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?”