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# Common Interview Q and A's

1) Tell me about yourself

My name is Jessie. I would like to become a veterinarian someday. I usually get straight A's and I plan to keep it that way by working as hard as I can. My favorite subjects in school are language arts and history. On my free time I like to listen to music, watching TV, play computer games, read, and play video games. My hobbies are drawing and writing stories and songs. I am a very caring person who is willing to give a helping hand to those in need. My grades are one of the most important things to me besides family and friends. I cannot be mean to anyone, even people I don't like.

My goal for school is to keep my straight A's. Like I said before, my grades are super important to me and I want to get in the best college I can so I can become a veterinarian or something else if I end up changing my mind. My goal is to get into the medical field, whether it's being a veterinarian or being a nurse. My mom, grandma, and aunt are all nurses so I would like to continue that line or at least something that's similar to it. My goal for outside of school and my future career is to become a better writer. Writing is fun and it is very important whether you are in school or not. So being a better writer will benefit me inside and outside of school.

2) What is your long-range objective?

In the future, my ultimate career goal is to become a veterinarian. This job is important to me because it will help me get used to working with people. This will help me become more patient and caring when it comes to talking to people. It will also let me get used to keeping track of certain items and be able to quickly retrieve it if I needed to. This job will also help me get used to picking up heavier items.

3) Have you ever had a conflict with a teacher? How was it resolved?

Yes, I have had a conflict with a teacher before. The disagreement involved a math class I had. The teacher had wanted to give us a quiz the day after we learned the new material. The material was kind of difficult to most of the class and everyone but the teacher agreed that she was moving too fast. Instead of getting upset and complaining about the upcoming quiz, I thought about the reasons she might have decided to have the quiz so quickly and went along with it.

4) If you were a piece of candy, what would you be to describe your personality? How would this benefit the company?

If I were a piece of candy, I would be Pez because they come in cartoon containers. Cartoon characters are full of life and very animated and there are more than one type of cartoon character. Cartoon characters all have their own personalities and I think I have a very characteristic personality. I also think I am a very animated person. This will benefit the company because I will leave costumers with a positive note, knowing that there are excited and happy people working.

5) What is your greatest weakness?

My greatest weakness is that I am way too hard on myself. I try to over-achieve on all of my assignments and it stresses me out to the point where I can't work properly. When I have an essay to write, I often find myself second guessing what I've written and writing the essay over again until I feel content with it. Even when I feel content with a piece of work I have, I am still unsure about it. Usually by the time I am content with a piece of work, I am really stressed and



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don't feel like working on anything else. I have been working on this by letting other people look over my work before I turn it in. Letting others look at my work will let me know when I've gone far enough and don't need to continue going farther.

6) What is your greatest strength?

My greatest strength would have to be my communication skills. I have a lot of patience when people are doing things that would usually annoy a person; I am rarely annoyed by anything. I am not a very talkative person, especially when I am trying to finish my work in class. My friends get annoyed when I don't talk to them and they begin to tease me about being so quiet and will poke me repeatedly in hopes to get me to talk to them. It really does not bother me at all. I politely asked them to stop so I could finish my homework and ignore them until I finish what needs to be done. This will benefit the company because I can work with all kinds of people without blowing up at them. I would not snap at them no matter how annoying or rude they may be.

7) If I were to ask your teachers to describe you, what would they say?

If a teacher were to describe me, they would say that I am a hard worker and work well with others. I also know that my teachers think that I have great quality and accuracy in my work which has been said in my Powerschool teacher comments and has been said in one of my letters of recommendation. My teachers also say that I like challenges and more complicated work. They have said that I ask for help for the rare times that I need it. They also say that I am eager to learn and I pay attention in class. I have proof of these words that are being housed on my online portfolio.

8) If you had to live your life over again, what thing would you change?

If I had to live my life over again, I would change the way I handled things between me and my father's relationship. I feel that there was more than I could have done to prevent what has happened to our relationship that has taken a major dive. I miss my dad and all of the great things we used to do together, but ever since he got married and we have seem to drift apart, we don't do those things anymore. We occasionally speak to each other but they are very terse conversations. I would change the fact that I had not tried to change things before they got bad. I would have talked to him when the problem began, rather than two years after the problem had destroyed our father and daughter relationship.

9) If you were a piece of furniture, household appliance, or anything inside a house, what would you be? How would this benefit the company?

