

Questions to Avoid

While an interview is an opportunity to gather information about potential employers and roles, some questions can give off the wrong impression or even be inappropriate.

Questions That Show Lack of Research: Questions like "What does your company do?" can show that you didn't take the time to research before the interview. This can suggest a lack of interest or initiative.

Personal Questions: Asking personal questions about the interviewer's family, marital status, or age, for example, is inappropriate and unprofessional. Interviews should stay focused on professional topics.

Salary and Benefits Too Early: While it's important to understand the compensation, bringing it up too early in the process may make it seem like that's all you care about. Generally, it's better to wait for the interviewer to initiate this conversation or until later stages of the interview process.

Negative Questions About the Company or its Employees: Asking why the company has a high turnover rate or why they're always hiring can make you seem negative or confrontational.

Too Many Questions: While asking questions is important to show interest and gather information, asking too many can slow down the interview and frustrate the interviewer. It's important to ask meaningful questions, but also to respect the interviewer's time.

Questions About Time Off and Breaks: While it's important to understand work-life balance, asking too soon about vacation time, sick leave, or break times can give the impression that you're not willing to work hard.

Remember, your questions should show that you're interested in the role, the company, and the industry. It's a chance for you to demonstrate your enthusiasm, curiosity, and diligence, so choose your questions wisely.

