

5 Things Not to Say during an Interview

Summary: Interviews make it or break it for candidates, so prepare ahead of time and make sure you don't make these five stupid comments during the interview.



You finally landed the coveted job interview. You picked out the perfect interview outfit, making sure to be clean, pressed and ready for the opportunity. Now make sure what you say during the interview doesn't ruin your chances.

See the following articles for more information:

- [Seven Ways to Be the Best Possible Job Candidate](#)
- [The Right Way to End an Interview](#)

1. "Sorry, the traffic was bad."

Leave early enough to account for bad traffic or something else to go wrong so that there is no chance of you being late. If you arrive super early, just sit in your car or in a café near the building where you are interviewing until ten minutes before the interview is scheduled.

2. "How did you get hired here?"



Don't ask personal questions. Remember, you are the one being interviewed. This question also implies that they got their job because they were lucky, knew someone, or are not qualified for it. Keep your questions and comments on simple small talk topics.

3. "I don't know."

This is not an acceptable answer to any question if you seriously want the job. No matter how difficult the question may be, attempt to answer it or come up with an explanation on how you would find the answer.

4. "I don't have any questions."

You should arrive at every interview with pre-planned questions. Do the proper research before so that you know what makes a good question and isn't something you should have known by reading their website before. Easy questions to ask: "What is a typical day like?" or "How is performance measured?"

- See **Five Clever Ways to Research a Company before the Interview** for more information.

5. "What is the salary?"

Wait until you receive a job offer to start asking about salary. If you have done your research before on sites like salary.com or glassdoor.com then you will know what salary you can roughly expect.

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