

Would you get the job?

Interviews are a source of anxiety for most **job-seekers**. Job website Glassdoor has created a list of some of the toughest interview questions from the elite companies where they were asked, and offers an expert opinion on the best possible answers.

1 (The Phoenix Partnership)

How to answer: If you answer 'nothing', then you may look too defensive, as if you are hiding something, even if you are innocent. The best tactic would be to reply that everyone presents the best side of themselves on a CV – that is **the point of** the document – but that you think lying, and even exaggeration, is wrong.

2 (Condé Nast)

How to answer: You could just tell the interviewer that you are not the sort of person to make enemies, but that sometimes you've enjoyed a **good-natured rivalry** with someone, for example, in a sport. This will show your competitive side and your drive to succeed.

3 (Page Group)

How to answer: This is an occasion when you could give a **light-hearted response**. Something like, 'I don't consider myself to be selfish, but I always make sure I have some time in the week for myself, so I can practise art / tennis / football / singing.'

4 (Palantir Technologies)

How to answer: Everyone should be prepared to answer this question, whatever job you're interviewing for. There's no **foolproof** answer – it's a good idea to have thought about a list of areas that are not your biggest strengths, but that wouldn't affect the role that you are interviewing for.

5 (Clearwater Analytics)

How to answer: If you are a serious maths **geek**, then you might have a decent chance of answering this one. One answer would be to put a single red ball in one container and all of the other balls in the other container.

6 (Switch Consulting)

How to answer: Don't be afraid to talk about what you do to relax, and show how you have a healthy **work-life balance**. It's also a chance to say something about your personal life, which could be very helpful for making a good impression. For example, you could mention how you go to the gym to relax.

7 (Badoo)

How to answer: Don't just answer 'yes' or 'no'. Think about your personality type and the culture of the company where you are interviewing. What is your **gut feeling** about the type of people that do well at the company? This should help you to give an appropriate answer.