



# 8 COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

It is important to prepare well for potential interview questions and make a good impression on the prospective employer. Here are some tough interview questions and suggestions for successfully answering them:

## 1 - Tell me about you!

Keep your answer to one or two minutes; don't ramble. Research the employer and the particular job role for which you are interviewed in advance. Prepare a concise answer that focuses on your training, skills, and experience that relate to the job. Touch on your personal skills and characteristics that translate into career strengths.

## 2 - What do you know about our company?

Research the company which called you in for the interview. Spend some time on their website and learn details about their products and services, the size of the organization, reputation, image, management style and future plans etc. Show an informed interest – Impress them with your knowledge and initiative.

## 3 - Why do you want to work for us?

Don't talk about what you want. rather, talk about their needs: You would like to be part of a specific company project; you have the experience to solve a company problem; You can make a contribution to specific company goals. Conclude your answer by referencing their work environment, or corporate culture, and how you would fit.

## 4 - What would you do for us? What can you do for us that someone else can't?

This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your past accomplishments and skills relate to their specific requirements. it is your opportunity as well to highlight your international experience as a door opener for the company to new markets in your country of origin. Use past experiences and mention results that show capability.

## 5 - What are your strengths?

Focus your answer on the characteristics and skills that were listed in the job posting or that you feel are most relevant to the position. Highlighting attributes that show you have a good work ethic will also impress the interviewer. Always be prepared to support your claims with specific examples from past experience.

## 6 - What are your weaknesses?

A common mistake that many job seekers make is to answer this question by making a so-called weakness seem positive. The classic example, "I'm a perfectionist" won't get you very far. A better approach is to discuss a skill that you would like to improve upon and describe actions that you are taking to do so. For example, you can mention that you are weak in French and you are enrolled in language courses to better serve French-speaking clients.

## 7 - Why should we hire you?

This gives you an opportunity to reiterate your skills, experiences and accomplishments that will enable you to excel in your position. It's your chance to summarize all your relevant strengths and differentiate yourself from others.

## 8 - Do you have any questions?

The wrong answer is "No". Asking informed questions shows initiative and indicates that you are truly interested in the position. After you research the company, ask your mentors or friends about appropriate questions to ask in.