



What they say – what they mean!

1. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

They mean “Can you do the job?”

Know your strengths and mention ones that are relevant to the job you are being interviewed for. It is important to quote examples of when you used the skills.

2. What do you know about the company?

They mean “Do you know what we do? Why have you chosen here?”

Show you’ve done your homework and that you know about the organisation and its aims. Have some facts and figures at the ready.

3. Where do you see yourself being in five years time?

They mean “How ambitious are you?”

This is your chance to show how enthusiastic you are to get on. You can talk about short term and long-term goals. Remember you are at an interview for that particular job – so your short-term goal should be to get that job!



I don't have much work experience?

You could use examples from school or clubs, voluntary work, hobbies or even your personal life. As long as the example highlights competence in the area it is still valid 😊



- Do your research – Check out the Company’s website and learn about what it does and what its goals are.
- Review your CV – Interviews put us all under pressure and you may forget important things.
- Arrive on time – Write down the address, work out how you are going to get there and if you can, do a practice run. Aim to arrive 15 minutes before the interview is scheduled to start.
- Dress appropriately – What to wear for an interview varies accordingly to the industry but your clothes should always be clean and smart.
- Be positive – about yourself, the position you’re going for and your past experience.
- Go into detail – Think of several examples of times when you accomplished something important. Be specific about what the task was, how you went about it, any problems you faced and what skills and strengths you used to succeed.
- Ask questions – This not only gives you an opportunity to clarify anything you’re unsure of, it also shows you have a genuine interest in the job.
- Practice with a friend or a family member in advance.

