

Interviewing: Providing great answers to their questions

We cannot prepare for every question that we will be asked during interviews, but we can prepare to have a great response, even if we do not have the answer.

Hiring personnel appreciate answers that provide examples and help explain how you would be able to handle similar situations in their work environment.

A great tool for answering questions is the [STAR Method](#), where you address the *Situation*, identify *Tasks*, state *Action* you took and describe *Results*. The STAR Method helps you walk the interviewer through your answer by providing a brief, relatable story from start to finish.



One question you might encounter is "Tell me about a time when you failed." Choose a situation where you learned something from your failure and apply it using the [STAR Method](#).

By [turning your answer into a brief story](#), you make your answer more memorable

and help yourself to stand out from the other candidates in a positive way.

If you find yourself not having an answer to their question, refrain from saying "I don't know," without providing details to how you would handle the situation without knowing the answer. If you do not know the answer, how would you find it, or how would you respond?

The most important approach is to be honest and be prepared to provide good examples to your answers.

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