## Phrase bank

| Self-presentation | |
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| **Role and responsibilities** | <ul><li>I'm a/an **[your position]**.</li><li>I focus primarily on + **noun/V-ing**.</li><li>I'm also responsible for + **noun/V-ing**.</li></ul> |
| **Work experience** | <ul><li>I've been in the IT industry for **[number of years/months]**.</li><li>I did an internship at **[name of the company]**.</li><li>I started as a/an **[position]**.</li></ul> |
| **Educational background** | <ul><li>I'm a senior at **[university/college name]** studying **[the main subject you study]**.</li><li>I took a course in…</li><li>I graduated from **[university/college name]**.</li></ul> |
| **Skills and knowledge** | <ul><li>I'm (pretty) good at + **noun/V-ing**.</li><li>I have good **[problem solving, communication, etc.]** skills.</li><li>I have (quite) a good knowledge of + **noun/V-ing**.</li><li>I'm comfortable with + **noun/V-ing**.</li></ul> |
| **Accomplishments** | <ul><li>I've gained a lot of valuable experience in + **noun/V-ing**.</li><li>I've managed to get a (pretty) good understanding of + **noun/V-ing**.</li></ul> |
| **How the candidate feels about the position** | <ul><li>I'm really excited about the opportunity to work with **[name of the company]**.</li><li>I think my education and experience make me a good fit for this job.</li><li>I think the combination of my skills and experience could be a good addition to your team.</li></ul> |

## Bonus phrases

Be ready to talk about your past project(s) to anyone with a limited technical background in 60 seconds. This list of questions can help you structure your answer in a professional manner:

- What was the project goal?
- What specifically did you do?
- What challenges did you face?
- What were your key achievements?

| Past project | |
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| **What was the project goal?** | <ul><li>On my previous project we had to + **V.**</li><li>On my previous project we were tasked with + **noun/V-ing.**</li><li>I was working on a project with a client, and they wanted to **+V**</li></ul> |
| **What specifically did you do?** | <ul><li>I was responsible for + **noun/V-ing.**</li><li>I was in charge of + **noun/V-ing.**</li><li>I worked very closely with + **N.**</li></ul> |
| **What challenges did you face?** | <ul><li>I ran into a problem with + **noun/V-ing.**</li><li>We had a minor issue with …</li><li>I faced a dilemma about whether to + **V** or not.</li></ul> |
| **What were your key achievements?** | <ul><li>The project allowed me to put my knowledge of … into practice.</li><li>I gained a lot of valuable experience in + **noun/V-ing.**</li><li>My participation in the project taught me about + **noun/V-ing.**</li><li>I learnt that …</li><li>I managed to + **V.**</li></ul> |