Interviewing: 20 Common Interview Questions

Prepare answers to the questions that you think might be asked of you during the interview.

• Tell me about yourself.
• Why did you leave your last job or why are you considering leaving your current job?
• Why did you choose to work at _________ (current or most recent employer)?
• What do/did you like most and least about your current/most recent position?
• What did you like most and least about your past position(s)?
• What accomplishments are you most proud of?
• What are the most important qualities that you're looking for in your next position?
• What drives/motivates you?
• What are your strengths / weaknesses?
• What is most appealing to you about this position?
• Why do you like working in this field/ why are you interested in this field?
• Give me an example of how you worked on a team. What was your role?
• Tell me about a time when you exercised your leadership skills.
• Tell me about a failure in your past and what you learned from it.
• What qualities do you think make someone successful in our type of work?
• Where would you like to be in your career in 5 years? 10 years?
• Why do you think you are qualified for this position?
• Why did you go to graduate school?
• Why that specific school?
• What would you like me know about you that is not on your resume?
• What do you like to do when you’re not at work?