

Yale *Office of Career Strategy*

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?