

# 8 things you should NEVER say in an interview Page

(And what to say instead)

Candidates will eliminate themselves with one answer.

Say these 8 things instead:

☐ “It’s on my resume”

↳ Never assume anyone's read your resume.

☐ “Thanks for giving me the opportunity to elaborate on how I [short summary].”

☐ “I don’t know”

↳ It's okay not to know, but don't say it.

Option One:

☐ “That's a great question. If you don't mind, can I take a moment to think about it?”

Option Two:

☐ “I've had limited experience with [topic] in previous roles. Here's how I would get up to speed quickly in this role.”

☐ “What does this company do?”

↳ Tells an interviewer you didn't prepare.

☐ “What are some of the key milestones on the company’s 1 and 5 year plans?”

☐ “I’m graduating and I need a job.”

↳ Why do you want THIS job?

☐ “I’m excited to apply my knowledge in [area] in an organization that values [examples]”

☐ “No, I don’t have any questions.”

↳ It signals you're not interested in the position.

↳ My carousel on questions to ask is in the comments.

☐ “Thank you for asking, I do have a few questions about [something the interviewer mentioned].”

☐ “My greatest weakness is that I work too hard.”

↳ Cue the world's most obnoxious eye roll.

□ “I’m actively working to improve my capacities in [weakness]. Here’s how: [list action plan]”

□ “I already answered that.”

↳ An interviewer doesn't think so or wants clarity.

□ “As I mentioned, [briefly restate]. To elaborate further [give more context].”

□ “I was laid off/fired”

↳ Signals performance gap

□ “While I enjoyed my time at [x] and learned a lot, I’m ready to expand my role and take on new challenges like [something from the job posting].”

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