

## Job Discussion Questions

1. What 'dream jobs' did you have as a child? What are your dream jobs now?
2. What have been your best and worst work experiences?  
If you haven't had a job yet, why not?
3. What kind of job advice, suggestions, and nagging have you received?
4. Which jobs are desirable (or not) for a lifelong partner?
5. Would you rather have a job that is  
.... **social or solitary?**  
.... **hectic or slow-paced?**  
... **varied or repetitive?**
6. What have you learned from your parents' work experiences?
7. What jobs would you never want?
8. What qualities are most related to high job satisfaction for you?  
(money, leisure time, travel opportunity, status, **gratifying** work, etc.)
9. Amongst your family and friends, who has the highest job satisfaction? lowest job satisfaction?
10. Would you rather have..  
...a job you enjoy that just '**makes ends meet**' or  
... a stressful job that has a high salary?
11. Would you rather have a man or a woman as a boss? a coworker?
12. Do you think there are certain jobs that men or women are better at doing?
13. If you had to work 40 hours/week, what would be your ideal schedule?
14. Would you be OK not having a job if your partner had a high-paying job?
15. Can you think of any likely future jobs that don't exist yet?
16. Have you ever had a job (or other kind of) interview? How did it go? Were you nervous?  
What questions were you asked?
17. What do you think are the differences when interviewing with a Asian company or an international company?
18. What are your biggest concerns about future job interviews and the application process?
19. What do you think are some important job interview tips and strategies?
20. What are some job interview questions that would be challenging to answer?

### Assignment:

We are going to have practice job interviews in two or three weeks. Next week (Week#10) ,we will practice answering job interview questions. For next week, please prepare some basic information about a job you want to apply for...now or in the future.

## The major types of questions

- **Personal qualities / values**  
Make list of words that describe you, think of examples
- **Key experiences STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result)**  
Think of a situation where you learned something/demonstrated some skills
- **Related skills and preparation**  
Why are you a good fit for this job? Which of your skills and experiences match their needs?

## Job Interview Questions

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. What five adjectives best describe you?
3. How would friends and professors who know you well describe you?
4. What makes you stand out among your peers?
5. What are your strengths? Best skills? What is your major weakness?
6. Who is your personal and/or professional role model? Why?
7. What are your career goals? Future plans?
8. How long are you willing to fail at this job before you succeed?
9. What do you know about this company? Why are you seeking a position with our company?
10. Why should we hire you for this job? What can you offer us that others cannot?
11. What kinds of decisions are most difficult for you?
12. In general, how do you handle conflict? Do you directly confront an issue or avoid it?
13. I see from your resume that you (studied, worked, went to...). Can you tell me more about your experience there?
14. Give me an example from past experiences or a previous job where you have shown initiative.
15. Tell me about the last time you made a mistake and how you corrected it.
16. When was the last time you took a risk. What was it and in **retrospect**, was it the right decision?
17. What is an important goal that you set in the past? Did you succeed? Why or Why not?
18. What has been the most challenging experience of your life? How did you confront that challenge?
19. Your supervisor tells you to do something that is **ethically wrong**. What do you do?
20. If you had a choice, would you prefer to work alone or as part of a team? Why?
21. Describe the relationship that should exist between a supervisor and employees?
22. What are your most satisfying accomplishments?
23. How have your educational experiences prepared you for this position?
24. Which university classes did you enjoy the most? The least? Why?
25. What **extracurricular** activities were you involved in?
26. Which software programs do you have experience with? How would you describe your skill level?
27. What salary are you expecting? What do you expect to earn in this position?
28. How would you define a good working atmosphere?
29. Would you be willing to work late hours and/or on the weekend?
30. Would you prefer to work for a Korean company or an international company? Why?
31. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about why you'd be a good fit for our company?
32. If you could change something about your past, would you? Why or why not?
33. If you could be any superhero, who would you choose? Why?
34. What is your favorite company or brand? Why?
35. Describe the color yellow to someone who is blind.

## More information at:

<https://bufseng.blogspot.com/2020/11/job-interview-discussion-vocabulary.html>

For our Week#12 Mock Job Interviews, please create a Job Application Overview. You can copy this form and see an example below.

<b>Date:</b> ..... 20..
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Desired Company &amp; Position:</b>
<b>Academic, Work, Volunteer Experiences</b>
<b>Education</b>
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<b>Employment/Experiences</b>
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<b>Skills &amp; Interests</b>
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<b>Date:</b> December 2023
<b>Name:</b> Jeff Lebow
<b>Desired Company &amp; Position:</b> Englishbridges Webcasting Network, Online Talk Show Host
<b>Academic, Work, Volunteer Experiences</b>
<b>Employment</b>
• Associate Professor, Busan University Of Foreign Studies, 2010-present
• Show Host, Edtechtalk.com Webcast 2005-2012
• Assistant Professor, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH (2004~2009)
<b>Education</b>
• Master's Degree, Training and Learning Technologies University of New Mexico
• Bachelor's Degree, International Studies, University of Pennsylvania
<b>Skills &amp; Interests</b>
• Founder and participant in several only communities, developed a variety of technical and social web-building skills.
• Active Interest in current events global issues, multicultural understanding

- Focused on Health and Fitness: exercise regularly, vegetarian

## Preparing for the major types of job interview questions

- **Personal qualities / values**

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- **Related skills and preparation**

Why are you a good fit for this job?

Read the job ad carefully and prepare answers related to what they are looking for.

## Resume Prep Questions

1. What words and phrases describe the parts of your character and personality that would make you a good employee?
2. What are some of your strongest skills and abilities? Give examples of when they were successfully used?
3. What else would make you a good employee?
4. Describe jobs and experiences that would be of interest to a potential employer. List the company/organization, your position, and describe what you did using engaging action verbs. How did you contribute to the success of your company or group? Use specific numbers or percentages if possible. For example, 'raised participation rate from 52% to 67%'.

## Cover Letter Prep Questions

Think of a specific position with a specific company where you'd like to work.

Company:

Position:

1. Why are you interested in this position? This organization? This field/industry?
2. What do you know about the organization, its work, clients/customers/products that especially interests you?

3. What do you feel distinguishes this organization from its competitors?
4. What specific skills and knowledge is the employer seeking for this position?
5. How have your prior experiences influenced your interest in this position/organization/feld?
6. In what ways have your accomplishments during your prior experiences (extracurricular, volunteer, work, other) prepared you to excel in this position?
7. What aspects of your academic experience will help you succeed in this position?
8. Compared to other applicants, how might you be uniquely qualified for the position?
9. How will the organization benefit from hiring you?