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# Retail Consultant Job Interview Preparation Guide.

#### Question #1

What is your greatest professional achievement?

#### Answer:-

Nothing says "hire me" better than a track record of achieving amazing results in past jobs In Retail Consultant, so don't be shy when answering this interview question! A great way to do so is by using the S-T-A-R method: Set up the situation and the task that you were required to complete to provide the interviewer with background context (e.g., "In my last job as a Retail Consultant, it was my role to manage the invoicing process"), but spend the bulk of your time describing what you actually did (the action) and what you achieved (the result). For example, "In one month, I streamlined the process, which saved my group 10 man-hours each month and reduced errors on invoices by 25%."

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## Question # 2

Where do you see your career in five years In Retail Consultant?

#### Answer:

I would like to retire from this company. I would like to make a difference in the company whether in the company or any other position or area of the company In Retail Consultant.

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## Question #3

Why was there a gap in your employment In Retail Consultant?

### 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 # 4

Do you like being around people?

### Answer:

People skills are a necessity for medical assistants. When answering this question, be sure to show that you enjoy interacting and working with others and that you also derive great enjoyment from helping others. This will show that you are a team player and that you would be a valuable team member In Retail Consultant.

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## Question # 5

How do you deal with conflict in the workplace In Retail Consultant?

### Answer:

When people work together, conflict is often unavoidable because of differences in work goals and personal styles. Follow these guidelines for handling conflict in the workplace.

- \* 1. Talk with the other person.
- \* 2. Focus on behavior and events, not on personalities.
- \* 3. Listen carefully.
- \* 4. Identify points of agreement and disagreement.
- \* 5. Prioritize the areas of conflict.
- \* 6. Develop a plan to work on each conflict.
- \* 7. Follow through on your plan.
- \* 8. Build on your success.

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## Question # 6



How do you handle conflicts with people you supervise?

#### Answer:

At first place, you try to avoid conflicts if you can. But once it happens and there's no way to avoid it, you try to understand the point of view of the other person and find the solution good for everyone. But you always keep the authority of your position.

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### Question #7

How would you estimate the weight of the Chrysler building?

#### Answer:

This is a process guesstimate where the interviewer wants to know if you know what to ask. First, you would find out the dimensions of the building (height, weight, depth). This will allow you to determine the volume of the building. Does it taper at the top? (Yes.) Then, you need to estimate the composition of the Chrysler building. Is it mostly steel? Concrete? How much would those components weigh per square inch? Remember the extra step: find out whether you're considering the building totally empty or with office furniture, people, etc. If you're including the contents, you might have to add 20 percent or so to the building's weight.

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#### Question # 8

Tell me an occasion when you needed to persuade someone to do something?

#### Answer:-

Interpersonal relationships are a very important part of being a successful care assistant. This question is seeking a solid example of how you have used powers of persuasion to achieve a positive outcome in a professional task or situation. The answer should include specific details.

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#### Question #9

Do you have any question regarding this job In Retail Consultant?

#### 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 # 10

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

### Answer:

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.

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### Question # 11

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

### Answer:-

I work well under pressure to meet deadlines without jeopardizing the quality of my work. I have always worked in a fast pace environment where we are constantly under pressure to achieve best results within a time frame.

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### Question # 12

Explain me about your experience working in this field In Retail Consultant?

### Answer:

I am dedicated, hardworking and great team player for the common goal of the company I work with. I am fast learner and quickly adopt to fast pace and dynamic area. I am well organized, detail oriented and punctual person.

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## Question # 13

How much do you expect to get paid In Retail Consultant?

## Answer:-

For this be prepared and research salary to find out what similar positions are paying in your area before you go to the interview. Try to find this information out before giving your salary expectations. You can and should provide a range instead of an exact number. But again, don't say any numbers you're not comfortable with because if the employer offers you a salary at the lowest end of your range, you don't have much to negotiate with when it comes to getting a higher salary.

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## Question # 14

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 #15

What are your salary expectations In Retail Consultant?

#### Answer:

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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#### Question # 16

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

#### Answer:-

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist.

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#### Question # 17

What is your greatest weakness In Retail Consultant? What are you doing to improve it?

#### Answer:-

I believe my biggest weakness In Retail Consultant 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 # 18

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

#### Answer:

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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## Question # 19

What features of your previous jobs have you disliked?

### Answer:-

It's easy to talk about what you liked about your job in an interview, but you need to be careful when responding to questions about the downsides of your last position. When you're asked at a job interview about what you didn't like about your previous job, try not to be too negative. You don't want the interviewer to think that you'll speak negatively about this job or the company should you eventually decide to move on after they have hired you.

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### Question # 20

What problems have you encountered at work?

### Answer:-

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it--a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire.

