Interview Questions

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Use these interview questions as a guide for your next interview. Choose the questions that are the most appropriate. Remember, you should talk 25% of the time and let the interviewee talk 75% of the time. Always listen more than you talk!

- How would you describe yourself?
- What interests you about this job?
- Why would you excel at this job?
- How has your experience prepared you for this job?
- How do you evaluate success? Give me an example of one of your successful accomplishments.
- How would you describe yourself in terms of your ability to work as a member of a team?
- What motivates you to put forth your greatest effort?
- Given the investment our company will make in hiring and training you, can you give us a reason to hire you?
- How would you evaluate your ability to deal with conflict?
- Tell me about a major problem that you recently handled. Were you successful in resolving it?
- Would you say that you can easily deal with high-pressure situations?
- What quality or attribute do you feel will most contribute to your success at this job?
- Tell me what you know about our company.
- Tell me about the salary range you are seeking.
- What skills have you acquired from your work experience.
- How would you describe your skills (leadership, management, technology, communication)?
- What was the toughest challenge you've ever faced in a job?
- What two or three things are most important to you in your job?



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- Some people work best as part of a group others prefer the role of the individual contributor. How would you describe yourself?
- When given an important assignment, how do you approach it?
- Describe a time when you had to think on your feet to extricate yourself from a difficult situation.
- Give me a specific example of a time when you used good judgement.
- By providing examples, convince me that you can adapt to a wide variety of people, situations, and environments.
- Describe a time when you had to use your written communication skills to get an important point across.
- Sometimes it's easy to get in "over your head." Describe a situation where you had to request help or assistance on a project or assignment.
- We can sometimes identify a small problem and fix it before it becomes a major problem. Give an example(s) of how you have done this.
- What was the most complex assignment you have had? What was your role?
- What kind of supervisor do you work best for? Provide examples.
- What is the most difficult customer service experience that you have ever had to handle perhaps an angry or irate customer. Be specific about what you did and what was the outcome?
- Tell me about a time you had to handle multiple responsibilities. How did you organize the work you needed to do?
- What is the most significant contribution you made to the company during a past job?
- Describe the system you use for keeping track of multiple projects. How do you track your progress so that you can meet deadlines? How do you stay focused?