If I were a piece of furniture, household, appliance, or anything inside a house, I would be a flashlight because I am very useful especially when help is needed. Flashlights help people see their way through a dark room when the power is out. I will not be able to guide people out of a dark room, but the reason that I would be a flashlight would be because I am very helpful and I am there for you when you need me the most. This would benefit the company because if someone is in a hurry and wants something as soon as possible, I will help them as soon as I can. I would be there for all of the customers. Flashlights also help you find things and that's what I would be there to do. I would help customers find what they want and do it as quick as I could.

10) What have you done to develop or change in the past few years?

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I have let my past mistakes change who I am today. I rarely make mistakes twice because I remember them well and try my best to prevent it from happening again. I also let the past shape who I am. I remember past problems that I have had and problems that others may have had and let it be a reminder to possible solutions. Instead of contemplating about a certain problem, I can look back at past conflicts and use them to my advantage. I could have made a mistake when fixing that problem but I would know not to use the same solution. If I've had a successful solution to one of my problems, then I could use it to help gather ideas to solve it.

11) What would you do if someone you knew stole something?

If someone I knew stole something, I would confront the person myself. I would tell them that they have the chance to put the item back and report themselves. If they refused to do so, I would try to return the item and report them myself. Even if they were my best friend or a family member, I would not let them get away with it because they would think it was okay to take stuff. It doesn't matter if they would be mad at me or not because I wouldn't want to lose my job because I let someone take stuff from the store.

12) What are you like working in a team?

When working in a team, I try to distribute jobs to keep the team well organized and perform the task that I am assigned to. I would make sure everyone has a say in how things are done rather than try and be the boss of the group. I have a lot of patience so I won't get frustrated about other team members. If someone is not pulling their weight, I will try to encourage them to help, or do it myself. I like to get work done quickly and accurately so I do my best to help my team mates work like I do.

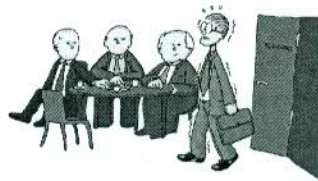
Questions I might ask:

1. When will I hear back from you?
2. Why are you so passionate about this job?
3. Describe a typical day on the job.



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Directions: Using the website found on the Edublog as well as the in-class discussion, retype the most common interview questions next to each number. Then, in 5-7 sentences, answer each question thoroughly. This will prepare you for future questions.

1) **Tell me about yourself:** My name is Kayla and I am currently a Senior at Lake Shore High School! My favorite subjects are English and Social Science type classes such as psychology. I also love choir and newspaper class! I am on my schools newspaper The Shoreline. Outside of school I am a part of a dance company for my church (Our Lady Of Hope). I also enjoy volunteering to work with the elderly and younger children. I have been fortunate enough to have been selected to be a part of National Honor Society and National Honor Society. Having been chosen to be a part of these prestigious groups makes me push myself farther in school. I average a A/B in all my classes and am a honors student. My parents have always told me to just try my best, that's all they ever ask for; I like to go above and beyond their expectations because I know I can achieve anything if I put my heart and mind into it. People tend to tell me I am a selfless and caring person with a big heart. I would have to agree but I cannot help it, I just want to help people who are struggling more than me in life.

After I graduate I plan to continue at Macomb Community College for two more years in the nursing program (I have been a dual enrollment student for the past year) before transferring to Oakland University. My career plan is to become a labor and delivery nurse. I would like to graduate college with honors and at the top of my class. As far as life goes I plan to move out to the country and raise my family in an old fashioned manner. I would like to teach my children the life I was taught; to never depend on a spouse and rise above stereotypes and people's expectations. Also, at one point I would like to go to my grandmother's village in Mexico just to see what it's like, it would give me a sense of my culture.

2) **What is your long range objective?** In the near future, I plan on becoming a nurse who specializes in labor and delivery. I have taken a pre-med class in my senior year to help prepare me for the basics in college. I am also currently trying to get into a hospital or nursing home to be in the environment everyday and get a feel of things. I would only be working as housekeeping or a receptionist but it would benefit me to be around the environment everyday and gain experience and superiority within that specific workplace to later get in as an actual nurse when I finish school.

