**Useful Information: Asking Questions**

If you want to impress the interviewer during the interview, ask a few relevant questions about the position and the project. By asking well-prepared questions during the job interview you demonstrate your interest, initiative and strategic understanding of the position and the company.

So, it’s a good idea to prepare a few questions for yourself before the interview. Please study **the tips below for asking job interview questions**:

* + Always prepare questions to ask. Having no questions sends the message that you haven’t given the interview enough thought or that you are not experienced enough.
  + Some of your questions may be answered during the interview, before you are offered the opportunity to ask them. In that case, you could ask for additional clarification, e.g. *Sorry, do you mean…?, Do you want me to…?, Are you saying that…?*
  + Only ask the questions that are relevant to the job, department, management and organization.
  + Do not ask questions that are clearly answered on the customer's website and/or in any literature provided by the customer to you in advance. This would simply reveal that you did not prepare for the interview, and that you are wasting the customer's time by asking these questions.
  + Avoid interrupting the interviewer. Make sure you ask your questions or make your comments at appropriate times during the interview.
  + Ask open-ended questions. Closed questions that require just a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ response contribute little to the interview and provide you with minimal information.
  + Avoid any *Why*-questions because you are likely to receive quite predictable *because*-answers to such questions. Instead, use such structures as *What are the benefits of*, *what are the advantages of*, *what is the reason for*, and so on.  
    e.g. *What are the benefits/advantages of using this framework?; What was the reason for choosing this framework?*

## Open-Ended, or Wh-Questions

* + Open-ended questions are also called Wh- questions. They begin with a question word:**who, what, where, when, whose, which, how**, etc.

**Example:**  
**What** is the business value of the project?  
**Where** is the company based?  
**What** does a typical support request look like?

* + How to build questions in English

All you need to do is to remember this simple and common English phrase:   
**How do you** **do?**

The structure of almost every simple question in English is based on the same model:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Question word How** | **Auxiliary or modal do** | **Subject you** | **Main verb do** | **the rest of the question?** |
| What | was | the root cause |  | of the issue? |
| What | have | you | decided? |  |
| Where | can | I | get | the information? |