

Topic 1 Strengths & Weaknesses

나의 장점과 단점 표현하기

Must Say 5! “What are your strengths and weaknesses?”

① Strengths

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② Grounds for strengths

= For instance, there was one time when I initiated and completed the quality review of processes and procedures in a business plan for a new venture.

③ Weaknesses

= However, my weakest point is my tendency to be a perfectionist.

④ Overcoming weaknesses

= I am working to improve this by asking others their project expectations from the start, comparing those with my own, and coming up with a compromise.

⑤ Benefits

= I am sure that my work initiative will contribute to the successful growth of this organization.

※ Say It Simple!

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Best Sample Answer

“What are your strengths and Weaknesses?”

Say It in English!

I think one of my greatest strengths is my work initiative. For example, when examining a business plan for a new venture, I noticed some information was missing. To address the problem, I initiated and completed the quality review of processes and procedures. Another one of my strengths is loyalty. For instance, last year when I was working on a startup business with my friend, I was offered a better job, but I had promised to stay until the business was up and running. The business has now passed the ROI point, so I have decided to seek another opportunity with your company. My weakest point is that I tend to be a perfectionist. I am trying to overcome this by asking others their project expectations from the start, comparing those with my own, and coming up with a compromise. I believe that my work initiative can help this organization to achieve growth.

More Sample Answers

Sample 1 | “Tell me about your strengths.”

First of all, I majored in international trade, and I have three months of successful internship experience in a trading company. In addition, I have several licenses related to this field such as international trader, futures trader, and trade English. I am also good at Russian. I think those experiences and skills will be very helpful for the position I'm applying for. Above all, my true strength lies in my good personality. I've been told that I'm a very optimistic and positive person. Probably because of this, I am good at motivating others as well.

Sample 2 | “What are you now doing to improve your weaknesses?”

I had felt slight nausea whenever I came face to face with foreigners. My heart would start beating faster, and if they asked me directions, I would not say anything but just run away. To overcome my fear, I began watching CNN at home to become familiar with English and also went to English institutes to learn from native speakers. I also made foreign friends through an Internet café. These efforts might seem trivial, but they paid off. Now I willingly have conversations with foreigners.

Expected Interview Questions

Think about and prepare your answers for the questions below.

You may be asked one of these questions after telling your strengths and weaknesses.

1. How do these strengths help you at work?
2. What are you doing to overcome these weaknesses?
3. Under what circumstances do you think your strengths shine the most?
4. How do these weaknesses affect your work?
5. What was the most significant strength required in your previous job?

Key Vocabulary and Expression

Talking strengths & weaknesses

motivate 동기를 부여하다

be good at ~을 잘 하다

related to ~와 관련된

synergetic effect 시너지 효과, 상승 작용

my true strength lies in ~ 나의 진정한 강점은 ~에 있다.

passion for ~ ~에 대한 열정