

Other common interview questions. The STAR model does NOT work for these.

1. Tell me about yourself.

- Tell the interviewer a little about your background.
- Tell the interviewer what kind of person you are.

Examples – hard-working, energetic, creative, a quick learner

2. Why are you leaving your current job? / Why did you leave your last job?

- Don't say anything bad about your former boss or job.
- You can say something like, "I am ready for new challenges."

3. Do you have any experience as a _____?

- If you have experience, say yes and explain briefly.
- If you do not have experience, you can say, "No, but I like to learn new things, and I am a quick learner."

4. Tell me about an accomplishment you are proud of.

- This should be work-related, or related to your education.

5. What are your greatest strengths? / What is your greatest strength?

- Try to mention something related to the job you are applying for OR something that is needed for any job.

Example: I can learn new things quickly.

6. What is your greatest weakness?

- Mention something that you are working to improve.
- Don't mention something that will make you unsuitable for the job you are applying for.

Example: Sometimes I can be too concerned about details. When time is limited, I've learned to decide which details are important and focus on those.

7. What are some of your skills?

- Mention two or three hard and soft skills that are listed in the job description.

8. Why should we hire you? / Why are you the right person for this job?

- Tell the interviewer that you believe your skills and personality fit the job description.
- Also mention that you are eager to do a good job.

9. How do you deal with stress? / How do you handle pressure?

- You can give an example from a previous job.
- You can explain how you prioritize tasks.

10. Where do you see yourself in five years? / What are your career goals?

- Try to give a general answer, but show interest in the company you are interviewing with.

Example: I'd be interested in moving up in the company as opportunities come along.

11. Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team?

- It is a good idea to say, "It depends on the situation."
- If the job description mentions teamwork, make sure to say you like working on a team.