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# Ace Hardware Job Interview Preparation Guide.

#### Question # 1

In your last job what kinds of pressure did you encounter and how did you react At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer:-

Do not show your fear or uneasiness in handling pressure. Everyone likes to have a worker who can handle pressure calmly and with a clear train of thought. Show how you would logically come to a conclusion in a pressure filled situation.

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#### Question # 2

What education or training have you had that makes you fit for this profession At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer-

This would be the first question asked in any interview. Therefore, it is important that you give a proper reply to the question regarding your education. You should have all the documents and certificates pertaining to your education and/or training, although time may not allow the interviewer to review all of them.

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## Question #3

Did you consider yourself a team player?

## Answer:-

Of course you're a team player - who isn't. But a simple yes probably isn't the response the interviewer is looking for. Be ready to provide specific example of how you've worked as part of a cohesive team to get things accomplished and how you've focus on team performance rather than individual performance. Make sure not to brag as this will make it appear as that you're more concerned about your own performance and accomplishments than those of the team.

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## Question # 4

What has been your biggest professional disappointment?

## Answer:-

When discussing a professional disappointment, make sure to discuss a scenario you could not control. Be positive about the experience and accept personal responsibility where applicable.

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## Question # 5

How do you think your colleagues at your last job would describe you?

## Answer-

While your CV will say a lot about your work history At Ace Hardware, the interviewer will most likely look for greater detail with questions such as this. Be positive about previous experience, highlighting your own strengths.

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## Question # 6

What role are you ready to take in a group?

## Answer:-

Ideally, you want to take on the role you're interviewing for, but you want to be flexible with your responsibilities At Ace Hardware if there are any changes.

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## Question #7

What did you like least about your last (or current) job At Ace Hardware?

## Answer:-



Don't vent or focus on the negative with brutally honest answers such as "My boss was a jerk," or "The company culture was too politically correct," or "They just weren't giving me the opportunity to take my career to the next level." Instead, keep the emphasis on the positive, even though there are sure to be things you weren't happy about.

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#### Question #8

How did you handle meeting a tight deadline At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer.

Review every deadline you need to meet. Prioritize your projects by deadline and factor in how important each project is. Record your deadlines on a digital calendar or spreadsheet.

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#### Question #9

Give me an example of how you handled pressure at work At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer:-

The company is looking to see if you can handle pressure well. Share with them an example where you were able to stay calm during a pressure filled situation (perhaps it was a deadline, or there was an emergency with a customer occurring). Discuss the situation, your reaction and steps you took to resolve it and the outcome.

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#### Question # 10

Tell me about a time when you had to make a decision without all the information you needed. How did you handle it At Ace Hardware? Why? Were you happy with the outcome?

#### Answer:-

In many scenarios, you will not have all the information needed. The key is to make the best possible decision based on what you deem to be a sufficient amount of information.

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#### Question # 11

Why was there a gap in your employment At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer:-

If you were unemployed for a period of time, be direct and to the point about what you've been up to (and hopefully, that's a litany of impressive volunteer and other mind-enriching activities, like blogging or taking classes). Then, steer the conversation toward how you will do the job and contribute to the organization: "I decided to take a break at the time, but today I'm ready to contribute to this organization in the following ways."

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## Question # 12

Describe some problems you encountered in your most recent position At Ace Hardware and how you resolved them?

## Answer:

Discuss your work experiences. The key is to show you're calm under pressure and can handle sensitive situations with a clear train of thought.

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## Question # 13

What makes you right for this position?

## Answer:-

This question can be tricky because you need to show your worth At Ace Hardware without sounding cocky or arrogant. Research the business ahead of time and become familiar with its mission and values. Take the time to figure out how your personal qualities fit the needs of the business and use that fit to provide your answer.

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## Question # 14

What kind of work interests you the most?

## Answer:-

You can talk about what you're passionate about. What motivates you. What excites you.

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## Question # 15

What do you consider to be your greatest strength?

