

# Common Job Interview Questions

The following are some of the most common interview questions you will encounter:

1. ***Tell me about yourself.*** In other words, you have two minutes to make the interviewer like you and talk about your relevant experience, passion for the job, and greatest strengths.
2. ***Why would I hire you instead of someone else?*** Share with the interviewer three qualities or skills that you feel are assets to the job, and give examples of how they were reflected in previous work.
3. ***What would your previous boss say about you?*** Stay positive!
4. ***What is your greatest weakness?*** Give a true weakness, but also describe how you cope with it so that it doesn't hinder your productivity at work, and how are taking the initiative to improve upon it.
5. ***Tell me about a time that you took the initiative to approach a complex problem and how you solved it.*** The interviewer wants to hear your thought and decision-making process – make sure you prepare in advance, be genuine, open, and detailed.
6. ***What do you know about our company?*** Find out details about the company before the interview – look it up online now!
7. ***What are your salary expectations?*** Research your work in advance and determine a range of pay that you find acceptable.
8. ***Where do you see yourself in the next two to five years?*** This question sounds more complicated than it really is. A reasonable answer would be to express how successful you see yourself in the role in two years, and what your career aspirations are in five years.
9. ***What did you like the least or find most difficult in your last job?*** Give an example of some difficulty you had to face and how you dealt with it.
10. ***What was your biggest failure and what did you learn from it?*** Do not be shy to talk about failure or a mistake, and make sure that it is yours and not someone else's. What the interviewer really wants to hear is how you handled it and what you learned from the mistake.

11. ***Why are you leaving your current job?*** In other words, why did you leave your previous positions? Prepare your answer to this question in advance and always phrase it in a positive way, leaving the interviewer with the impression that you are now simply moving on to advance your career. Do not in any way criticize your previous manager or workplace.

12. ***Do you have any questions for us?*** Prepare questions in advance that relate to the job and organization, as it shows that you are diligent and interested.

13. ***What about personal questions?*** Interviewers sometimes ask personal questions related to your private life such as hobbies and sports. If this is the case, do not be alarmed, as the interviewer just wants to know you better to see if you will be a good fit. However, be aware of questions that are illegal, such as those about your marital status, age, race, or religion. If these questions are asked, you can respond either by stating or asking how these questions are relevant to the interview. The interviewer might, at that point, realize that such questions are not appropriate and move on in the interview.