

# Interview Workshop

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# Attendance forms



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# Remember this?

## Common Behavioral

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- Write

Give me an example of a time you faced a conflict with a coworker. How did you handle that?

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- Give

Give me an example of a time when you had to think on your feet.

Give me an example of a time you managed numerous responsibilities. How did you handle that?

Tell me about a time you set a goal for yourself. How did you go about ensuring that you would meet your objective?

Describe a time when you saw a problem and took the initiative to correct it.

Tell me about a time you made a mistake and wish you'd handled a situation with a colleague differently.

Tell me about a time an unexpected problem derailed your planning. How did you recover?

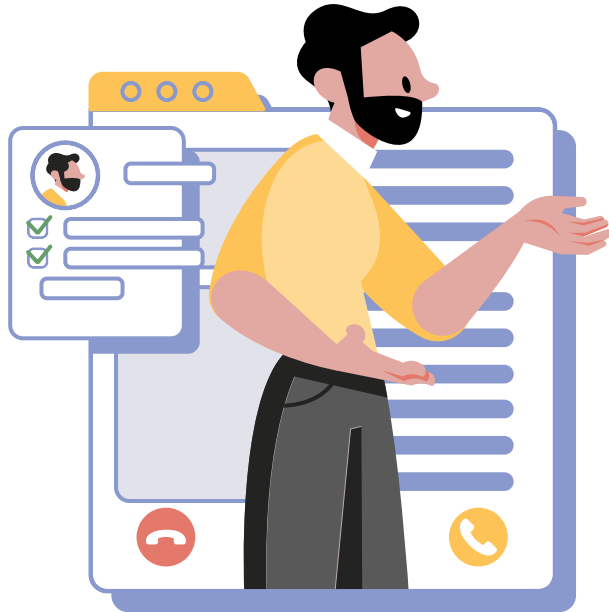
**ified to be**

Tell me about a time you failed. How did you deal with the situation?

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# Types of questions asked

And getting ready for them



## About Yourself

Resume  
Background/experience  
Opinions/values/aspirations



## Behaviorals

Past (tell me about a time when...)  
Future (what would you do...)



## Curveballs

Uncommon questions you likely won't be able to prepare for



## Technical

Specific to the role (ex: case study, analytical)

# Coffee Chats

- **Linkedin, etc** - cold outreach
  - first.last@company.com
- Visibility and Advice
- Possible outcomes
  - Ghosted
  - Vibes match/don't match
  - Referral? 🤔
- Send thank you notes + follow up

**It goes both ways; vibe check!**

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**Call: Your Name <> Employee Name  
| Company**

Monday, Nov 10, 2025  
from 11 AM to 11:30 AM

10 AM

11 AM

Noon

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Hi Name,

Looking forward to connecting with you soon!

