

Tell Me About Yourself

Cheat Sheet



NOTE: These are not tailored answers, and should only act as a guideline for you to begin your preparation. As the blog article said, you need to include Qualities and support them with examples. (If this is unclear please re-read the tell me about yourself article on the blog.)

Scenario 1

General Answer (Good For Most Candidates)

A *I'd describe myself as a hard-working and enthusiastic person who works well with others and takes a lot of pride in completing tasks both on schedule and at an elite level.*

Further to that, I think the best way for me to describe myself is in a word: _____ (Quality from your research that aligns with the company's needs).

Over the last _____ years, my work as a(n) _____ has allowed me to cultivate this quality through many different experiences.

Specifically, I _____ (insert success story from your past that demonstrates you having the quality listed above).

I believe this experience makes me an ideal candidate for this position and more importantly, will allow me to achieve the goals you have set for the incoming hire for this position.

Scenario 2

No Work Experience

A Well as you probably saw in my resume, I'm what you might call a "newbie" when it comes to having a traditional full time job. Having said that, rather than look at that as a negative, I truly believe that I am a "clean slate" when it comes to my work habits, meaning I am really looking forward to being molded into the ideal employee for your company.

More importantly, I feel that my experience in _____ (academics/athletics/charitable work/etc.) will help me carry out the duties required for this position, as it specifically taught me how to _____ (skill/knowledge/ability). I believe that the high level of achievement that I demonstrated in this activity shows that when I apply myself to an endeavor I can be expected to excel, and this is what I plan to do for you if hired for this position.

Scenario 3

Changing Industries

A In a nutshell, I'm extremely excited to be embarking on a new journey as I make a much needed change from _____ (industry 1) to _____ (industry 2). While some might see it as an unorthodox move, I have felt for some time that my true skills, abilities and (most importantly) passion are best served aligning with the _____ industry.

Not only that, there are several qualities that I have developed over time that will be a huge advantage in successfully completing the daily tasks laid out in the job description, including _____, _____, and _____ (3 applicable skills and abilities). Specifically, my work in _____ (example from your past that supports the 3 skills) shows that I have practical experience in applicable tasks and that I can be counted on to complete these tasks at an elite level.

Just Graduated

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I think the best way to describe myself would be to say that I'm a recent graduate of _____ who is eager to apply the knowledge and skills I've learned in a work environment, specifically in the _____ industry. I strongly believe that the high marks I received in _____ exemplify that I have both a firm knowledge and the skills necessary to be an asset to your company, and that my free time spent _____ shows the hard work and dedication that I bring to every activity that I set my focus on.

What You Should Do Next:

Congratulations!

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