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## Question # 21

Tell me about a time when you had to give someone difficult feedback In Retail Consultant?

### Answer:

By asking this question, your interviewer hopes to learn whether you can communicate effectively, address issues in the workplace and motivate others during difficult times. Giving negative feedback requires honesty, thoughtfulness and tact. Answering this question well can help show an interviewer that you would be a good fit for a managerial position or a position that involves working closely with others.

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### Question # 22

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?



#### Answer:-

This is another opportunity to show the interviewer what you're capable of so make sure to be prepared for this type of question. Have an example ready and make sure its an example of a suggestion you've made that was accepted and that have positive influence. If you can come up with an example that relates to the position you're applying for that would be even better.

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#### Question #23

What is your dream job?

#### Answer:-

There is almost no good answer to this question, so don't be specific. If you tell the interviewer that the job you're applying for with his/her company is the perfect job you may loose credibility if you don't sound believable (which you probably won't if you're not telling the truth.) If you give the interviewer some other job the interviewer may get concerned that you'll get dissatisfied with the position if you're hired. Again, don't be specific. A good response could be, "A job where my work ethic and abilities are recognized and I can make a meaningful difference to the organization."

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#### Question # 24

Explain me about a problem or disagreement you had with previous supervisor?

#### Answer-

This question is trap. It is meant to see whether or not you'll speak poorly of an employer. No one wants to hire someone who's going to speak poorly of them down the road. Stay upbeat and positive - and most of all don't say anything negative about a previous employer.

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#### Question # 25

How do you measure success?

#### Answer:-

There may be several good answers. Some include: you're able to set realistic, yet aggressive goals that push you and you're able to achieve them, you go the extra mile on all projects, client satisfaction is high, your boss is elated at your performance on all projects, etc.

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### Question # 26

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 # 27

Describe your work ethic?

## Answer:-

While discussing this, be sure to stress specific examples of what you bring to the company. Good qualities include resolve to fulfill job responsibilities, optimism, and a desire to be as efficient as possible while at work.

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### Question # 28

Do you think you are overqualified for this position In Retail Consultant?

## Answer:-

No matter your previous job experience or educational background, be sure to tell the interviewer you have the knowledge and skills to successfully execute the job responsibilities.

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### Question # 29

Why are you interested in working In Retail Consultant for [insert company name here]?

### Anewer:

Bad Answer: They don't have a good reason, or provide a generic answer, "I think it represents a great opportunity."

Good answer: One that shows they've done research on the company, and are truly excited about specific things they can do at the job. This not only shows enthusiasm for the work and basic preparation skills, gives you clues about the cultural fit.

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### Question #30

What is your desired salary In Retail Consultant?

## Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.



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#### Question #31

Top 11 Questions to Verify Experience and Credentials In Retail Consultant:

#### Answer-

Sometimes people want a job a little too bad - and they may fudge their credentials and experience a bit.

If you've run into this problem, are worried about it, or have credentials and experience that are absolutely essential, you may need to ask a few verification questions. If you are a candidate, you should review your resume and make sure you know all the key points, and that nothing has been misconstrued.

- 1. What grades did you get in college?
- 2. What were your responsibilities when you worked in job x?
- 3. How many people were on your team at your last job?
- 4. What will your previous manager/supervisor say when I ask where you needed to improve?
- 5. What was your beginning and ending salary at job x?
- 6. What were your beginning and ending titles at job x?
- 7. Are you eligible for rehire at job x?
- 8. What tools are necessary for performing job x?
- 9. Describe to me how you would perform [x typical job task].
- 10. What was the focus of your thesis?
- 11. When did you leave company x?

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#### Question # 32

You notice there are too many non productive internal meetings being held, what do you do?

#### Answer:-

Reach out to your boss and let him know that first you value his leadership and organization but that you are being overwhelmed with the amount of non productive internal meetings.

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#### Question #33

The change in the business industry now requires you to have a new set of skills you have to learn, how do you react to that?

#### Answer:-

First, find out which skills are the ones that you're currently lacking. Then identify what the steps would be to acquire/build those skills. Then take action to do so.

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## Question #34

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that In Retail Consultant?

### Answer:

State a business case to your manager / leader as to why you need the tools and make the request for them.

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## Question # 35

Who are your role models? Why?

### Answer:-

If possible, cite role models you're truly passionate about - passion is contagious and will show you're being genuine. If the role model is in the same or similar industry as the company in an executive level position, even better.

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## Question # 36

What is the most important lesson / skill you've learned from school?

## Answer:-

Think of lessons learned in extra curricular activities, in clubs, in classes that had a profound impact on your personal development. For example, I had to lead a team of 5 people on a school project and learned to get people with drastically different personalities to work together as a team to achieve our objective.

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## Question # 37

If someone had to say something negative to you, what would they say?