Best,  
Your Name  
Major | Grade at UCLA  
Your number





# Sign In Sheet!

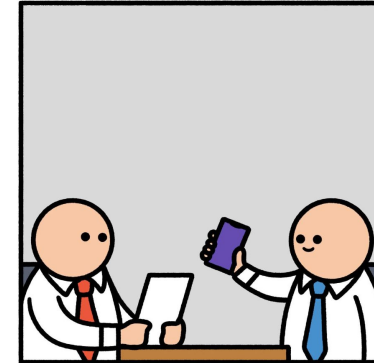
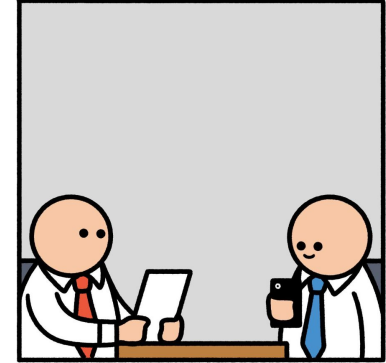
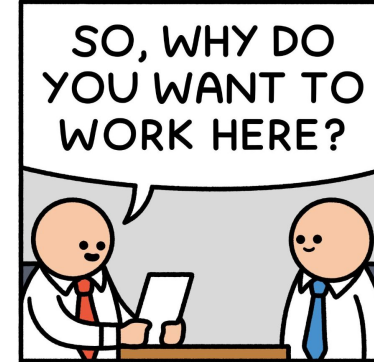
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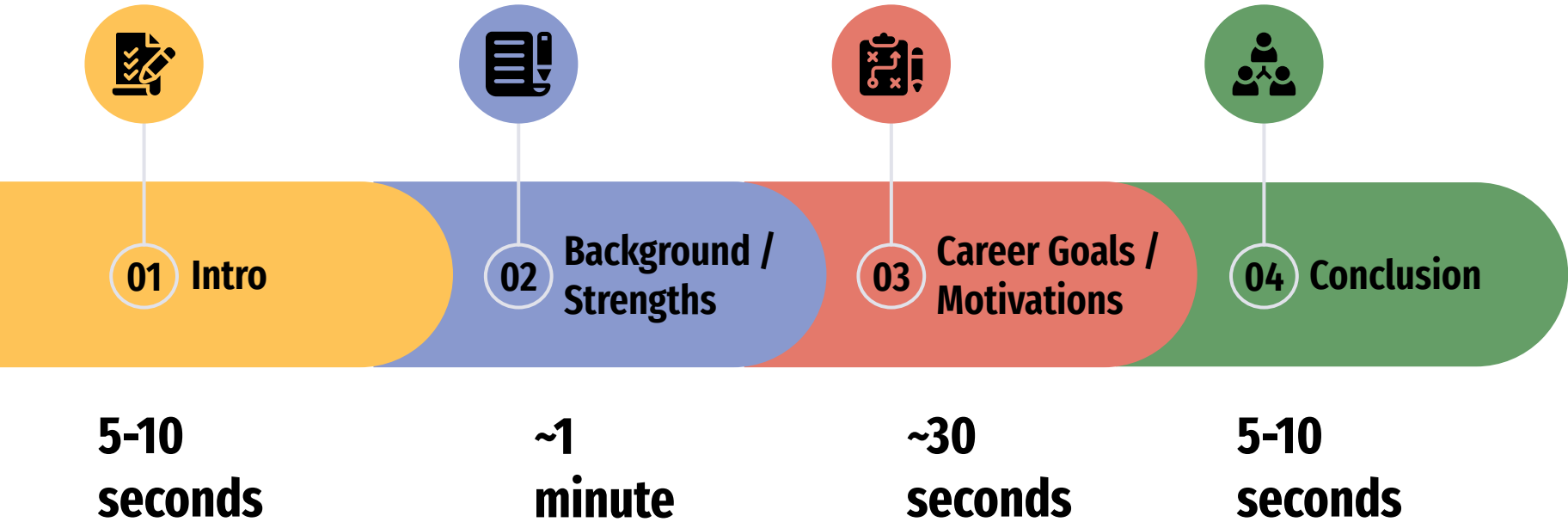
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# Favorite place to study?



