

Fifty Standard Interview Questions You Should Expect

1. Tell me about yourself (focus on professional, not personal, response. What are your key strengths?)
2. What do you want to do with your professional life?
3. What is your actual work experience relevant to this job?
4. How would you describe your ideal job?
5. Why did you choose this career?
6. At what point in your education did you plan your career path?
7. What goals do you have in your career?
8. How do plan to achieve these?
9. How do you evaluate success?
10. Describe a situation in which you were successful.
11. What do you think it takes to be successful in this career?
12. What accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction in your life?
13. If you had to live your life over again, what would you change?
14. Would you rather work with information or people?
15. On a team, what role do you usually play?
16. Under what situations do you prefer to work alone? With a team?
17. What motivates you?
18. Why should I hire you over someone else?
19. How do you set goals?
20. What motivates you more, goals set by yourself or given to you by someone else?
21. Tell me about the most recent goal you achieved.
22. What are your short term goals?
23. What are your long term goals?
24. What do you expect to be doing in five years?
25. Tell me about the way you respond to conflict.
26. When have you had a conflict with a professor or supervisor? How was it resolved?
27. What major obstacle or problem have you had to deal with recently?
28. How do you respond to pressure?
29. Tell me about your coping skills to deal with changing priorities and deadlines.
30. What are your key strengths?
31. What is your main weakness?
32. What are you doing to correct it?
33. What will your references say about you?
34. Why did you choose to attend college?
35. Looking back on your college experience, what would you change, and why?
36. How has your education prepared you for your career?
37. What college classes did you have that challenged you the most?
38. What college classes do you feel best equip you for this job?
39. Tell me about a research project you had to do. Walk me through your process.
40. Describe for me a time when you had multiple projects to take care of.
41. What was the worst grade you got in a class... why was it low?
42. What are your plans to continue your education?
43. Why do you have an interest to work in the _____ industry?
44. Tell me what you know about this organization.
45. Why are you interested in working for us?
46. What are your feelings about relocation?
47. How much travel are you willing to do?
48. What are your salary expectations?
49. What type of supervisor do you respond best to?
50. What do you want me to know about you as a potential employee?

Great answers are honest, positive, specific and directly answer the question.

