



# Sample Interview Questions

One of the easiest ways to build confidence before a job interview is to prepare answers to questions you might be asked. While you can never be exactly sure what questions will be asked in an interview, there are common questions normally asked by the employer. Look at the following questions and practice your answers. Let your answers reflect your skills and abilities that apply to the job by focusing on specific tasks and accomplishments.

## **Tell me about yourself.**

This is a question that every interviewee should be prepared to answer. Have something clear in mind for this one before you even go in the door. The best answer highlights aspects of yourself that make you stand out from the average person.

## **What do you know about our company?**

This question simply tries to determine if the person being interviewed has done their homework. An exceptional candidate will be able to deliver a lot of information about the company, but mostly this eliminates people who didn't even bother to do minimal research.

## **Why should I hire you?**

This is a chance for you to really sell yourself. Most interviewers will usually sit back and see how well you can sell yourself. Are you bilingual? Do you have prior experience? Are you a team player?

## **Tell me about the most difficult project you ever faced.**

The interviewer could usually care less what the exact project is. The question is mostly looking to see if you have faced serious difficulty and how you overcame it.

## **Tell me about your dream job.**

Most interviewers ask this question to see if the applicant is enthusiastic. If you can't get excited about your dream job, what can you get excited about? Instead of telling them a specific job title, stick to specific traits by naming aspects of what would be your dream job. Some of them should match what the company has available, but it's actually best if they don't all perfectly match.

## **Have you ever been asked to leave a position? Tell me about the experience.**

Obviously, it's great if you can answer "no," but it's usually not a deal breaker if the answer is "yes." In fact, a "yes" answer can be turned into a positive, it's a great way to show that you've made mistakes and learned valuable lessons from them. Be honest, no matter what, but don't spend time bashing the people that let you go.

## **What wage do you expect?**

If you have had little or no experience, an appropriate answer would be, "the beginning wage for this position." If you are experienced you may answer, "What do you normally pay people in this position".

## **Where do you see yourself in your career in five years?**

Employers ask this question to determine if you will be a long term employee, or if they will need to fill your position again six months from now. Regardless of what your career goal is, convince the interviewer that you will be employed while you are working toward your goal.

## **Do you have any questions?**

Not having questions is a sign that you aren't really that interested in the position. Some questions you might ask could be, "What would my typical day here look like", "Is there a dress code", or "How will I know if I was chosen for the position".