

# THINK ON YOUR FEET ANSWERING UNEXPECTED QUESTION

When an interviewer asks something random...

“What’s your favorite invention?”

“What would you do if AI replaced your role?”

Do you freeze – or flow?



# THE KEY ISN'T SPEED IT'S STRUCTURE.

## QUICK ANSWERS SOUND RUSHED.

Structured answers sound smart.



Here's the 3-step formula to handle any surprise question

Pause → Frame → Deliver



# TAKE 2 SECONDS TO THINK



A short pause shows composure,  
not confusion.

"Even a sip of water or a smile buys you time."

**Example:**

*"That's an interesting question, let me think  
about that for a moment."*

Professional and natural.



# USE STRUCTURE:

**“I SEE IT THIS WAY...”**

**Organize your thought  
into 2–3 points  
before speaking.**



You can use simple frames like  
Past,Present,Future or Problem,Solution,Impact.

**Example:**

*“I’d look at it in two parts, first from a student’s view, and then from a professional one.”*



# SHARE ONE EXAMPLE



Stories make your answers real.  
Pick one quick, relevant instance to support your view.

**Example:**

***“When I led our college project, we faced a similar uncertainty...”***



Don't drift bring your point full circle.

## LINK IT BACK TO THE QUESTION

Example:

***“So that’s why I believe adaptability is key — especially in fast-changing fields like tech.”***



**STAY CALM, NOT CLEVER**

**YOU'RE NOT EXPECTED TO KNOW  
EVERYTHING JUST TO THINK  
CLEARLY UNDER PRESSURE.**

