

Advanced 3- Job Interview - Why did you leave the last job?

Class Objective: I will be able to learn how to respond to why I left the last job in an interview.



Why did you leave your last job?



Concept A: Why does the employer ask you this question?

The employer is checking to see if you:

- Have a good reason for leaving your job or jobs.
- Are running away or pursuing a new opportunity.
- Can leave situations on good terms with others.
- Value work and have a sense of obligation.

You should never lie during an interview. But, you should refrain from the following:

- Badmouthing a former employer - even if they deserve it.
- Victimizing yourself.
- Sounding wishy-washy or flakey.

Concept B: Some ways interviewer can ask the question:

An interviewer might phrase the job interview question:

- Why are you leaving your current job?
- Why are you looking for a new job?
- Why are you looking for a new opportunity?

They may also ask more direct questions:

- Why did you leave a particular job?
- Can you explain your career gap?
- Why did you leave after two days /weeks /months?
- Why were you fired?

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