## Answer-

There isn't any right answer. Just make sure to make your response positive and true. A few good examples include: Your ability to solve complex problems, Your ability to work well on a team, Your ability to shine under pressure, Your ability to focus in chaotic situations, Your ability to prioritize and organize, Your ability to cut through the fluff to identify the real issues, Your ability to influence other positively. If your strength relates to the position in question that will be more beneficial - but again be honest, don't create a strength for yourself just because you think it will sound good.



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#### Question # 16

Do you have any blind spots?

#### Answer:-

This question is often meant to trick candidates since acknowledgment of blind spots would indicate they were aware of them. Also, do not disclose bad habits or other personal concerns. Let the interviewer find out about your personal flaws through the course of the interview without directly stating these flaws.

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#### Question # 17

Name five characteristics that describe you?

#### Answer:-

Here are a few you could choose from:

Hard working, strong willed, persistent, intelligent, adept, amicable, friendly, collaborative, eager, humble.

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#### Question # 18

What are your weaknesses for Ace Hardware position?

#### Answer:-

Try not to be too critical when answering this question. Instead, pick one of your weaknesses and try to turn it into a positive.

For example, you could be a perfectionist, which means that you sometimes take longer on tasks, but you make sure that they are completed to a high quality. It is important to make a negative into a positive as it doesn't make you appear overly critical and shows you can reflect on your own performance.

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#### Question # 19

Describe what a "lot of work" looks like to you At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer-

Ideally you'd like to state that you can take on a lot of work - this shows your work ethic, but at the same time it's okay to tell them that you value work and life balance.

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## Question # 20

How do you adapt to new working environments At Ace Hardware?

## Answer:-

It's important that you demonstrate that you can adapt to changing environments quickly. You want to stress that you can manage change. The one thing in life that is constant after all, is change.

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## Question # 21

If you had enough money to retire would you?

## Anewor:

Just be honest. If you would retire then say so. But since you can't retire, and the interviewer already knows this, simply answer that since you can't this is type of work you prefer doing. However, if you wouldn't retire if you had the money then explain why. Work is an important element of happiness for most people and many won't retire even when they can.

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## Question # 22

Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

## Answer-

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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## Question # 23

What does "collaboration with teammates" mean to you?

## Answer:-

Drinking at the water cooler together is not the best example. Think of how you can collaborate with teammates to generate new ideas, to create initiatives to impact the business' success for the better (specifically in the department that you're applying for). For example, if you're applying to marketing, collaboration could mean discussing new ways of social media advertising to reach an audience of over a million people to strengthen the brand awareness of the company.

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## Question # 24

How do you inspire others to be better?



#### Answer:-

First, the key to inspiring others it to first understand what their goals and objectives are. Once you understand what people want, you can inspire them with a vision that aligns to what they care about. People generally care about having purpose, being successful (and being recognized for it), contributing in a meaningful way, and financial rewards (to a degree) and much more. Then once you understand what people set as goals, you can inspire them through 1:1 pep talks, a presentation to multiple people and so forth.

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#### Question # 25

What role do you see technology playing in this role?

#### Answer:

Technology is important to almost every job today but it's not meant to be abused. I believe it's important to increase productivity and not for personal use.

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#### Question # 26

Why did you choose your major in college or tech school?

#### Answer:-

People usually choose their major based on their passions or the career path they want to head towards.

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#### Question # 27

What do you know about this company?

#### Answer:-

Research the company on Google by searching recent news (to remain current on them) and their website. Make sure you understand their products / services, vision, competitive differentiators, and work culture.

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#### Question # 28

What do you already know about our company?

#### Answer:-

Good reputation of a large home grown company that has various departments and product.

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## Question # 29

Describe a time where you've failed and bounced back?

## Answer:

Share a story to describe this. For example: "I accidentally made the mistake of telling a customer I could deliver on a solution set on a certain date and then later found out our business partner couldn't do it on that time. I learned that I shouldn't rush into important decisions and promises like this and that I should always check with my counterparts first before committing to a statement of work."

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## Question # 30

How do you feel about giving back to the community?

## Anewor:

Describe your charitable activities to showcase that community work is important to you. If you haven't done one yet, go to www.globalguideline.com - charitable work is a great way to learn about other people and it's an important part of society - GET INVOLVED!

