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Tell Me about Yourself Key

1. Tell me something about yourself?

ANSWER: This is the most common question. This is where you would market yourself and is a good time to use your key strength statements you have prepared in your 60 Second Infomercial or Elevator Pitch. Make sure your response is relevant to the position.

2. Why are you interested in working with this company?

ANSWER: Focus on how you are an asset to the organizations. What is the employer really asking? Have you done your homework? Do you know this organization? What makes you excited: is it the organization mission, philosophy, goals, etc.?

3. Tell me about your education qualifications.

ANSWER: Always answer personal questions truthfully because lying can become issues later on. If you did not really enjoy your schooldays, for example, say so, with clear reasons. Then show how you slowly changed your opinion to such a degree that you made subsequent education work for you. That would make you appear much more resilient, mature and attractive than pretending you enjoyed it from day one. Show the relevance of your degree or college qualifications to the job you are seeking and how you would use it to good advantage. Your answer might even give an innovative idea the interviewers might not have thought of. Make sure you go on occasional training so that you can at least show you are keeping up with the new developments and ahead of the trends. This question is usually asked to see if you are interested in your education career goals – are you equipped for the job you are interviewing for.

4. Why have you chosen a career in this specific field?

ANSWER: The answer to this question can differ from person to person. It is a brilliant opportunity to explain the extensive process of research and education that you have undertaken. The best way to answer this question is to tell them about your strengths and how you match up with their company.

5. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

ANSWER: The employer may use previous experience for this question. The employer is looking for your strengths. This is a good time to show how your strengths, skills and accomplishments can fit into their corporation. Here are two examples of how to answer this question:

First, be honest, but give examples of how you're working to improve it. For example, "Public speaking is my greatest weakness, but I am actively working to improve my skills by taking public speaking classes and practicing my skills." Second, give an answer that could also be seen as a strength or shows work ethic. For example, "I tend to be a perfectionist, which could be a weakness or a strength depending on how you look at it. It's a strength because it means I always produce quality work, but it could also be a weakness because it means I sometimes spend too much time on one task if it doesn't meet my standards."