Interview Questions

Sample



1. "Tell me about yourself..."

Be prepared to talk for two minutes about yourself. Be logical. Start anywhere, accredited training, your first professional position, or talk about why you are passionate about the applicable industry. The interviewer is trying to evaluate your communication skills and linear thinking. You may try to score a point or two by describing a major personal attribute.

2. "What do you consider your most significant strength?"

Know your key five or six strengths—the ones most compatible with the job opening. Discuss each with specific examples.

3. "What would you consider you significant weakness?"

When answering this question refer to one aspect of your working style that could be improved and follow on with how you have addressed it, or how you plan to improve through personal motivation and development. This response shows that you are open to constructive feedback and are committed to self-improvement and growth in your job role.

4. "How do you handle pressure? Do you like or dislike these situations?"

High achievers tend to perform well in high-pressure situations. Conversely, these questions could imply that the open position is pressure-packed and out of control. Know what you're getting into. If you do perform well under stress, provide a good, detailed example. Be descriptive.

5. Why should we hire you for this position? What kind of contributions would you make?"

This is a good chance to summarise. By now, you should know the key problems. Restate and show how you would address them. Don't be arrogant—instead demonstrate a thoughtful, organised and strong attitude.

Some other questions to consider that are common in job interviews are:

- What motivates you?
- Where do you see yourself in 1 year?
- Where do you see yourself in 3 years' time?
- Tell me about a time when you had to deal with an irate customer?
- Are you a team player?
- Describe what you consider to be a team player?
- What qualities would you expect in a boss?
- What job have you enjoyed most in the past and why?
- What do you know about our company?
- What do you think you have to offer this company?
- Do you have anything to add?
- Do you have any questions?