

School Interview Questions!

Don't worry they won't ask all of these (we hope)

The Introduction they might ask "tell me about yourself, can you talk about yourself, or introduce yourself."

• **Answer in full sentences and give a because reason or two!**

- What is your name?
- Which school do you come from?
- Where is it?
- Where do you live?
- What hobbies do you have?
- Describe some of your likes and dislikes.
- What does your father / mother / brother do?
- Do you do any housework at home?
- Do you have any siblings / brothers or sisters?
- What do you like to eat?
- When is your birthday?
- When do you get up / go to bed?
- Would you be scared if you had to perform on the stage?
- What do you want to be in the future?

School and Your Subjects: Here you can talk about what you are good at at school.

- What is your favourite subject / Which subject do you like best? Why? (e.g. Music)
- Do you know how to play the piano?
- What kind of music do you like?
- Why do you like music?
- Who is your favourite teacher in school? / Tell me something about your teacher.
- How do you get to school?
- What is your favourite thing or place in your school
- Have you taken part in any competitions / English activities? Have you got any prizes in competitions
- What do you do in your English / P.E. / music... lesson?
- Which subjects are you good at?



- What kind of extra-curricular activities do you participate in / take part in?

About Your hobbies and pastimes: here you can talk about what you enjoy outside of school!

- What do you like to do in summer?
- Do you play any musical instruments?
- Tell me about your favourite activity.
- Do you play computer games?
- Do you use social media?
- Do you have a computer at home? How often do you use it? What do you use it for?
- Which books do you like to read?
- Do you play outside?

Your family and friends

- Talk about your family.
- What do your father / mother do?
- Do your parents help you with your homework?
- Do you help at home?
- Tell me about your friends.
- Who is your best friend?
- What do you play with your friends

The school you are interviewing at.

They will want to know why you want to come!

Why do you want to study in our school?
How did you get here today?
Who came here with you today?
Why did you choose an English / Chinese/Spanish/French language school?
What can you do to help this school
What is the best thing about our school.

Others:

These are often open questions, to see how you think and what you will do. Take your time with these!

- When did you last go abroad / travelling?
Were there any scenic spots? Which country do you like?

Key Topics

1. **About You**
2. **Hobbies and Pastimes**
3. **Family and friends.**
4. **School and Subjects**
5. **The new School**
6. **What you want to do**



Make some notes to help you think of answers to questions on these subjects. You will be thankful when they ask you!

- Why is it important to be polite?
- What would you do if you saw a little girl crying in the street / someone shoplifting in a supermarket?
- Do you have any pets? Why do you keep a pet? Tell me about your pet.
- Do you want to ask me any questions? Have a question! Do you have a maths club, what after school activities do you do, are teachers happy to help after class if I don't understand etc.

Group interview questions: In some Interviews they ask you to discuss or solve a problem in a group.

- Listen to your group members talking. Then ask them some questions about what they say or read.
- It might be a question like what to do with 1000 dollars for the school, or how can we deal with climate change.
- Make sure you think of some ideas and share them but listening is important as well.
- Keep an eye on the time allowed

General tips on Interviews

- Listen carefully and always speak English
 - You can say:
 - 'I do not understand'
 - 'I don't know'
 - 'Please can you repeat the question'
- Use eye contact.
- Try to answer in 2-3 complete sentences.
- Sit up properly.
- Don't be shy. Be confident!
- Speak slowly and clearly. Relax, don't panic
- Remember the 'question words' – (Where? Why? How? When? How many? Who?) And listen to what tense you should be answering in (past, present or future?)
- Take your time and think about your answer.

Introduce yourself

You will be asked some basic questions about yourself and your life and school and home.

Examples:

- Your name
- Age
- Where you live
- Family members
- Hobbies
- Sports

- Likes and dislikes
- Your personality

Think about your

- Voice
- Tone
- Intonation
- Manners
- Body language
- Giving a full and complete answer – it is better to say too much than not enough!

Do you have any questions?

Show that you are interested in the school by thinking about some things you would like to know. For example, 'What extra-curricular activities are there?'. Be sure to visit the *website* of the school or ask friends who go there

Describing a picture

- What do you see?
- What is happening?
- Why is it happening?
- Where was the picture taken?
- What will happen next?
- Describe the picture – who/what/where/how/why?



Describing a person

- Who are they? Where are they from?
- What do they do? How? Why?
- How old are they? Why are they famous?
- What do they look like?
- Do you like them?

How to improve your English everyday

- Watch English TV and listen to English radio
- Read English books, magazines, websites and newspapers.
- Practice your English with your family and friends
- Practice talking about yourself and your interests.
- Learn some good adjectives and revise your vocabulary by looking back at your work and textbooks.
- Practice but don't memorize your answers, you want to sound as natural as you can.