

Interview Tips from Tatiana :)

Remember you have to make sure all your answers are relevant to the job you are applying for.

Question: Tell me about yourself.

Answer: 2 sentences describing your professional life (where you study/studied; most significant job position and mention some good results from both) 2 sentences about your personal life (what passions do you have? Did you read an interesting book that inspired you? Have you been doing some sport for a long time?)

Why do they ask that: To see your best skills and passions without looking in your resume.

Question: What is the project/time in your life that you think was the most significant?

Answer: I scored the highest score on one of the projects at my university (what was the score and how did you achieve it); I learned how to snowboard (it was challenging because I am scared of speed, but I managed to overcome it and I am ready to step out of my comfort zone more often, it's liberating); I speak 4 languages fluently; I overcame a skin disease without doctors (by researching everything by myself and I am also helping others now)

Why do they ask that: To see the real person in you, your qualities and what motivates you.

Question: Have you had any problems with your colleagues? / If you are in a situation where your colleague doesn't do any job and you have to do his job -- How would you approach this situation?

Answer: Firstly, I would talk to them as a friend-not an enemy. I would try to explain to them that they are missing an opportunity to learn. I would also explain that they are good at something/better than me in some part of the task (which could help to motivate them).

Why do they ask that: To see whether you are a good communicator and whether you can solve problems and deal with negative situations.

Question: How many petrol stations are in Sofia?

Answer: What an interesting question! Well, I guess because there are around 30 neighbourhoods in Sofia, every single one has maybe 2 stations, so the number should be around 100 on average. // I am not sure about this but considering there are 2 mil people living, thousands of those people have cars, I think about 300 or more.// I can check the internet to give you an answer within 3 seconds, but I think it should be around 600!

Why do they ask that: Such random questions show whether you give up and say: I don't know! Or you will try to find the answer anyway. Never say that you don't know, it indicates that you give up easily.

Question: Tell me your 3 strengths.

Answer: Don't just say the words. Explain exactly why these are your strengths and provide exact situations.

Question: What are your 3 weaknesses?

Answer: Each of the weaknesses should include a 'but, I am trying my best to work on it by...'

Question: Why do you want to work here?

Answer: I really love your product. I believe in it and I would be thrilled if I could contribute with some of my ideas. I also saw from your website that your team has a lot of foreigners. I love meeting people from different backgrounds, learning about their culture and new languages. I also think the creativity grows because of some differences we might have.

Why do they ask that: They want to see if you've done your homework and if you really want to work there.

Question: Do you have any questions?

Answer: Is there anything on my application that worries you? Something that could stop you from hiring me?

Why you SHOULD ask that: Because if they are worried you don't have enough of experience/knowledge or something else, you can always try and save the situation by saying that you are very motivated and eager to learn, etc.