

10 BASIC JOB INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

WORKSHEET

These questions accompany the 10 Basic Job Interview Questions PowerPoint.

For each of the questions, think about the motives of the interviewer. What is she/he really trying to learn by asking this specific question?

When planning how you would respond to a question, think of the question being asked in an interview for a specific type of job that you would apply for.

Practice your responses to these questions!

1 Tell me about yourself.

What does the interviewer want to learn by asking this question?

How would you respond? (You could create a “story statement” here!)

2 What is your greatest strength?

Why would the interviewer ask this question?

How would you respond?



3 What is one of your weaknesses?

Why would the interviewer ask this question?

How would you respond?

4 What are you passionate about? (Or, perhaps, “What are your interests?”)

Why would the interviewer ask this question?

How would you respond?

5 Describe a difficult work situation or project and how you overcame it.

Why would the interviewer ask this question?

How would you respond?

6 What did you like or dislike about your previous job? (Or what is your favourite and least favourite class at school?)

Why would the interviewer ask this question?





How would you respond?

7 (A & B) What excites you about working for this company? and Why should we hire you?

Think of a specific job you would apply for. How would you respond to either of these questions?

8 Why should we hire you?

Choose a job that you would like to apply for. Write down at least four sentences that act as your “sales pitch” to show the employer that you are the best candidate for the role.

9 Questions about your goals: What are your goals for the future? or Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Why would the interviewer ask questions about your goals?

How would you respond to one of these questions?

10 “Do you have any questions for me?”

What should you do to be ready for this question?

