

25 INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

every teacher should be ready to answer

The interview is the single most important factor in the hiring process. To be competitive, it is important to be prepared to respond to potential employers' questions and discussion topics. Take the time to think about these items that may be part of your next interview.

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1. Describe your past teaching experiences. What made them successful?
2. What are your strengths? Weaknesses?
3. How would others describe you? How would you describe yourself?
4. What if...? (Scenario questions can deal with situations, topics, trends.)
5. How have you challenged your students in the classroom?
6. Describe teaching strategies you have used for students including gifted students, second-language students, reluctant learners, and special needs students.
7. How do you incorporate your teaching philosophy into your daily instruction?
8. What experiences have you had with volunteers in your classroom?
9. Describe an effective teacher.
10. Define collaboration and give examples from personal experiences.
11. What are your plans for self-growth and how will you achieve them?
12. How have you individualized instruction for your students?
13. Tell me about yourself.
14. Identify the characteristics of an outstanding principal.
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16. What strategies have you used in working with parents?
17. What technology do you need in your classroom to promote a good learning environment? What specific technology skills do you possess?
18. What are some of the strategies you have used in managing your classroom?
19. Describe how you develop lesson/unit plans for your subject area.
20. Identify ways in which you have motivated students.
21. In what ways have you incorporated critical thinking skills into your instruction?
22. How have you implemented multicultural/gender-free practices in your teaching?
23. What assessment and evaluation strategies do you use for student learning for your own personal and professional performance?
24. Visualize an ideal classroom. What does it look like? Who's in it? What resources are you using? What are your goals? Accomplishments?
25. What motivated you to enter the teaching profession?