Frequently Asked Questions in Interview

Tell me about Yourself/Go through your Resume

- Sell Yourself
- Pitch- Why are you a right fit (Present-Past-Future Formula)

How did you hear about this position?

- A perfect opportunity to stand out and show your passion for and connection to the company
- •share what, specifically, caught your eye about the role.

Why do you want to work at this company?

- Do your research
- What makes the company unique that really appeals to you
- Talk about how you've watched the company grow and change since you first heard of it
- Focus on the organization's opportunities for future growth
- How you can contribute to it

Why do you want this job?

- •Identify a couple of key factors that make the role a great fit for you.
- Share why you love the company

Why should we hire you?

- You can not only do the work
- You can deliver great results
- You will really fit in with the team and culture

What can you bring to the company?

- Read the job description closely
- Do your research on the company,
- Key is to connect your skills and experiences to what the company needs
- •Share an example that shows how you've done similar or transferable work in the past

What are your greatest strengths?

- Think quality, not quantity
- Don't rattle off a list of adjectives
- Pick one or a few specific qualities that are relevant to this position
- •Illustrate them with examples

What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

- •Interviewer is trying to gauge your self-awareness and honesty.
- •Strike a balance by thinking of something that you struggle with but that you're working to improve.

What is your greatest professional achievement?

Use the <u>STAR method</u>: situation, task, action, results

Tell me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work, and how you dealt with it.

- •Be honest
- Stay Calm and Professional
- Focus more on resolution than the conflicts
- Focus on how you would do it differently

Tell me about a time you demonstrated leadership skills

- •Think about a time when you headed up a project
- Took the initiative to propose an alternate process
- Helped in motivating your team to get something done
- •Use STAR method.

What's a time you disagreed with a decision that was made at work?

- •The ideal anecdote here is one where you handled a disagreement professionally and learned something from the experience.
- Pay particular attention to how you start and end your response.

Tell me about a time you failed.

- Make sure you pick a real, actual failure you can speak honestly about.
- Start by making it clear to the interviewer how you define failure.
- Then situate your story in relation to that definition and explain what happened.
- Finally, don't forget to share what you learned.

Why are you leaving your current job?

- Keep things positive
- •Frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities

Why was there a gap in your employment?

- The key is to be honest
- •If there are skills or qualities you honed or gained in your time away from the workforce—whether through volunteer work, running a home, or responding to a personal crisis—you can also talk about how those would help you excel in this role.

Can you explain why you changed career paths?

•Talk about your past experience is transferable to the new role.

What are your salary expectations?

• Before discussing any salary, I'd really like to learn more about what this role entails. I've done a lot of research on the [Company] and I am certain if it's the right fit, we'll be able to agree on a number that's fair and competitive to both parties.

What type of work environment do you prefer?

 Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

How would your boss and coworkers describe you?

- •Be honest
- •Try to pull out strengths and traits you haven't discussed in other aspects of the interview
- •Such as your strong work ethic or your willingness to pitch in on other projects when needed.

Do you consider yourself successful?

- •First off, make sure you say yes!
- •Then pick one specific professional achievement you're proud of that can be tied back to the role you're interviewing for.

Where do you see yourself in five years

- If you've set realistic expectations for your career
- If you have ambition
- If the position aligns with your goals and growth

Tip: Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines.

What makes you unique?

- Give them a reason to pick you over other similar candidates.
- •Use this opportunity to tell them something that would give you an edge over your competition for *this* position.
- •Focus on one or two things and don't forget to back up whatever you say with evidence.

What do you think we could do better or differently

- Then start your response with something positive about the company or specific product you've been asked to discuss.
- Give your constructive feedback
- Give some background on the perspective you're bringing to the table
- Explain why you'd make the change you're suggesting (ideally based on some past experience or other evidence).

Do you have any questions from us?

- What are the next steps in the interview process?
- Can you show me examples of projects I'd be working on?
- What attributes does someone need to have in order to be really successful in this position?
- What are the biggest challenges that someone in this position would face?
- What sort of budget would I be working with?