

Common Questions

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Tell me about yourself.

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Overview

A lot of jobs require someone who can think on their feet or present ideas with crispness and clarity. This question provides employers with an early preview of your core skills, your personality and your ability to respond to an unstructured question.

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Sample answers

Sample answer 1

By Jenny Foss, Career Strategist at linkedin-corp
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From a very early age I've been a problem solver. I was that kid who would take apart anything so I could see how it worked—and then try to put it back together. As you can imagine, it drove my parents nuts. But even though I...

Sample answer 2

By Marketing & Brand Manager Professional
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In my current role as the marketing analyst responsible for a shampoo product line, my core responsibility is to assist the marketing manager to prepare the analytics for monthly sales, as well as a sales prediction model. I als...

Sample answer 3

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I would describe myself as highly curious and focused on learning in all parts of life, personal and professional. In my professional life, I look for the hardest problems to solve and where I can learn and develop the most. I've...

Sample answer 4

By Mechanical Engineer Professional
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I've been shipping consumer devices for the past two decades. Over the years, I've built an expertise in firmware and bootloader designs. I've been lucky to have a few great mentors over the course of my career, and find a...

Answer framework



How to approach this question

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This is something you'll be asked a lot at the beginning of an interview. Here are three tips that'll help you nail the opener.

Be succinct, honest and engaging.

I call this the "SHE" formula. Resist the urge to give a detailed account of the last two decades of your career. The interviewer is looking for an answer that shows them you're qualified and can respond to an unstructured question.

Use the job description to prepare.

Reread what they want and highlight the most required skills that you have. Are they looking for someone who can solve problems or deal with tough customers? Pick a few and brainstorm how you can describe yourself while showcasing your strengths for what they're seeking.

Tie your story to their needs.

People love a good tale, so weave in some personality. For example, maybe you fell in love with the hospitality industry because your grandparents ran a bed and breakfast. Connect your story back to the job, keep it short, and be truthful.

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Tips

- Prepare for this question in advance and have a compelling story about your past experiences.
- Pull prominent skills from the job description.
- Be "SHE" (succinct, honest and engaging).

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