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## Why do you want to work here?

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## Overview

Interviewers want to understand what prompted you to apply for this job. They don't want candidates who are indifferent to where they work. Instead, they want someone who offers very specific reasons for why they want this job.

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## Sample answers

## Sample answer 1

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The first thing that prompted me to apply is your commitment to service. I've been a customer for five years since I first bought a house. We had a big storm that damaged my roof last year, and I was impressed by how caring...

## Sample answer 2

By Brand Marketing Manager Professional  
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I grew up in a household that only used your products. Even when we faced tremendous financial difficulty, my mother would always buy razors manufactured by your company – that's when you realize the role you play in...

## Sample answer 3

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I have spoken to people who worked here previously and I was always highly impressed on how highly they spoke about the company and how well they developed themselves. I admire your mentor program and have...

## Sample answer 4

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I understand that you're looking for a leader who can implement and scale your data analytics platform. Over the course of my career, I have implemented data analytics platforms for 3 companies. Each had its own unique...

## Answer framework



## How to approach this question

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You would be amazed by how few people get this question right. So you've got a big opportunity to shine.

## Make it all about them.

Your best answer will be about what they need. It'll show that you've done your research and have thought through what you can contribute to that team.

## Show them how you can help.

Weave your story into the context of what you can contribute. If you have strong accounting skills and are interviewing for a finance role at a humane society, you could suggest that this job would allow you to blend your professional skills with your passion for animals.

## Speak from the heart.

Telling a genuine story can make a big difference. For example, I once worked with a client who was applying for a zoo event manager job and she had grown up next door to that zoo and had great memories of the peacocks flying over the fence and sitting on her dad's car. So her answer was that she wanted people to have fun memories of that zoo just like she did. Try to top that.

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## Tips

- Make it about them first.
- Show you've done your research.
- Use this as a key opportunity to outshine the competition.
- Speak from the heart.

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