

# 5 Biggest Interviewing Mistakes

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- 1** Most candidates expect to be interrogated. Come prepared to have an exchange of ideas with the interviewer. You need to ask questions throughout the interview in order to show initiative.
- 2** Turning your weakness into a failure. When asked what your weakness is, avoid cliché phrases including, “I am a perfectionist.” Highlight a skill that you want to improve and state what action you are taking to correct it. Most often, employers don’t focus on the weakness, but how you handle the question.
- 3** Not preparing for the interview. It is imperative that you attend the interview having done your research. This includes researching the organization or program and being prepared to match your skills and strengths to the position. Highlight the attributes that make you a good fit for the job.
- 4** Leaving your cell phone on. Turn your cell phone off during the interview and do not keep it in plain sight.
- 5** Arriving late to the interview. An obvious faux pas. Arrive 15 minutes early to make a good impression. Remember to consider traffic jams and bad weather!

