



Questions to avoid asking in your interview

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This is happened to all of us at some point in our lives, when asked by the company HR manager or your future reporting manager – do you have any questions for me? We end up asking that one question that could break our chances to get to the next round. Here are a few questions you should just stay away from:

1. What are your lunch timing?

Food is a very critical part of human survival and is essential for the functioning of our minds on a daily bases, but this question would not constitute as an intelligent question to pose to your potential employer. Any good employer finds it very important that the needs of their employees are met and office surrounding are as comfortable as possible to ensure they are happy and enjoying working in such an environment, so you can be sure that you will have your time in the day to eat and relax.

2. How many sick days do you provide?

Another red flag question, asking this can really hamper your chances to move forward to the next round of interview. Even if you have impressed your interviewer so far and then to ask the questions, it immediately makes them want to ask you a counter question regarding your health or if you would require some time off due to a treatment you have to undergo. You are being selected for a position because there is a need in the organization to solve a particular problem, if you will be unavailable to come to work due to health reasons that problem will not be solved, your job in the interview is to ensure that you are not only the most qualified for the job but are also the most fit for the position.

3. If my work is done early and no one needs my help, can I leave early?

A terrible question to ask, especially if you are being considered for a full time engagement. In fact, if you are offered the position, the first couple of months are very critical for your success, your new employer now will always be evaluating you for what you bring to the table, so it is very important that you bring your A game at all time. Try to be a contributor at all times, be some one who is adding value, most employers use this time to understand how you flow and work in team environments, pay your attention on what is being shared as the quality of your questions will be a key contributor to your success at a new organization.

4. What other jobs are available here?

It is very simple, you had applied for a particular position, the potential employer saw your resume and feels you could be a good match so don't ask him/ her if there are other jobs. Try and focus on making a good impression at all time and promote your strengths for the position you are being interviewed for.

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