

Data Analyst Interview Guide

Essential Topics You Need to Know

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1. Excel/Spreadsheet Skills

- VLOOKUP, INDEX-MATCH
- Pivot Tables
- Conditional Formatting
- Data Cleaning & Validation

2. SQL & Databases

- SELECT, JOINS (INNER, LEFT, RIGHT)
- GROUP BY, HAVING, ORDER BY
- Subqueries & Window Functions
- CTEs (Common Table Expressions)

3. Data Visualization

- Tools: Power BI, Tableau, Excel
- Best practices: choosing the right chart
- Dashboards & Interactivity
- Storytelling with Data

4. Statistics & Probability

- Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation
- Correlation vs. Causation
- Hypothesis Testing (t-test, p-value)
- Confidence Intervals

5. Python for Data Analysis

- Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn
- Data wrangling & cleaning
- Basic EDA (Exploratory Data Analysis)

6. Business Understanding

- KPI identification
- Funnel analysis
- AB Testing basics
- Decision-making support

7. Problem Solving & Case Studies

- Product metrics
- Customer segmentation
- Market trend analysis

8. ETL Concepts

- Data extraction, transformation, loading
- Data pipeline basics

9. Data Cleaning Techniques

- Handling missing values
- Duplicates, outliers
- Data formatting

10. Soft Skills & Communication

- Explaining insights to non-technical stakeholders
- Clear visualization storytelling
- Collaborating with cross-functional teams