

20 Common Interview Questions & How to Approach Them

Use these questions to prepare yourself for your upcoming job interview.

Even if these questions might not come up, preparing them will help you ease your nerves and bring clarity to your thought process.

Try to answer these questions out loud and write notes for yourself. Roleplaying with a trusted friend or family member can make the experience feel more natural and help you refine your answers. The more you practice, the more confident you feel on the day of your interview.

1. Tell me about yourself.

Focus on your professional background, key skills and what led you to this role.

2. Why do you want this job?

Show you understand the role and explain why it excites you.

3. What are your strengths?

Prepare 3 relevant strengths and give brief examples.

4. What's a weakness you're working on?

Choose something real but non-critical, and explain how you're improving it.

5. Can you describe a challenge you faced and how you handled it?

Use the STAR method to show problem-solving skills.

6. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Share goals that align with the role and company.

7. Why should we hire you?

Summarize how your skills, experience and attitude make you a good fit.

8. Tell me about a time you worked in a team.

Show collaboration, communication and contribution.

9. How do you handle pressure or stressful situations?

Give an example of staying calm and productive under pressure from your previous experience.

10. What do you know about our company?

Demonstrate research and genuine interest. Doing prior research on the employer is key here.

11. Tell me about a time you disagreed with a colleague.

Describe how you handled the situation respectfully and constructively.

12. How do you prioritize your work?

Explain your approach to organisation and meeting deadlines.

13. Describe a time you showed leadership.

Even if not in a formal role, share when you guided or motivated others.

14. What's your greatest achievement?

Pick something you're proud of that relates to the job.

15. How do you handle feedback?

Show openness to learning and improving.

16. How do you stay motivated?

Share strategies or values that keep you engaged.

17. Tell me about a time you learned a new skill quickly.

Show adaptability and eagerness to learn.

18. What would you do in your first 30 days in this role?

Outline a plan to learn, adapt and contribute early on.

19. Do you prefer to work independently or in a team?

Be honest but show flexibility.

20. Do you have any questions for us?

Prepare at least 2 questions about the role, team or company.