

## ACE YOUR INTERVIEW CHALLENGE

### Week 4: Sample Interview Questions and Other Great Resources!

Using what you have learned during the Ace Your Interview Challenge, think about how you would answer these questions.

**1. Why are you interested in working for our company?**

Think about the type of company you are being interviewed for: restaurant? Retail? A library? What is it about the company that has you interested? What are you good at in school or at home that would give you the skills to work for that company?

**2. How has your school experience prepared you for working at our company?**

What classes are you good in that would make you a good fit for the job? Talk about how school has taught you the need to be on time, to understand responsibility (for example, getting your homework done on time). You can also talk about how school has taught you how important it is to work hard to get good results in anything you do!

**3. What do you think it takes to be successful in this job?**

If you were hiring somebody to work for you, what qualities would you look for in them? Hard working? Motivated? Responsible? What else??

**4. What makes a good team player? Can you give me an example of a time when you were part of a team? Tell me about the experience.**

Think about a time when you worked as part of a team (sports, group work at school, etc.). Think of the hardest working person on your team: what made them such a good team member? Were they able to make everyone on the team feel like their ideas mattered? Were they cooperative, respectful of the ideas of others, and positive thinkers? Were they creative? Did they take the time to help others who were having a hard time? What other qualities did they have?

This would also be a great question to respond to using the S.T.A.R. method that we learned about.

**5. What has been your most rewarding accomplishment?**

What is one thing you did, or do regularly, either at home, at school, or in your volunteer work? Have you ever won any prizes for anything? Aced a test? Even something like helping in your community or at home should be considered a very important accomplishment. Talk about it! Share what you learned and how it made you feel!

**Be passionate about something!**

**6. Have you ever had difficulty with a supervisor or teacher? How did you resolve the conflict?**

This is another great opportunity to use the S.T.A.R. method. Talking about how you solved the conflict in a **positive way** will demonstrate a great **transferable skill**: how you can apply your conflict resolution abilities from your everyday life to your job! Don't be thrown off because the question sound negative. Instead, impress your interviewer by describing the situation clearly and telling him/her about how you turned things around and made them better!

Source: Ask.com <http://jobsearch.about.com/od/teenjobinterviews/qt/teenintquest8.htm>

Some other great on-line resources that can help you prepare for interviews:

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**More sample interview questions:**

<http://www.maricopa.gov/youth/pdf/teenInterviewQuestions.pdf>

<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/teenjobinterviews/qt/teenintquest8.htm>

<http://ezinearticles.com/?10-Sample-Interview-Questions-For-Teens&id=1674378>

[http://www.bbssepa.org/atf/cf/%7B5094A2BA-319B-4E8B-9049-EB89383B1832%7D/Basic\\_and\\_Teen\\_Interview\\_Questions.pdf](http://www.bbssepa.org/atf/cf/%7B5094A2BA-319B-4E8B-9049-EB89383B1832%7D/Basic_and_Teen_Interview_Questions.pdf)

<http://www.dcjobs.com/a/t-summer-job-interview-questions-for-teens-au-marcia-robinson-articles-a5202.html>

<http://www.jobinterviewtools.com/?gclid=CL3SgL-djLgCFclDMgodIhIAFA>

**Questions to ask your interviewer:**

<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/interviewquestionsanswers/a/interviewquest2.htm>

<http://www.cenedella.com/its-not-about-me-its-about-you-the-20-questions-you-need-to-ask-in-a-job-interview-3/>

**Things to avoid saying or doing in an interview:**

<http://theundercoverrecruiter.com/10-classic-job-interview-blunders-you-must-avoid/>

<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/interview-mistakes/ss/most-common-interview-mistakes.htm>

<http://careers.jobstreet.com.my/interview/interview-tips-things-to-avoid-in-an-interview>

**General Interview Tips:**

[http://kidshealth.org/teen/school\\_jobs/jobs/tips\\_interview.html](http://kidshealth.org/teen/school_jobs/jobs/tips_interview.html)

<http://voices.yahoo.com/what-expect-first-job-interview-what-1425849.html>

**Are Interviewers REALLY ALLOWED to ask you this??:**

<http://jobs.aol.com/articles/2013/01/03/job-applications-legal-questions/>

<http://talentegg.ca/incubator/2010/07/16/8-types-of-illegal-interview-questions-and-how-to-avoid-them/>

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