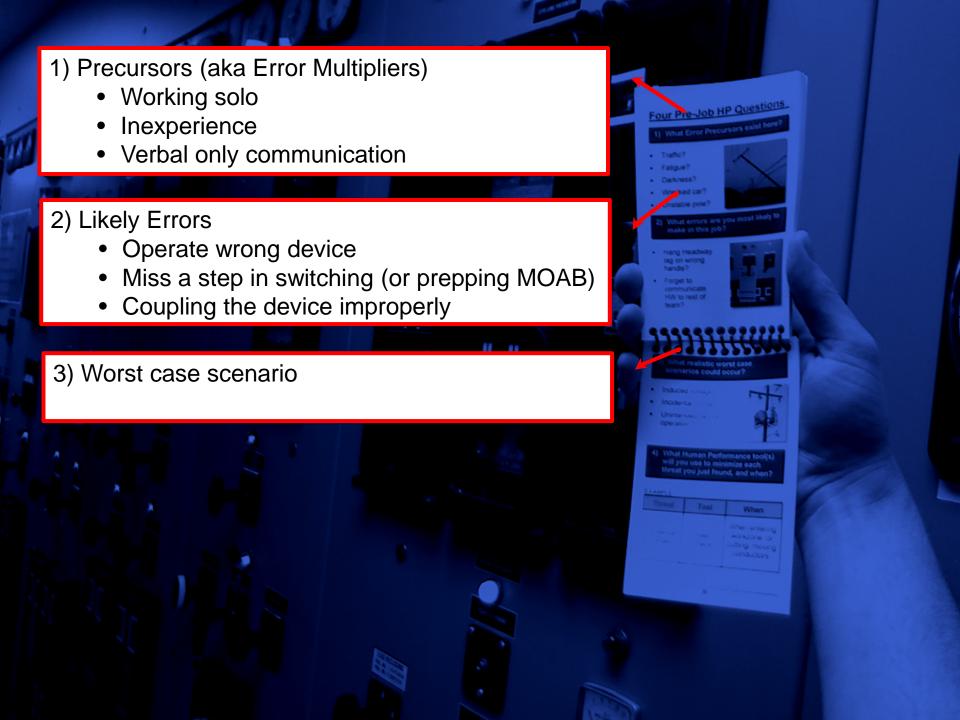
4) What Human Performance tool(s) will you use to minimize each threat you just found, and when?

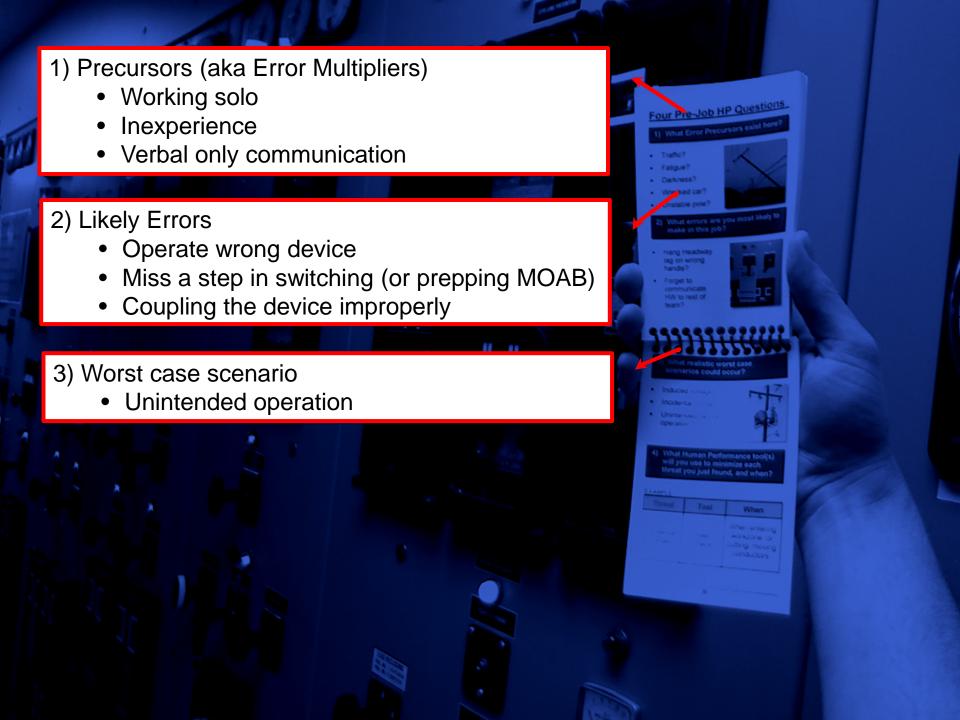












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  - Peer Check/Self-check
  - Stop when unsure & question what doesn't make sense

