



Discuss job interviews and learn how to prepare for standard interview questions.

What you will learn

At the core of the lesson

You will learn how to:

- Prepare for a job interview
- Describe what to expect in a job interview
- Describe standard interview questions
- Describe technical interview questions

Key terms

- Job interview
- Interview questions



Job interview: Emotions

Controlling your emotions

It's common to feel strong emotions during an interview. To make a good impression, learn how to control your emotions. The following table lists some emotions that you might experience during an interview, what you might feel, and how to counteract the emotion.

Emotion	Feeling	Counteract the Emotion
Doubt	You're not sure that you are interviewing well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think positive thoughts.• Recognize that the interviewer is still asking questions, so you still have a chance of getting the job.
Overexcitement	You feel elated about how well you answered a question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remember that the interview is ongoing.• Focus on the next question.
Nervousness	You feel anxious about whether you're answering questions correctly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remember to breathe.• Recall that the interview is a conversation to find a mutual fit.• Remember to smile. Smiling can help lighten your feelings and the conversation.

Job interview: Interview questions

Standard interview questions

During an IT interview, you can expect three types of questions:

- Questions about yourself
 - The interviewer wants to learn about your work style and skills.
- Questions about the job and company
 - Your responses to these questions can help reveal if you will be a good fit with the company's culture.
- Technical questions
 - Your answers will demonstrate your knowledge and your problem-solving strategies.
 - They can also provide the interviewer with information about how you might perform in the job.

Job interview: Interview questions, continued

Technical questions

When you interview for an IT job, you will also be asked more focused technical questions. These questions might focus on your education, skills, and certifications; and the languages and tools that you know.

Example questions:

Area	Sample Question
Education	What technical websites do you follow?
Skills	Given this problem, what solution would you provide? Explain your thought process
Certifications	What do you do to maintain your technical certifications?
Languages	What languages have you programmed in?
Tools	What planning tools are you familiar with?