

Difficult Job Interview Questions

Part 1

Here are 9 difficult questions you could be asked in an interview. Unfortunately the computer isn't working very well and it has mixed up the words. Only the **first one in each question** is in the right place. Can you put the words in the right order? Work alone for 10 minutes and then compare your questions with a partner.

1. Why last you your did job leave?
2. Why you we hire should?
3. What strengths weaknesses your are and?
4. Have ever been you fired?
5. How you you you the stay do will long think if give job we?
6. Tell yourself us about
7. Why for want us to do you work?
8. How paid expect be do much you to?
9. Are some to weekends work you prepared?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Part 2

Now match these sample answers A to I with the questions 1 to 9

- A. "In my last job I took home €350 a week before overtime. I would hope you could at least match that".
- B. "No I haven't. I've always got on well with my employers and have always left on good terms"
- C. "Well as you can see from my CV I have all the qualifications that you asked for. I also really enjoy my work so I think I would bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to your company"
- D. "In my last job I had to work every third Saturday It's not a problem for me especially as I don't have any kids".
- E. "Well I think I'm very hardworking. I'm very reliable and I'm extremely punctual. I've never been late for work in my life and in my last job I missed only two days in six years due to sickness"
- F. "Well first of all your company is one of the top in the field. You are expanding fast so I think there should be plenty of opportunity for promotion. Also your location is ideal as I live just down the road. No more traffic jams! That would be a big plus. But I suppose the main thing is that the job offers a lot more responsibility than where I am at present"
- G. "Well obviously things can change but what I'm looking for is a long term position with a company where I can advance my career".
- H. "I was made redundant"
- I. "I'm very motivated . I'm good at making decisions especially under pressure. I can meet deadlines. My wife says I'm too much of a perfectionist but I don't really see that as a weakness. I'm a bit shy and reserved when I meet people first but once they get to know me I think most people like me".

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
----------	--	----------	--	----------	--	----------	--	----------	--	----------	--	----------	--	----------	--	----------	--

Dictionary Work

Find words and expressions in the answers to match these definitions and explanations from the *Oxford Wordpower Dictionary*

1. Time that you spend at work after your usual working hours and the money you are paid for this.
2. To be as good as ; in this case to pay as well as.
3. To have a friendly relationship with somebody.
4. The ability to be very active or to do a lot of things without getting tired.
5. Strong feeling of interest and excitement about something.
6. Somebody or something you can trust.
7. Not late.
8. Because of.
9. The best.
10. Growing.
11. Move to a higher or more important position at work.
12. Lose your job for economic reasons.
13. Ready to work very hard.
14. Do something before the set time.
15. A person who always does things to very high standards and expects others to do the same.
16. Keep your feelings hidden, say very little about yourself.