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## Question # 31

Would you describe yourself as more analytical or interpersonal?

## Answer:-

If you answer either, just make sure you explain why. For example, "I would consider myself to be more analytical because I'm good at examining a data set and then understanding how to interpret it in a business environment." or "I'm more of interpersonal person because I enjoy working and collaborating with my teammates and clients"

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## Question # 32

Can you perform Internet research? Please describe to me your steps in doing so?

## Answer:-

Internet research can entail Google searches, industry sites, news articles, social networks and company websites.

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## Question #33



How long do you envision yourself staying with this company?

#### Answer:-

Understand that companies invest a lot of money into hiring the right staff. You want to emphasize that you are in it for the long run and you want to develop a career there and that it's not just a "5 month stepping stone" type of a job. You should be thinking how you're going to grow with that company. After all, don't you want to invest your energy and time with a company that is going to continue to be successful and one that will help you grow?

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#### Question #34

What do you aspire to be?

#### Answer-

Discuss your aspirations for the near, immediate and long term. You want to show them you are thinking of making an impact now as well as the future.

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#### Question #35

What have you done to prepare yourself to be a supervisor?

#### Answer:-

- 1. Learn from current supervisors (best practices)
- 2. Mentor others
- 3. Be exceptionally good at your current job so that it builds your credibility
- 4. Have a high emotional IQ

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## Question # 36

If selected for this position At Ace Hardware, can you describe your strategy for the first 90 days?

#### Answer:-

This depends on the job role. Make sure you break it down into

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## Question # 37

What's been your biggest failure to date?

#### Answer:-

Describe your biggest failure and discuss what you've learned from it and ideally how you've been successful since because of that lesson.

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## Question # 38

What are you most proud of?

## Answer:-

You should be proud of all your achievements At Ace Hardware! We just don't have time to hear them all as interviewers most likely. Focus on 1 really good achievement that showcases characteristics like the following: Integrity, competitiveness, resourcefulness, intelligence, persistence, and so forth.

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## Question # 39

How have you shown yourself to be a leader?

## Answer:-

Think about a time where you've rallied a group of people around a cause / idea / initiative and successfully implemented it. It could be a small or large project but the key is you want to demonstrate how you were able to lead others to work for a common cause.

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## Question # 40

If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?

## Answer:-

Seemingly random personality-test type questions like these come up in interviews generally because hiring managers want to see how you can think on your feet. There's no wrong answer here, but you'll immediately gain bonus points if your answer helps you share your strengths or personality or connect with the hiring manager. Pro tip: Come up with a stalling tactic to buy yourself some thinking time, such as saying, "Now, that is a great question. I think I would have to say..."

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## Question # 41

How would you describe your approach to Ace Hardware?

## Answer:

In more general terms, a question such as this gives a candidate the opportunity to talk about their professional philosophy and skills. While the question is general in nature, the best answers are usually quite specific, picking one or two points and exemplifying them with instances from personal history.

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#### Question # 42

How do you handle your anger?

#### Answer.

I don't get angry very easily but in the rare occasion that I do, I hold it in and act as though nothing is wrong.

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#### Question #43

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

#### Answer-

Describe both your personal and professional favorites. If you happen to like professional books / magazines that relate to the industry of the company you're applying for - that's definitely worth highlighting.

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#### Question # 44

What other jobs are you applying for At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer-

If you're applying with other similar companies in a similar or the same industry, it's actually okay to state that as it shows you're valued and wanted.

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#### Question # 45

What is your greatest weakness At Ace Hardware? What are you doing to improve it?

#### Answer-

I believe my biggest weakness At Ace Hardware is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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## Question # 46

Tell me about the last time you had to work with someone inside or outside of your department to accomplish a goal?

#### Answer:

Show that you were communicative with that person and that you were able to collaborate effectively in sharing ideas and work tasks. They want to see that you can be a team player.

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## Question # 47

Do you have good computer skills?

## Answer:-

It is becoming increasingly important for medical assistants to be knowledgeable about computers. If you are a long-time computer user with experience with different software applications, mention it. It is also a good idea to mention any other computer skills you have, such as a high typing rate, website creation, and more.