### Answer:

Again, be honest about sharing a story here about someone who may not have gotten along with you in the office here and explain how you were able to fix that relationship or change your attitude/action to be a better person / coworker.

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### Question # 38

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 #39

What type of extracurricular activities are you a part of?

#### Answer.

Discuss the clubs / activities you were in, share a personal story about why you enjoyed it and then describe how it's helped shape you to be who you are today. For example, I enjoyed rock climbing because it taught me the value of practicing hard at a sport to become skilled in it. I bring this same diligence to my work approach today as well.

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#### Question # 40

Describe your academic achievements?

#### Answer:-

Think of a time where you really stood out and shined within college. It could be a leadership role in a project, it could be your great grades that demonstrate your intelligence and discipline, it could be the fact that you double majored. Where have you shined?

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#### Question # 41

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 # 42

How meticulous are you with details?

#### Answer:-

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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## Question # 43

Have you ever been fired and if yes, why?

### Answer:-

Answer this as positively as possible and try to avoid disparaging the company you had previously worked for. The key is to accept the fact that yes, you were fired, but you've learned from the mistakes that got you there and you're better now because of it. If you haven't been fired, well, then this question's a piece of cake isn't it?

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## Question # 44

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

### Answer:

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.

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## Question # 45

What's the least rewarding work you've ever done and why?

### Answer:

Describe work you've done that you feel doesn't take advantage of your full potential. For example, "I once had to make paper copies for my job and I feel it didn't take full advantage of my skills. However, it did teach me to be humble in my work and to appreciate a good opportunity when it arose to use my skills"

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## Question # 46

How good are you at problem solving?

### Answer:

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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## Question # 47



How well do you multi-task?

#### Answer:-

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects In Retail Consultant and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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#### Question # 48

If I talked to your three biggest fans, who would they be and why?

#### Answer-

If you can reference three professionals with executive titles (CXO, VP, Director, Manager), that carries a lot of weight. Make sure you highlight how you've helped them achieve their biggest objectives and how that's made them your fan.

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### Question # 49

What have you done to improve yourself in the last year In Retail Consultant?

#### Answer-

Discuss how you've improved yourself through work experiences, books you've read, classes, club(s) / extracurricular activities and describe the process on how it's happened. For example: I've improved my presentation skills tremendously because I've had to do 2 presentations this year for my communications class.

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#### Question # 50

Describe a time when you've been overwhelmed with work?

#### Answer:-

Show how you were able to over the "overwhelmed" feeling - by delegating tasks, getting people on your team to help you out, or by prioritizing your work and focusing on the most important issues first In Retail Consultant.

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## Question # 51

If you had to choose one, would you consider yourself a big-picture person or a detail-oriented person?

#### Answer:

Both are important. You need to stress that. However, if you could only choose one, ask yourself In Retail Consultant - do you like to be "in the weeds" with your work, or do you want to be the one painting the vision?

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## Question # 52

Who was your favorite manager and why?

## Answer:-

Describe the attributes you liked about your favorite manager, typically attributes discussed are: Great at coaching, inspiring, motivating, empowering, trusting, delegating, leading, etc.

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### Question # 53

What is your greatest achievement outside of work In Retail Consultant?

### Answer:

This is a great opportunity for you to discuss how you've given back to the community, how you've achieved in a competitive extracurricular activity (think sports or clubs), how you've mentored others, and so forth.

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## Question # 54

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 # 55

If selected for this position In Retail Consultant, 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 # 56

How do you take "No" for an answer?

#### Answer-

You want to be persistent enough to understand why someone is saying no so that you could potentially convince them otherwise with a sound reason. However, if they are still saying "no" to you, then you need to humbly accept their position and move on.

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### Question # 57

What is the difference between a big ego and a healthy ego?

#### Answer-

"Ego" should be replaced by confidence. It's good to be confident as it shows that you know what you're doing. However, a big ego is when confidence spirals out of control and you become arrogant.

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#### Question # 58

What does "thinking outside the box" mean to you?

#### Answer-

It means not doing things exactly the same way as everyone else. You've got to challenge the status quo and bring something new to the business.

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#### Question #59

How do you rate yourself in computer skills? Please describe the programs and software that you can use well?

#### Answer:

Ideally you want to able to type quickly, have the ability to effectively use Microsoft Office, and more importantly be able to quickly adapt to computer / technology skills. More and more it's become an integral part of work. If the job doesn't require technology skills - then this question shouldn't be asked!

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## Question # 60

How much time do you need to join the organization In Retail Consultant?

#### 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 #61

In what areas do you think you will need guidance?

## Answer:-

Think about what you need to learn going into the job. Skill sets, industry knowledge, relationship building, team dynamics. Which areas are ones you're lacking?

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