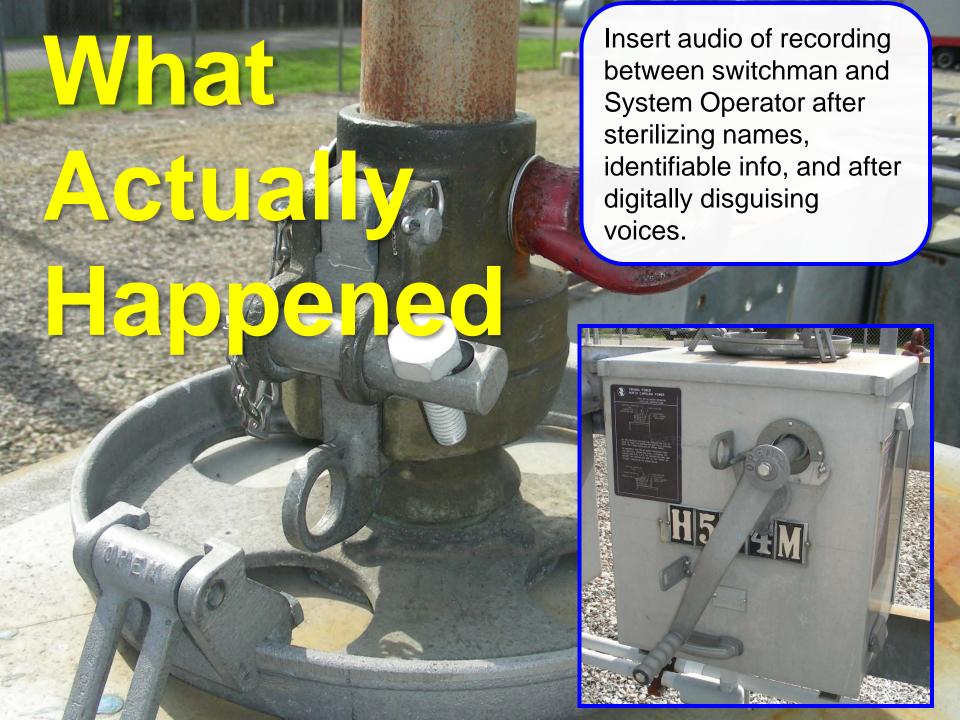


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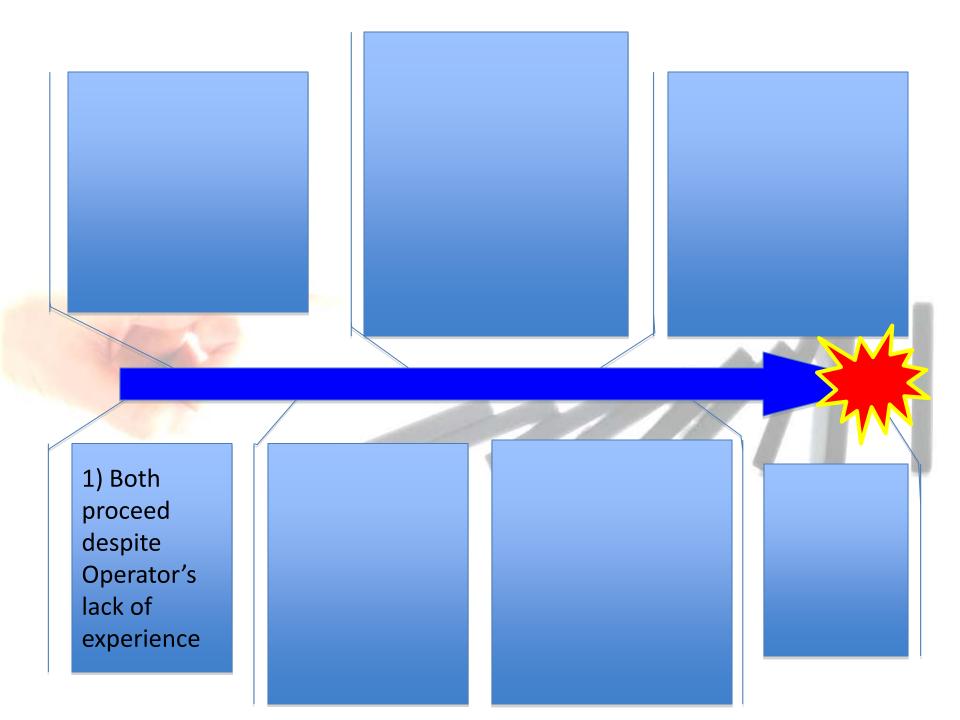
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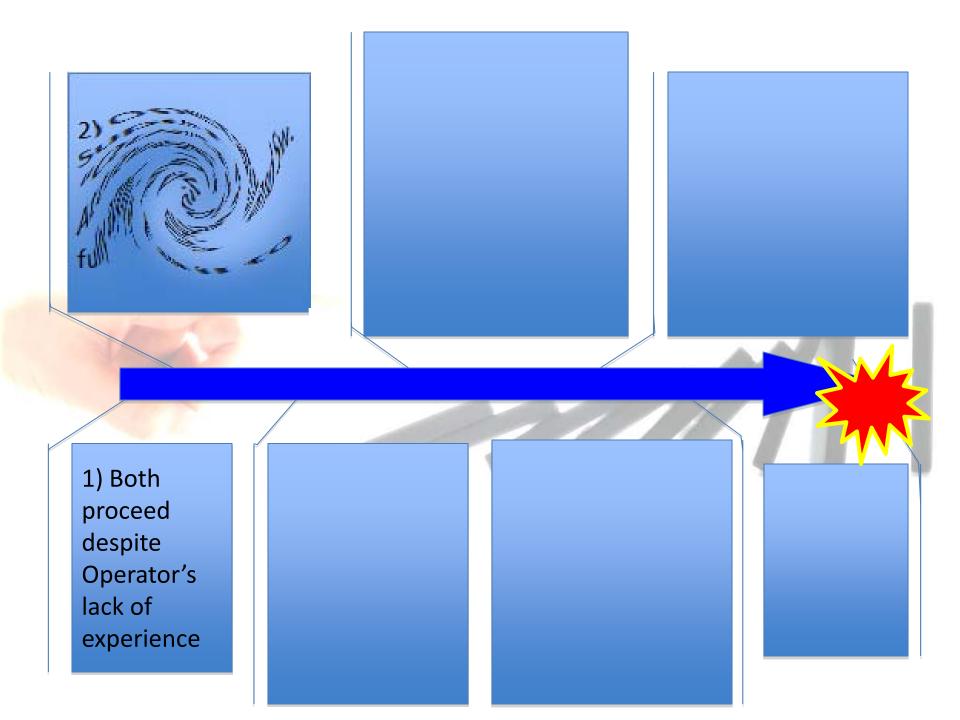
