

Career Day

Suggested List of Question To Ask Guest Speakers

Questions of General Interest

1. Why did you choose this job?
2. How many years have you been working on your job? How many more years do you plan on working at your job?
3. Do you enjoy your job?
4. Can you describe your typical day?
5. What is your favorite thing about your typical day?
6. How many different types of jobs are there in your field of work? What are they?
7. How would you rate your job on a scale of 1-10 on the basis of fun?
8. Is your job mainly physical strain, mental strain or both?
9. Did you know you were going to be doing this job when you were our age?
10. Does your job take any special talents?
11. Does your job seem exciting to you?
12. Can you live and work anywhere in the U.S. or can your job be done only in certain places?
13. Are there any limitations on your personal and/or social life because of the nature of your work?
14. What are the best jobs in your field?
15. Are there many openings for your type of job now? Will there be in the future when I get old enough to choose my career?
16. How would you advise me to plan for my future?
17. What are some other interesting jobs that might be related to yours?
18. What job would you choose if you didn't do what you do now?
19. What do you think are going to be good jobs in the future?
20. What is the most satisfying thing about a job? Money? Vacations? Co-workers? Retirement? Or what?
21. What are some things you don't like about your job?
22. Can both men and women do your job?
23. Do you have any hobbies?

Questions on Education and/or Training

1. Does your job require a high school, community college, technical college or 4 year college education?
2. What classes or courses should I take to prepare for this career?
3. What were your favorite classes in school?
4. Does your job change often? And if so, how do you update your knowledge and skills?

Questions on Working Conditions

1. How many days do you work each week?
2. How many hours a day?
3. Do you belong to a union?
4. How are vacations awarded? How long are they?
5. What sort of tools do you use? Do you have to buy your work tools?
6. Are promotions possible in your job and if so, what must you do for a promotion?
7. Do you ever get transferred and can you be transferred if you don't want to be?
8. Do you work with other people or mainly by yourself?
9. Do you work for yourself or someone?
10. Are there any health hazards in your job?
11. Do you work mainly indoors or outdoors?
12. Do you need any special physical characteristics to do your job?
13. Do you have to travel much in your job?

Questions on Money

1. How much money do people in your type of work generally make?
2. Do you get overtime pay?
3. Are you paid by the hour, by a fee that you charge, by sales commission, or salary? What is the difference?
4. Will you receive a pension when you retire?
5. How is your job affected by the economy?
6. What fringe benefits do you receive?