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A job interview is simply a conversation between a jobseeker and an employer. Interviews are conducted to assess whether the jobseeker should be hired by the employer, and whether the jobseeker wants to work for the employer.

Interviews provide an opportunity for both parties to learn more about the other.

"Failing To Prepare, Is Preparing To Fail"
- Benjamin Franklin -

We know at times, interviews can be stressful, and while you cannot predict all of the questions you will be asked during an interview, you can prepare for some of the most common ones, which will help you feel ready for the interview.

To help you out, we've prepared a list of the Most Common Apprenticeship Interview Questions, and provided some helpful tips on How to Prepare Your Responses.



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QUESTION: Tell me about yourself

TIP:

Employers ask this question so they can understand more about you and whether you are fit for their team. They are looking for information relating to your education, and any previous experience, but also some personal details like your interests and hobbies.

QUESTION: What are your strengths?

TIP:

The first step here is to brainstorm and make a list of all your strengths. Your strengths could include:

- **Experience** – any previous work experience you have done, work or activities you enjoyed or received praise for.
- **Talents** – think about any talents you might have, including sporting ability, or creativity etc.
- **Soft skills** – think about any skills you might have such as problem solving, communication, team work, good organizational skills. Your teachers may have reported these in your school report card.
- **Education and training** – think about any certificates you might have.

If you're having trouble with this list, as a family member, friend or previous employer on what they think your strengths are.

The next step is to narrow down your list, and select only those skills and strengths that are relevant for the type of apprenticeship you are applying for.

When answering this question, explain why you think the list of skills and strengths are relevant – if possible give an example.

QUESTION: Why have you applied for this apprenticeship?

TIP:

This question allows you to show the employer you've done your research and have decided that this is the career path for you. Talk about why this industry interests you, and how an apprenticeship will help you reach your long-term goals, both career and personal.

Think about the specific skills this apprenticeship will help you develop, and why you want to learn them.

QUESTION: How do you handle stress?

TIP:

Everyone has different stressors in their life, and employers ask this question so they can understand how you cope with stress or stressful situations.

Think about a stressful situation that you handled well (it could have been a big school assignment, or another situation), and talk about the process you went through to manage the situation and your stress levels. It's always good to give an example if possible.

QUESTION: Why should I hire you?

TIP:

This is your chance to shine, and tell the employer why you're different to other candidates. You should talk about why you believe you are the best fit for their role. You can talk about the skills, experience and interest you have the apprenticeship, as well why you're a great addition to their team.

QUESTION: Do you have any questions?

TIP:

If these points haven't been covered in the interview, it gives you an opportunity to ask some questions about the role. The questions you might like to ask could be:

- What does a typical day look like?
- What do you expect as a dress code?
- Are you considering offering apprentices a permanent role after the apprenticeship is completed?
- What have previous apprentices gone onto do once they have completed their apprenticeship?