

CLEVER QUESTIONS TO ASK AT A JOB INTERVIEW

Getting ready for a job interview can be stressful. Preparation is key, but it's important to sound natural and not like you have rehearsed your answers - even if you have!

One thing you can do to get a bit ahead of the game is to prepare a number of questions to ask your interviewer at the end. You will almost always be given the opportunity to ask questions and it is expected that you will do so. The worst thing you can do is to say "No, I don't think so" when asked if you have any questions.

So what makes an interesting question that will potentially impress an employer?

Q: What are the most and least enjoyable aspects of the role?

This can show that you like to know the kind of challenge you are going to face and that you want to get properly prepared for it, all in the expectation of being able to rise to the occasion.

Q: What type of training opportunities do you offer?

This is a classic question. It highlights that you're keen to advance your skills and add further value to the organisation.



Q: Can you tell me how this role relates to the overall structure of the organisation?

With this question you're drawing attention to a preference for team work. It looks as though you want to know where you would fit in and how your contribution would affect the rest of the company.

Q: How is performance measured and reviewed?

This question flags up that you appreciate the importance of delivering real results. You will be seen as someone who understands the value of commitment, reliability and returns.

All these questions aim to do the same thing - they offer a further opportunity for you to show the interviewer why you are the best person for the job. Just make sure that in your keenness to ask good questions, you don't ask about something which has already been covered during the main part of the interview - that will just tell the employer that you don't have very good listening skills!



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