

Examples of Potential Interview Questions



1. What do you consider to be your greatest strength and why? Give an example of when you used this strength.
2. What do you consider to be your greatest challenge (weakness)? How are you working to improve in this particular area?
3. Describe your most stressful academic, work, or life experience. How did you get through this situation?
4. Tell me about a time when you were criticized unfairly or you dealt with failure. What was your immediate reaction? What did you learn from this experience?
5. Sometimes we all run into difficult customers, co-workers, or team members. Tell me about a difficult person you had to deal with recently.
6. Rate your communication skills on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing excellent communication skills. Give me an example from a past experience that demonstrates that your selected number is accurate.
7. Describe a time when you used teamwork to achieve a goal. What was your role on the team and the resulting outcome?
8. Describe a time when you best demonstrated your leadership skills or leadership style?
9. Describe the work environment or work culture in which you experience the most success.
10. What do you feel is a pressing or relevant current issue within your intended professional field of interest?
11. How do you plan to move your professional field forward or contribute to your professional field?
12. What has been your most enjoyable or impactful experience (classroom, work, volunteer, etc.) and why?
13. Questions to assess cultural competency
 - a. Tell me about a time you communicated with someone from a different cultural background in an effective way.
 - b. How important is diversity to a team's output? Please give an example.
 - c. What skills do you have that would contribute to a global workforce? Please provide an example of when you have used them.
14. We are interviewing many candidates for this position (graduate school admission), why are you the best candidate and should be hired (admitted)?