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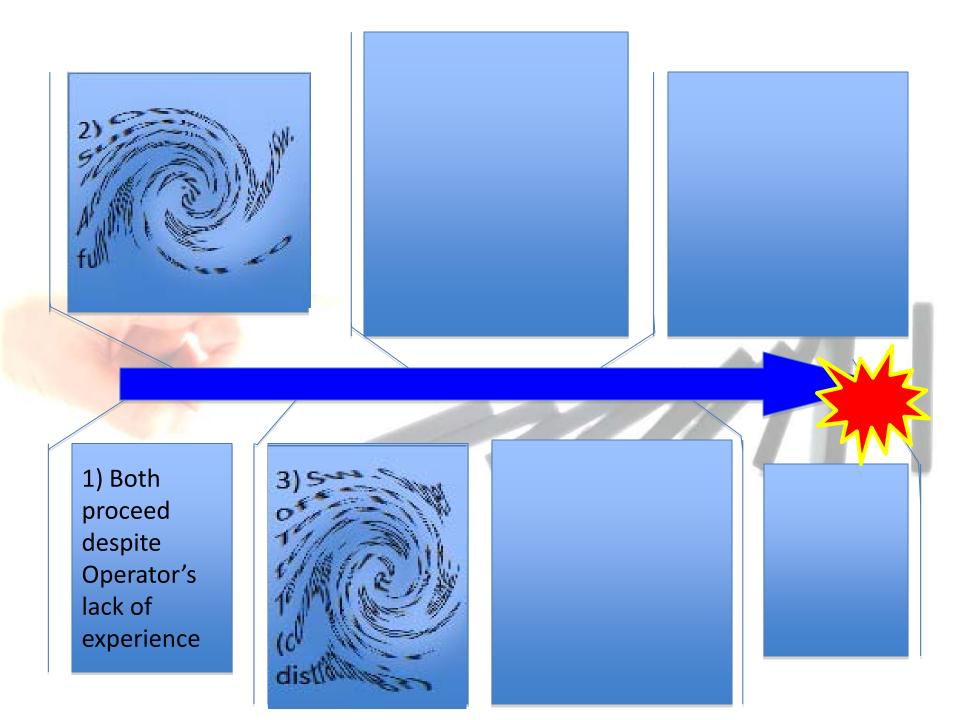
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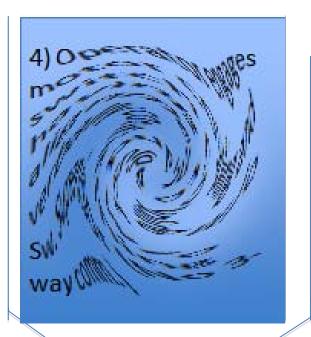


