

Questions to **Never** Ask in an Interview

Feb 2019 FINAL

Asking the right questions in an interview are as vital as how you are dressed, your handshake, and your timeliness. Therefore, here are some questions that you should **never** ask during an interview and the reasons why they are not the right questions to be asking.

By avoiding these questions you can help position yourself to land the job!

Q: Never ask about salary, vacation, or benefits.

Once an offer is made and the employee accepts the offer, other benefits will be discussed by a Human Resource Representative

Q: What does your company do?

This clearly shows that you haven't done your research. Before you interview with any company you should research the company, their mission, goals, products and services, and other things. In an interview it is good to elaborate on the information you gathered and ask something you could not find.

Q: Are you (the interviewer) married?

Personal questions should not be asked to the interview nor should the questions be asked to the interviewee.

Q: The job description mentions weekend work. Would I really have to do that?

If the position required working on the weekend, you do not want the interviewer to think you are not interested in working weekends.

Q: How can you determine my qualifications in a short interview?

Never ask this question; the reason you got the interview was based on your resume and the qualifications listed. If the employer did not feel you met their needs an interview would never had been set up.

Q: Do you offer free parking?

Though this can be a concern to you, especially in a city, the interview is not the place to post this question. You can ask if you are offered the job but phrase it instead like, "What are the options for parking for employees? This makes it sound positive and not like you are expecting something.



Questions to **Never** Ask in an Interview

February 2019 FINAL

Q: Can you tell me about your retirement plan?

This information will be outline in the company's benefits section or human resources once an offer is made to the employees. While it is important, the interview is not the forum for the question.

Q: Can I work from home?

Right now, your top priority is selling your interviewer on you, first. This isn't the time to be asking for special favors.

Q: Is there a medical/drug test?

Even if there isn't, you've now raised their suspicions. Why would you be curious to know about this? They will let you know about any required tests or examinations.

Q: Are there any internal job opportunities?

You are applying for the job you are interviewing for, not future jobs that may open up, so don't spend time talking about future opportunities when you are not even sure you've got the current job.

Information derived from http://www.Smartrecruiters.com

Additional questions never to ask during an Interview:

This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. The product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner.