

# 10 interview questions to prepare

There are lots of questions that your interviewer could ask, which can feel a bit scary. However, you can prepare for some key questions which are likely to be asked, and adapt your answers to fit the questions that come up.

Here are some examples of likely questions to prepare answers for.

## 1. Tell me about yourself.

This one seems easy, but if you're feeling nervous you might suddenly find you can't remember anything about yourself, or you waffle for 10 minutes about your life story. A good answer for this one is about three sentences about your career path and how you got to applying for this job.

## 2. Why do you want to work for this company?

This is your chance to show the interviewer that you've done your research about the company and that you're passionate about what they do.

## 3. Tell me about something you're proud of.

It's best to refer to one of your achievements, or about somewhere you worked, that's on your CV. You could talk about an older achievement and how it's helped you to grow into the person you are today.

## 4. Why are you looking for a job?

The interviewer wants to know that you're serious about this role with them. Focus on the positives and what you want to achieve in a new role.

## 5. What can you bring to this role?

They want to hear about your skills that are relevant to the role. Summarise what you understand the role to involve, your relevant skills and a couple of examples of when you've used those skills before.





### **6. Where do you see yourself in five years?**

Focus on your career goals and be realistic, referring to some of the skills you expect to develop in the role.

### **7. Tell me about a time when...**

This is a situational question where the interviewer wants to hear about a challenge you've overcome and the result you achieved. Use the STAR method to answer this one (see our other resources for guidance on using STAR).

### **8. How do you deal with stress?**

You want to show that you're aware of when you become stressed and that you can manage it in a professional way. Try not to go into too much detail for this one but refer to any techniques you have like writing down your priorities or going for a walk on your lunch break.

### **9. What are your salary expectations?**

This will only be asked if the salary wasn't advertised or it was advertised as a range. It's important to prepare this beforehand so you can state it with confidence and have your reasons prepared.

### **10. Do you have any questions?**

This is a really important one to show your interest in the role. You can ask a question that expands on something they've already told you about the role, or a question about their personal experience working for the company. Have a few questions prepared in case some have already been answered.