

■ JavaScript Promises – Interview Q&A;

1. What is a Promise in JavaScript?

A Promise is an object that represents the eventual result of an asynchronous operation.
States: Pending, Fulfilled, Rejected.

2. Why do we need Promises?

- Avoid callback hell
- Cleaner async code
- Better error handling

3. Difference between Callbacks and Promises?

Callbacks: nested, hard to read.
Promises: chainable with `.then()`.

4. What are `.then()`, `.catch()`, and `.finally()`?

- `.then()`: handles resolved value
- `.catch()`: handles errors
- `.finally()`: always runs

5. What happens if you don't handle a rejected Promise?

You get an 'UnhandledPromiseRejection' warning.

6. What is Promise Chaining?

Passing result of one `.then()` into the next.

7. Difference between resolve and reject?

- `resolve(value)`: success
- `reject(error)`: failure

8. Explain `Promise.all()`

Runs multiple promises in parallel, resolves if all succeed, rejects if one fails.

9. Explain `Promise.race()`

Settles as soon as the first promise resolves or rejects.

10. Explain `Promise.allSettled()`

Waits for all promises to settle (fulfilled or rejected). Returns array of results.

11. Explain `Promise.any()`

Resolves as soon as one promise fulfills. Rejects only if all fail.

12. Microtasks vs Macrotasks?

Promises use microtasks (executed before `setTimeout` macrotasks).

13. What happens if you return a value from `.then()`?

It is passed to the next `.then()`.

14. What happens if you return a Promise from `.then()`?

The next `.then()` waits until that promise settles.

15. Difference between `.then/catch` and `async/await`?

`Async/await` is cleaner syntax, but internally uses Promises.

16. Can Promises be cancelled?

No true cancellation. Use AbortController or flags as workarounds.