

The Office - Interview Skills 7 - Describing Ones Weaknesses (C0253)

Mr Parsons: Okay Rebecca, well I think you've given me a clear impression of your positive qualities, but let's talk a little bit about your weaknesses.

Rebecca: Okay, well it's always more difficult to describe them isn't it?

Mr Parsons: Definitely, but if you had to pinpoint one weakness what would it be?

Rebecca: Well as I mentioned before, I do tend to get frustrated if I don't see progress in my work or career. I suppose I'm quite a restless character. My father always taught me to be a high achiever so.

Mr Parsons: So would you say if things don't go your way at work it could easily get you down?

Rebecca: Well, in a way yes. But I must say that even if I'm not completely happy in my work I always give 110% I would never shirk my responsibilities. I suppose sometimes I expect too much too soon.

Mr Parsons: Well, you know journalism is a highly competitive world, so you do need to keep pushing yourself it's true. Okay well lets move on to talk about the job position here shall we?

Rebecca: Yes please.

Key Vocabulary

weakness	<i>N</i>	a personal defect or failing
to pin-point	<i>V</i>	to locate or describe exactly or precisely
go someone's way	<i>P</i>	proceed according to one's plans or wishes

get someone down	<i>P</i>	to exhaust, discourage, or depress someone
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to shirk	<i>V</i>	to avoid or neglect
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impression	<i>N</i>	the feelings one has af- ter a specific event
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frustrated	<i>A</i>	upset
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Supplementary Vocabulary

honest	<i>A</i>	to tell the truth
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workaholic	<i>N</i>	a person who is ob- sessed with their work
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professional	<i>N</i>	to still behave accord- ingly even if unhappy
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over- achiever	<i>N</i>	to strive to be the best
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temper tantrum	<i>N</i>	to throw a fit if things do not go your way
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