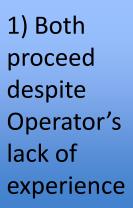


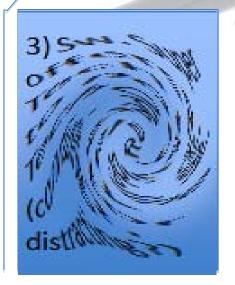






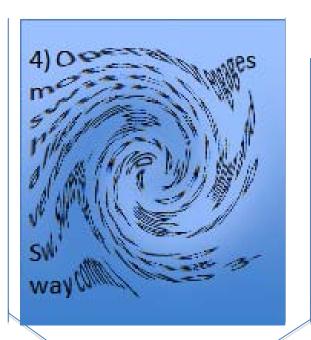


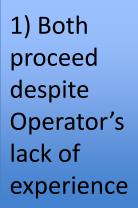


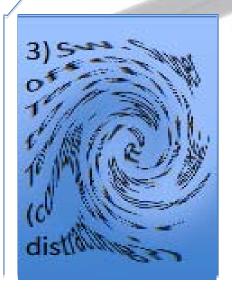






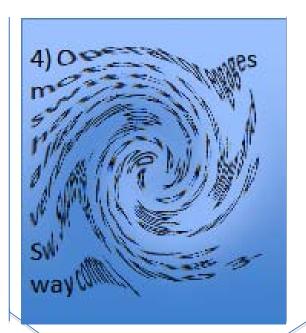






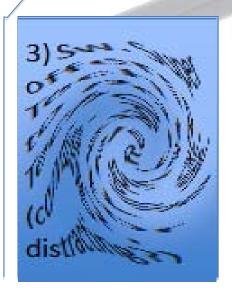
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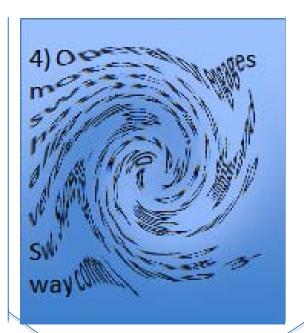


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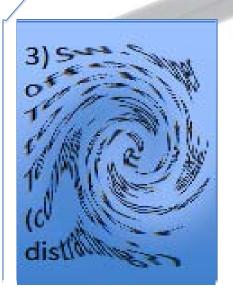
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