

## **LESSON 12. Handouts**

Questions to Ask at the End of an Interview

# Interview Essentials

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Watch the corresponding training video and then open an online document or use a physical notebook to complete any exercises below. Or you can input your responses directly into the PDF.





# Course Outline.

- 1. Introduction & Objectives
- 2. Preparation for an Interview
  - 2.1. Researching for an Interview
- 3. Interview Confidence
  - 3.1. Calming Nerves on the day
- 4. Mindset Shift: Don't 'Show Off', Demonstrate your Value
- 5. The Expert Approach
- 6. Types of Interview Questions
- 7. The Secret to Answering Any Interview Question
- 8. The STAR Interview Response Technique
  - 8.1. STAR Framework Example 1: "Tell me about how you worked effectively under pressure."
  - 8.2. STAR Framework Example 2: "Tell me about a time you showed initiative on the job."
- 9. When you don't have all the job requirements
  - 9.1. How I personally addressed this in an interview.
- 10. Most Common Interview Questions
  - 10.1. Tell me about yourself Dos and Don'ts.
  - 10.2. Tell me about yourself. Example 1
  - 10.3. Tell me about yourself. Example 2
  - 10.4. Tell me about yourself. Example 3
  - 10.5. Tell me about yourself. Example for a fresh graduate.
  - 10.6. What is your greatest Weakness? Dos and Don'ts

- 10.7. What is your greatest Weakness? Example 1
- 10.8. What is your greatest Weakness? Example 1
- 10.9. What is your greatest Weakness? Example 3
- 10.10. What is your greatest Strength? Dos and Don'ts.
- 10.11. What is your greatest Strength? Example 1
- 10.12. Why should we hire you?
- 10.13. Why should we hire you? Example 1
- 10.14. Why should we hire you? Example 2
- 10.15. Why should we hire you? Example for a fresh graduate.
- 11. How to address gaps in your employment timeline.
  - 11.1. How to address gaps in your employment timeline. Examples.
- 12. Questions to ask at the end of an interview
- 13. Negotiating a Starting Salary
  - 13.1. How to dodge the "what's your current salary?" question.
  - 13.2. Making the first offer
  - 13.3. What to do if they come in with the first offer and low-ball
  - 13.4. Give a salary range, but never a number
  - 13.5. Go in with leverage
  - 13.6. Don't accept right away the 24 hour rule
  - 13.7. Make silence your best friend
  - 13.8. What to do if the final offer is too low
- 14. Following up after an interview
- 15. Closing & Good Luck



### Example Questions:

- 1. Can you walk me through a typical day in the life of this role?
- 2. What's the company culture like and how does the team bring the values to life?
- 3. What does success look like in this position, and how do you measure it?
- 4. What's the typical roadmap for development with this role?
- 5. Why did you join this organization, and what's kept you here?
- 6. Where do you see the organization in five years?

- 7. I really like the values of this company: X, Y and Z. Can you tell me more about value X and what it means as an employee of the organization?
- 8. I read in the yearly report that the organization's strategy is X, Y and Z. How does this role fit in with the strategy?
- 9. I noticed on your website that you work with each employee to develop an individual development plan. Could you please share more about what training I might expect to receive to help me growth within the organization?
- 10. If you're really feeling confident, you could ask, "who do you think would be the ideal candidate, and how do I compare?"

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Below, write down some questions you could ask (based on your research):

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