

## Common Questions

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1 Tell me about yourself.

2 What is your greatest strength?

3 What is your greatest weakness?

4 Why should we hire you?

5 Why do you want to work here?

6 Tell me about a time you showed leadership.

7 Tell me about a time you were successful on a team.

8 What would your co-workers say about you?

9 Why do you want to leave your current role?

10 Describe your most challenging project.

11 Tell me about something you've accomplished that you are proud of.

12 Can you explain your employment gap?

13 What are your salary expectations?

14 What do you like to do outside of work?

15 Tell me about a time you had to manage conflicting priorities.

16 Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

17 Describe your leadership style.

18 Tell me about a time you failed or made a mistake.

19 Tell me about a time you worked with a difficult person.

20 Tell me about a time you had to persuade someone.

21 Tell me about a time you disagreed with someone.

22 Tell me about a time you created a goal and achieved it.

23 Tell me about a time you surpassed people's expectations.

24 Tell me about a time you had to handle pressure.

25 Tell me about a time you had to learn something quickly.

26 Do you have any questions for me?

## What do you like to do outside of work?

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## Overview

Interviewers want to know you're going to be enjoyable to have around and not just that you have the hard skills for the job. Use this question to set yourself up as interesting, fun, curious, or a go-getter.

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## Sample answers

## Sample answer 1

By Jenny Foss, Career Strategist at linkedin-corp  
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A lot of my spare time lately has been dedicated to teaching myself how to shoot and edit instructional videos. I've been a garage-sale shopper for several years, and I sell my finds on eBay to pay down my student loan debt...

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## Sample answer 2

By Product Manager Professional  
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I really love backpacking in different countries, especially with different cultures than the one I grew up in. I find that it allows me to disconnect and recharge from everyday life, while growing and learning something new. To...

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## Sample answer 3

By Procurement Manager Professional  
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Outside of work, I enjoy fitness training, perfecting my golf swing, writing and recording music, and taking care of my dogs. This year I will be releasing my 4th album, which is all-instrumental, featuring classical guitar. I play...

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## Sample answer 4

By Marketing & Category Insights Manager Professional  
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My wife and 5 children are my top priority. As a family, we stay very active and enjoy outdoor activities like camping and waterskiing. I played collegiate soccer and when 3 of my children joined teams, I took up coaching...

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## Answer framework



## How to approach this question

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With this question, employers are looking to get a feel for your likability and cultural fit. So what should you say—and not say? Here are a few tips.

## Pick one of your favorites.

Go ahead and share something about your hobbies, volunteer work, or the places you enjoy traveling to. Maybe you're taking classes to help you accelerate your skills. In general, you just want to tell them something that's true and will paint you as an interesting, healthy, or good human being.

## Keep it short.

For example, if you're a bird watcher in your free time, skip the 22-minute account of every species you've ever documented. Share enthusiastically so your passion shines through, but don't ramble on endlessly. Doing so might give the people to whom you're trying to make a good impression the feeling that you're nervous or that brevity just isn't your strong suit.

## Stick to appropriate topics.

Avoid anything that might be pulverizing or offends somebody who's not a part of a particular group like politics or religion. Choose something uncontroversial or beneficial, and take advantage of the opportunity to show them that you're the complete package.

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## Tips

- Share something that paints a favorable picture.
- Keep it short and sweet.
- Don't bore them with long stories.
- Steer clear of the inappropriate zone.

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