

# INTERVIEW

I want to work with the best company in advertising.

You can also say...

1. I want to be a part of...
2. I think I can help...



*Mr. Scott on a Panel Interview*

## Conversation:

- A: Why did you apply for this position?  
 B: I want to work with the best company in advertising.  
 A: Why did you choose this company?  
 B: I felt that this was the right place for my experience and skills.

## Questions:

1. What are the common questions in a job interview in your country?
2. Tell me about your first job interview experience.
3. What was the most difficult question asked?

### Note:

I want to + verb

I want to work with the best company in advertising.  
 to be part of this company.

# INTERVIEW

I made it possible for the industry to prosper.

You can also say...

1. *I opened the door for...*
2. *I was the first to...*



*Mr. Kyle and associates for a  
successful business deal*

## Conversation:

- A: How did Kyoto Cell Phone manage to sell their products to international companies?  
B: I opened the door for Kyoto Cell Phone to market its products overseas.  
A: Wow! That's great. You must be very proud.  
B: I certainly am.

## Questions:

1. What have you done in your life recently that has been productive?
2. What possible things would you do to keep a business?

### Note:

I made it possible for Kyoto Tradings to import products from Australia.  
(noun)  
to export products in China.  
(verb)

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I always try to do the most difficult tasks of a project first.

You can also say...

1. *I make it a point to...*
2. *I do my best to...*



*meeting a client*

## Conversation:

- A: What approach do you take with complex projects?  
B: I think the most important thing is to clarify goals.  
A: I see, how do you plan on making the project go smoothly?  
B: I always try to do the most difficult tasks of a project first.  
A: I think that's a good idea.

## Questions:

1. Do you always give your best in everything you do?
2. Have you ever experienced failing to do something you worked hard for?
3. Have you ever worked under pressure?

### Note:

I always try to + verb

I always try to do the right thing.

I do my best to + verb

I do my best to make the right decisions.

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I will do my best to eliminate the source of the problem.

You can also say...

1. *I would make sure ...*
2. *I will see to it that ...*



*checking the schedule*

## Conversation:

- A: Are you done with the report?  
B: Yes, I finished last night.  
A: Please don't forget that we have a meeting with our clients.  
B: I will make sure all my clients are informed.

## Questions:

1. How do you check your work is correct?
2. Do you continue unfinished work at home?

## Note:

### Would

I hear a whistle. That *would* be the five o'clock train.

### Will

I *will* do my exercises later.

# INTERVIEW

That really motivated me to work harder.

You can also say...

1. *That really inspired me to...*
2. *That really encouraged me to...*



*achievement from school*

## Conversation:

- A: What are your future plans?  
B: I hope to stay in this company for good. My family is depending on me.  
A: I see. Is it not tough to have people depend on you?  
B: No, not really. In fact, that is what motivated me to work harder.

## Questions:

1. Do you have anything inspirational in your life?
2. What motivates you to work?
3. What has been the most exciting work experience for you?

## Note:

That really inspired me to continue my plan.  
motivated me to study harder.  
encouraged me to improve my English.

# INTERVIEW

Aside from business, I really enjoy hiking.

You can also say...

1. Aside from business,...
2. Besides business,...



*going on a hike*

## Conversation:

- A: What is your main priority in life?  
B: Work and being successful in my career are important to me. They're my main priority.  
A: What else do you do aside from work? Do you have any hobbies?  
B: Well, aside from business, I really enjoy hiking.

## Questions:

1. Aside from work, what keeps you busy?
2. Can you imagine yourself not working?
3. What are your outside interests?

**Note:** Aside + from = excluding  
=with the exception of  
ex. Aside from the small account in the bank, I have no enough money at all.

Besides = in addition  
= moreover/furthermore  
ex. Besides work, I enjoy shopping during weekends.



# INTERVIEW

I've always wanted to have a piano of my own..

You can also say...

1. *Since I was young, I wanted to...*
2. *Many years ago, I wanted to...*



*getting along with friends*

## Conversation:

- A: What's your favorite musical instrument?  
B: Piano. I've always wanted to have one of my own.  
A: Do you know how to play the piano?  
B: Yes, I do. Since I was young, I wanted to be a pianist like my grandfather.

## Questions:

1. What's your life long dream?
2. What have you done to reach for your dreams?
3. Where do you see yourself in a few years time?

**Note:** noun/pronoun + have/has + past participle  
**I, have, You** (always) wanted  
- to become an inventor.  
- to make a lot of money.

**We, They** wanted  
- to manage our own business.  
**He/She has** (always)  
- to play basketball.  
- to design her own clothes.

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A few years back, I despised my father, but now, I am really thankful to have him as my dad.

You can also say...

1. Sometime ago,...
2. Prior to my graduation,...



*ambition*

## Conversation:

- A: How is your relationship with your father?  
B: I'm close with my father and siblings. A few years back, I despised my father, but now, I am really thankful for having him as my dad.  
A: What made you hate your father?  
B: He was very strict. He wanted me to earn my way through school.

## Questions:

1. What do you remember most about your past?
2. Is there any experience you had in life that you wouldn't want to recall?
3. What have you learned from your mistakes?

### Note:

**At the time + noun + verb(past tense) + but now**

Before, I didn't like my teacher, but now I'm really thankful for knowing her.

A few years back, she hated her office mate, but now they are good friends.



# INTERVIEW

I came from a small town.

You can also say...

1. *I grew up in...*
2. *I was raised in...*



*spending quality time with the family*

## Conversation:

- A: Tell me about your city.  
B: I come from a small town with a nice view of the sea.  
A: Sounds like a beautiful town. Is it far from the city?  
B: No, not really. It is just an hour away.

## Questions:

1. Describe the place where you grew up.
2. What's the most memorable moment you had when you were there?
3. Do you live in a nuclear family or an extended family?

### Note:

**Come from** = originate from  
= grew up in  
= live in

ex. I grew up in a populated town.  
I live in a beautiful city.

# INTERVIEW

I'm good at dealing with problems.

You can also say...

1. *My biggest strength is...*
2. *My greatest ability is...*



*dealing with stress*

## Conversation:

- A: What are your strong points?  
B: I'm good at dealing with problems.  
A: What about your weaknesses?  
B: My biggest weakness is that at times, I expect my team to stay up all night, just to meet a deadline.

## Questions:

1. What are your strong and weak points?
2. How do you deal with your weaknesses?
3. What's the biggest problem that you have encountered?

### Note:

**at**

- I'm good *at* motivating a team.
- She is good *at* organizing a party.

**in**

- I'm good *in* planning.
- She is good *in* designing.