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## Question # 48

What would you do if our competitor offered you a position At Ace Hardware?

## Answer:-

I would weigh the offer and consider it, however, this company and this role is my first choice.

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## Question # 49

If I were to give you this salary you requested but let you write your job description for the next year, what would it say?

## Answer-

It should say the same thing - after all - if you think this salary is fair then it should suit the responsibilities!

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## Question # 50

Do you have any question regarding this job At Ace Hardware?

## Answer:

Never ask Salary, perks, leave, place of posting, etc. regarded questions. Try to ask more about the company to show how early you can make a contribution to your organization like. "Sir, with your kind permission I would like to know more about induction and developmental programs?" OR Sir, I would like to have my feedback, so that I can analyze and improve my strengths and rectify my shortcomings.

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## Question # 51



Why should the we hire you as this position At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer:

This is the part where you link your skills, experience, education and your personality to the job itself. This is why you need to be utterly familiar with the job description as well as the company culture. Remember though, it's best to back them up with actual examples of say, how you are a good team player.

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#### Question #52

There's no right or wrong answer, but if you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

#### Answer-

Just be honest about where you'd like to be - you never know - you may end up bonding with the interviewer with the location. However, you want to stress that you want to work out of the location that you're interviewing for.

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#### Question #53

What do you know about the company?

#### Answer:-

Any candidate can read and regurgitate the company's "About" page. So, when interviewers ask this, they aren't necessarily trying to gauge whether you understand the mission-they want to know whether you care about it. Start with one line that shows you understand the company's goals, using a couple key words and phrases from the website, but then go on to make it personal. Say, "I'm personally drawn to this mission because..." or "I really believe in this approach because..." and share a personal example or two.

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#### Question # 54

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer:-

Discuss how you expect yourself to be excellent at your job. Thus, it would be reasonable to expect pay that is based on the merit of your work.

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## Question # 55

Do you have any questions for me?

#### Answer:

Good interview questions to ask interviewers at the end of the job interview include questions on the company growth or expansion, questions on personal development and training and questions on company values, staff retention and company achievements.

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## Question # 56

How much time do you need to join the organization At Ace Hardware?

## Answer:-

You should be able to join it right away, barring plans you've already made (family travel, vacation, other obligations). The key is to simply be open in communication of what's already committed on your schedule. Most companies are accommodating. If they are not, weight the importance of joining that company vs. your plans.

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## Question # 57

What aspect of supervision do you find the most difficult?

## Answer:

Managing different personalities and keeping them focused on the goal at hand.

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## Question # 58

How do you act when you encounter competition?

## Answer:-

This question is designed to see if you can rise the occasion. You want to discuss how you are the type to battle competition strongly and then you need to cite an example if possible of your past work experience where you were able to do so.

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## Question # 59

What's a time you exercised leadership?

## Answer:

Depending on what's more important for the role, you'll want to choose an example that showcases your project management skills (spearheading a project from end to end, juggling multiple moving parts) or one that shows your ability to confidently and effectively rally a team. And remember: "The best stories include enough detail to be believable and memorable,". Show how you were a leader in this situation and how it represents your overall leadership experience and potential.



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#### Question # 60

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

#### Answer:-

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects.

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#### Question # 61

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

#### Answer:-

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words: "My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."

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#### Question # 62

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized At Ace Hardware?

#### Answer.

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)

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#### Question #63

Tell me the difference between good and exceptional?

#### Answer:-

Good gets the job done on time and is high quality. Exceptional is a game changer - it stands out, it's creative, it's above and beyond expectations. Tell the interviewer a story about how you were exceptional.

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#### Question #64

What kind of salary do you need At Ace Hardware?

## Answer:-

This is a loaded question and a nasty little game that you will probably lose if you answer first. So, do not answer it. Instead, say something like, that's a tough question. Can you tell me the range for this position? In most cases, the interviewer, taken off guard, will tell you. If not, say that it can depend on the details of the job. Then give a wide range.

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## Question #65

Have you got any questions?

## Answer:-

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

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## Question # 66

Tell me something about your family background?

## Answer:-

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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