



Common Interview Questions for That Perfect Job

Go through each of these and practice answering them. By looking at the job description, you can tell what is important to the employer. Be sure you can think of examples for each of the key skills in the job description.

Tell me about yourself?

Be able to review your background in 10 minutes - role, company and responsibilities. If you are experienced, try to keep it under 15 minutes. Don't talk about high school or get personal. Stick to the facts about your previous related jobs, companies, and education.

Why are you interested in this position/ Why do you want to work here?

The emphasis is on the word *here*. This isn't just about the skills and experience you have. It's about how you will fit in as an employee. What about the company draws you? What can you do for them as a company?

What is your greatest strength/weakness?

When outlining a weakness, be sure to end this on a positive note showing what you are doing to correct/amend this. Be honest about yourself and your capabilities—the last thing either you or the employer wants is for you to be in over your head. Showing you are self-aware and open to improvement will speak volumes in your favour.

Why are you interested in making a job change/ Why do you want to leave your current job?

Stay positive! If you're coming from a less-than-stellar environment, it's tempting to air their dirty laundry. Saying "I'm great but my boss/coworkers are careless/idiots/incapable/jerks" does not in fact, make you look great. It makes you look negative and that you like to blame others. If you need help finding a positive reason, try looking forward. What do you want from this position that you aren't currently getting?

Here are some other typical questions you may be asked:

- **Why do you want to live/work in this community?**
- **Tell me about your current position. What do you enjoy most? Least?**
- **How would your employer or co-worker describe you? - Or - How do you describe yourself?**
- **What is most important to you in your next company/position? What interests you about this position? - OR - What is your ideal job?**
- **What is the most difficult experience you've ever had to deal with and how did you handle it?**
- **What is your most memorable mistake?**
- **Can you think of an example when you've gone above and beyond your job?**
- **Why should we hire you over someone else?**

More interview questions can be found here!