

FIVE WAYS TO ANSWER "TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF"



The posting on how to answer the dreaded *tell me about yourself* question sparked a great deal of interest from new professionals - all you job-seekers in your 20's - who wanted to know more about how to answer the question.

Here are some openers you can try. The important thing to remember is regardless of what you say, say it with confidence, enthusiasm and passion.

"When I was seven years old, I always wanted to be..." An answer like this shows that you've been preparing for this career. You have the education and the enthusiasm...and now the chance to prove it. You're motivated.

"I've always known that..." This response offers insight into your level of self-awareness.

"My professors who know me best say that I'm..." Acts like a testimonial/reference for you and shows your openness to receiving feedback.

"My passion is..." People care who you are. Interviewing should show people who you are and what you're passionate about.

"I can summarize who I am in a few words." In today's busy workplace you need to be concise. This opener demonstrates your ability to be just that along with being creative and compelling. The danger is that you might come across as overly confident.

Now the challenge is how will you connect the opener with your strengths and qualities; the qualifications that make you a good fit for the job and for the company.