



Preparation for School Interviews

List of questions



The School

- Why are you interested in our school?
- Why did you apply for this School?
- What appeals to you most about the School you are applying for? Be specific.
- Describe your ideal School
- What do you know about our School

Personal skills / personal motivation

- Tell me about yourself
- Give an example of how you came up with a creative solution to a work related problem.
- What five adjectives describe you best?
- Tell me about the one thing in your life you're proudest of
- What extracurricular activities were you involved in?
- What classes did you enjoy the most? The least?
- In what courses did you get the worst grades? Why?
- Are your grades a good measure of your ability?
- What motivates you to do your best work?
- Under what conditions do you work best?
- What is your greatest strength / weakness or deficiency?
- What do you consider your greatest strength?
- Tell me about a project that got you really excited.
- What have you done to become more effective at school?
- In what area do you typically have the least amount of patience?
- What do you do when you have a great deal of work to accomplish in a short period of time?
- Tell me what "success" means to you
- Do you consider yourself successful?
- What does "failure" mean to you?
- Describe the top of your desk
- Tell me about the last time you failed to complete a project on time
- What do you do when you're having trouble solving a problem?
- How do you organize and plan for major project?
- Describe the most difficult problem you had to solve. What was the situation and what did you do? Would you do anything different next time?
- Describe a creative solution that you have developed to solve a problem.
- What do you like to do in your spare time?



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Adaptability

- Tell us about a project that did not go according to plan. What mid-course corrections were made? What were the results?
- Tell me about a time you had to overcome obstacles to achieve a goal
- Give me an example of a problem you've had at school and how you solved it.
- What did you learn from your summer jobs?

Working in a team / cooperation

- Tell me about a situation where you had to explain a difficult concept to someone, when the person had no understanding of the basics. What were the results?
- You are involved in a team effort. One member of the team is not meeting their commitment and it is impacting your part of the project. How do you handle the situation?
- Tell me about a group project that did not go smoothly because of the personalities involved. What happened? What did you learn from the experience?
- Give me an example of a technical problem you had to solve. How did you implement the solution?
- How do you motivate people?
- How do you define "leadership"?
- Describe a group project you were recently involved in. Describe your role, the purpose of the project, how you handled differences of opinion.
- Tell me about something you achieved as a group member.
- What do you do to show people that you are listening to them
- Give an example of how you have been successful at empowering either a person or a group of people into accomplishing a task
- Do you prefer to work by yourself or with others?
- What kind of person do you get along with the best?
- Define cooperation
- In general, how do you handle conflict?

Your future

- How do you define what an engineer is?
- How do you define continuous improvement?
- Would you be willing to go abroad in the future, for several years for instance?
- What job would you like to do and why?
- What are your 5-year goals?
- Do you set goals for yourself?



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Snatches of answers

What motivates me for this School is the opportunity to take part in technical projects

I've always been interested in working in this field.

I have been interested in technology for some time.

I have good IT skills which I am willing to develop to the utmost.

I think I have the skills and attitude you're asking for.

I am hardworking and always punctual

My greatest strength is my ability to work well in a team environment. I am definitely a team player, as a matter of fact I have played in several sports team.

My greatest weakness is my lack of patience. I am always very active and looking for something new to do.

Thank you very much for your time