

Sample Interview Questions

Choose a few of these questions to practice with your partner. Once your partner has answered the questions, switch roles.

1. ***Tell me about yourself.***
Have a brief statement prepared in your mind. Limit this to work-related interests and skills, highlighting your strengths that would benefit the employer.
2. ***Why do you want this job?***
Say something positive about the job and the company, or something about how well your interests and skills fit with the job.
3. ***Why did you leave your last job?***
Avoid saying anything negative about your previous job or employer. Talk about a positive reason for leaving.
4. ***What is your greatest strength?***
Say something that presents you as someone who would be a good worker (dependable, work well on a team, pay attention to details, etc.).
5. ***What is your greatest weakness?***
Turn your weakness into a positive by saying how you are working to improve that weakness. For example, if your weakness is that you put things off, you might talk about how you are using a calendar to write down things you need to get done.
6. ***What experience do you have that prepares you for this job?*** Talk about specific skills and experience you have that relate to the job.
7. ***Why should we hire you?***
Give some strengths and skills you have related to the job. For example, you may mention that you are a hard worker, you are a fast learner, or that you have the skills necessary to be successful in the job.
8. ***Where do you see yourself in 5 years?***
Show your commitment to the position and the employer by mentioning something about wanting to be working with the company in the future.
9. ***Do you have any questions for me?***
Come prepared with questions to ask the interviewer about the job. Preparing questions about the job or the company shows your interest in the job. For example, you might ask: "What are the responsibilities of this position?" or "What is the typical work week like?"