

## Lesson #6

### “Common Interview Questions”

Common interview questions often serve as a way for interviewers to assess a candidate's qualifications, personality, and fit for the job. Here is a list of some frequently asked interview questions:

1. **Tell me about yourself.**
  - This is usually an open-ended question. Provide a brief overview of your professional background and personal attributes.
2. **What are your strengths and weaknesses?**
  - Highlight your strengths that are relevant to the job, and mention a weakness you've worked to improve.
3. **Why do you want to work for this company?**
  - Explain your interest in the company, its mission, culture, and how you can contribute.
4. **Why are you a good fit for this position?**
  - Match your skills and experiences to the job requirements.
5. **Can you describe how you handled a challenging situation you faced at work?**
  - Use the STAR method to provide a specific example of a challenge and your approach to overcoming it.
6. **Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**
  - Discuss your career goals and how they align with the company's opportunities.
7. **Why did you leave your previous job?**
  - Be honest and avoid criticizing your previous employer. Focus on the desire for new challenges or growth.
8. **What is your preferred work style or work environment?**
  - Tailor your answer to the company's culture and job requirements.
9. **Tell me about a time you worked in a team.**
  - Provide a specific example of a successful team project, highlighting your role and contributions.
10. **What do you know about our products/services/industry?**
  - Show that you've done your homework by discussing the company's offerings and industry trends.

**11. How do you handle stress or pressure?**

- Explain your coping mechanisms and share an example of a high-pressure situation you managed effectively.

**12. What motivates you?**

- Discuss what drives you in your professional life: challenges, continuous learning, or helping others.

**13. How do you handle failure or setbacks?**

- Describe how you analyze the situation, learn from it, and use it to improve.

**14. Do you work better independently or as part of a team?**

- Tailor your response to the job's requirements, but emphasize your ability to adapt to both scenarios.

**15. Tell me about a time when you demonstrated leadership.**

- Use the STAR method to provide a specific example of a leadership experience.

**16. What are your salary expectations?**

- Be prepared to discuss your salary expectations, but consider mentioning that it's negotiable.

**17. Do you have any questions for us?**

- Prepare thoughtful questions about the company, the team, or the job to demonstrate your interest and curiosity.

**18. Why should we hire you?**

- Summarize your key qualifications and why they make you the best fit for the job.

**19. Tell me about a project or accomplishment you're particularly proud of.**

- Highlight a significant achievement that showcases your skills and contributions.

**20. How do you stay current with industry trends or developments?**

- Discuss your commitment to continuous learning and professional development.

These common interview questions serve as a foundation for your interview preparation. Customize your responses to align with your experiences and the specific job you're applying for. Practice your answers to be more confident and articulate during the interview.