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Job Interview

To help you prepare for your next job interview, we've compiled a list of 28 common questions you'll likely be asked. Please scroll down for sample answers and tips to help you craft your own responses.

- 1. What makes you unique?
- 2. Tell me about yourself and your qualifications.
- 3. Why do you want to work at this company?
- 4. What interests you about this role?
- 5. What motivates you?
- 6. What are your greatest strengths?
- 7. What are your greatest weaknesses?
- 8. What are your goals for the future?
- 9. Where do you think you'll be in five years?
- 10. What did you like most about your last position?
- 11. What did you like least about your last position?
- 12. Can you tell me about a difficult work situation and how you overcame it?
- 13. How do you respond to stress or change?
- 14. How do you handle conflict at work?
- 15. What is your greatest accomplishment?
- 16. How do you define success?
- 17. How do your skills align with this role?
- 18. Why should we hire you?
- 19. Why are you leaving your current job?
- 20. What is your salary range expectation?
- 21. Do you have any questions?
- 22. What are you passionate about?
- 23. What is your teaching philosophy?
- 24. What does customer service mean to you?
- 25. Tell me about your work experience.
- 26. How do you work under pressure?
- 27. What is your dream job?
- 28. What can you bring to the company?

1. What makes you unique?

Employers often ask this question to identify why you might be more qualified than other candidates they're interviewing. To help you prepare an answer to this question,

we asked Indeed's resident career coach Jennifer Herrity to offer some guidance. "There are times when helping to prepare someone for an interview that I find they overlook their unique skill sets," Jennifer told us. "For example, it can be easy to not recognize traits or skills that are natural strengths like the ability to speak another language or motivate a team." Jennifer further advises, "Start by reflecting on what advice or support people seek you out for — this is an indicator of what you uniquely have to offer." You can structure your answer by following these three bullet points:

- Review the job description for qualities that the employer finds valuable.
- Incorporate ways you've been successful in your previous roles.
- Highlight the traits or skills you've been praised for by former managers and colleagues.

Example answer: "I think what makes me unique is my ability to meet and exceed deadlines without sacrificing accuracy in my work. In my previous role, my manager consistently praised me for completing the quarterly status reports early and with a high level of quality. This allowed me to take on additional responsibilities and eventually led to my promotion."