3) **Have you ever had a conflict with a boss or teacher? How was it resolved?** Yes, I have had conflicts in the past although they were never a huge one that got in the way of my work. I have had some issues with bosses discussing personal things I shared with them with other employees who were not managers so had no right sharing it. However, I learned it is much easier to listen to the other person and the perspective on things rather than yell back or walk away in tears. You honestly will get nowhere if you do that. I have also had a conflict with a teacher who said some very inappropriate words to me in front of the class and texted some nasty comments about me to a group of students. I was very upset about this so I confronted her about how I felt. I told her I felt she was being very unprofessional and explained why I thought it was wrong of her to call me out in front of everyone and send texts about me without me knowing about it at first. I had told her that I didn't get the chance to defend myself and share my side of the story. She then said she realized she was in the wrong and let me explain myself. Afterwards we met halfway to compromise on the consequences of my actions.



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4) **What is your greatest strength?** My greatest strength is that I am a hard worker. I honestly love working hard and taking on more than one task at a time. I have been known to stay at work longer than scheduled because a manager has asked me to even if I have already worked eight hours or more that day. Also, I have skipped breaks or given my time slot up and taken a later one to accomplish the task I was working on and or help others with theirs.

5) **What is your greatest weakness? What are you going to do to fix it?** My greatest weakness is that I can be overly sensitive sometimes in my work. Sometimes I let critique get to me a little too much even if I don't show it but I always fix the errors in my work. Also I get sensitive about how the work is done meaning I will take the extra five minutes to make something look better even if I know I got three other tasks to accomplish before I leave work that day. I plan to fix it by realizing bosses are not trying to tear me down but help build me up to become a better worker.

6) **If I were to ask your teachers to describe you, what would they say?** My teachers would describe me as a hardworking student who is always on tasks. She is a student who will never give up and settle for anything; she goes above and beyond. For example, my choir teacher would say I am the student you go to when you need someone to go above and beyond the expectations of a standard student. He described in my recommendation letter how he has watched me grow as a singer and achieve the hardest section in the whole choir.

7) **If you were a piece of furniture, what would you be and how would it benefit the company?** I ended up saying I would be a computer because I have so many skills and knowledge stored within me. You can get on a computer and type out things; that relates to me because I am a hard worker and will work until the job is done. You can also get on Google or any search engine and find any information in the world that you could want or need. I excel in school so I believe I have a lot of knowledge to offer people.

8) **If you had to live your life over again, what one thing would you change?** If I was given the chance to relive my life over again, I would definitely do better my first two years of high school. I struggled my first two years and it made me have to work harder the last two to get my GPA up to where I wanted it, to receive the grades I wanted, to get involved in extracurricular activities.

9) **If you were a candy bar, what would be to describe your personality? How does this benefit the company? (#4)** I would be a jawbreaker because I'm hard on myself when it comes to my work ethics. However, I'm sweet like a jawbreaker when you suck on it. I can be a hard worker when needed and get it done quickly but correctly and be a sweetheart while working with patients and their families. The company needs somebody like me because a hard worker who has patience for patients and other tasks but who won't be rude to others either.

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10) **If you were a nurse on a floor and you walked into a room and the patient was short of breath and said they were having trouble breathing, what would you assess and why? You hear wheezing and you note that the patient has a history of asthma then what would you do? How would you chart this scenario?** Depending on the patient's chart and medical history {which I should already have knowledge of} I should ask the doctor if I should get them an inhaler so that the wheezing will stop and they do not have an asthma attack. The doctors have to give the okay before I can do it though. I should then chart it and note any changes from when they were given the inhaler and after.

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11) **Tell me about a project you did for a class or hospital unit, and what were the results?** I once had to test for diabetes through urine and test for other bad chemicals and diseases within the urine. I learned a lot about normal chemical balances and what to look for as signs of diseases.

12) **How will you deal with difficult patients and/or their families?** I am really good at working with other people in general so I can't imagine me having too many issues with the families and patients. However, I have had some experience in dealing with families in a hospital setting because of a class I took in high school. We did a mock experience of families back talking to you and getting in the way. Also we had students pretend to be a patient who refused to eat or do as they were asked. For the families, you need to calmly explain they need to sit back and let you do their job because you are there to help them and their loved ones. You can't do your job if they are in the way though. As for the patient you explain you are trying to help them and do your best to reason with them before you chart it and go to your supervisor if it has been too long and they are taking away from other patients time.

Two questions you might ask:

1) **When will I hear back from you?**

2) **Why are you so passionate about this company?**

3) **Describe a typical day on the job.**