# Tell me about yourself.







**What do you consider your  
greatest weakness?**

# Favorite pizza (topping)?



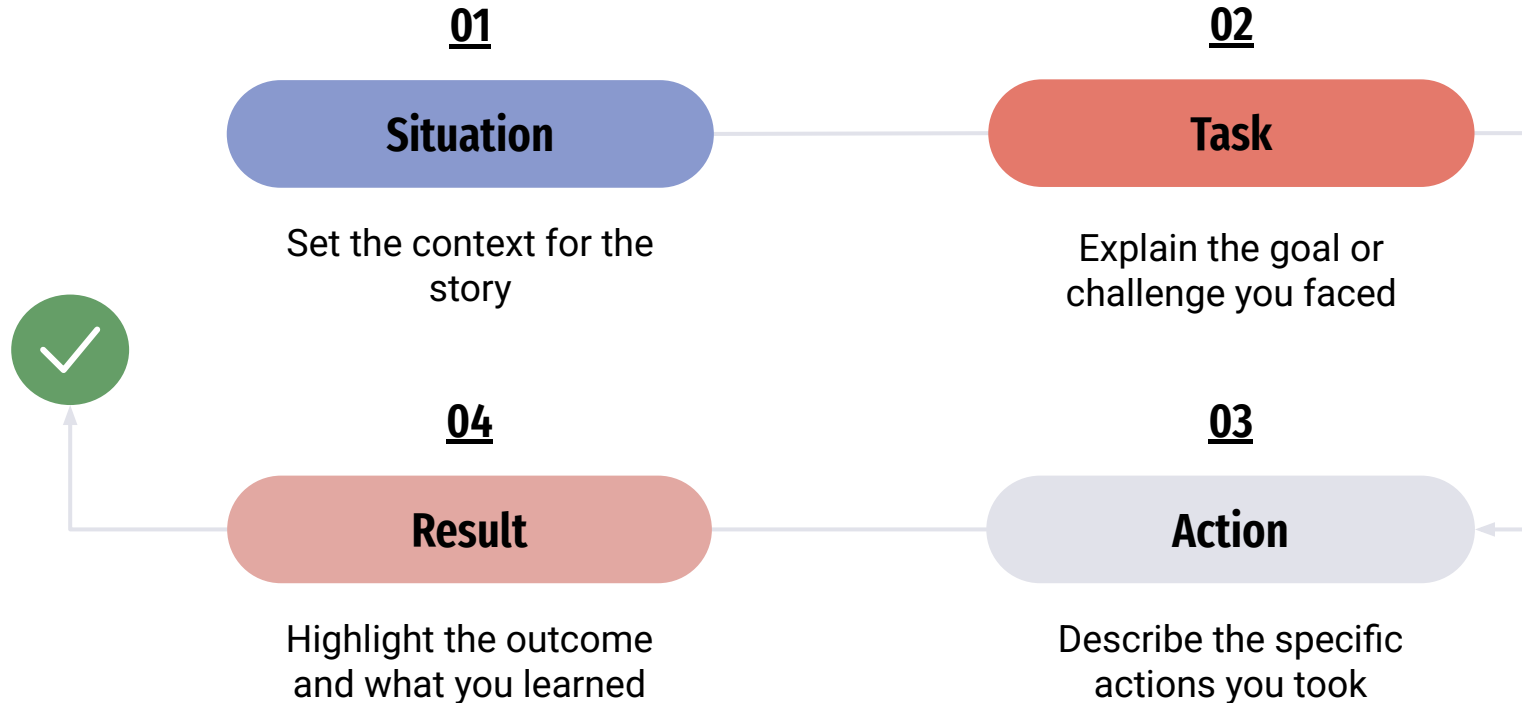
# Tell me about a time...

- When you had to work closely with someone whose personality was very different from yours.
- When you had to make a difficult decision.

# What would you do if...

- You were given a project with a tight deadline and realized halfway through that you couldn't meet it?
- You were tasked with leading a project but had no prior experience in that area?

# STAR Generic Response



# **Tell me about a time...**

# **when you had to work with someone who had a different perspective.**

STAR: Situation → Task → Action → Result

# **What would you do if...**

## **a customer complained about a product that you knew was not defective?**

STAR: Situation → Task → Action → Result

# Given this scenario...

You are tasked with **leading a new project**. There are **various teams** that you must lead, and each come from **different departments**, so they are not familiar with each other. You are also in charge of **communicating with the client**. Finally, there is an **extremely tight deadline** that you must meet.

- How do you navigate this situation? / What is your thought process?
- What are the steps you will take to ensure success?

# Go to wake-up drink?



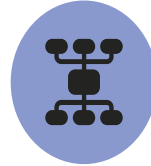


# Curveballs



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**Stay Calm and  
Take Your Time**



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**Ask for Clarity**



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**Be Transparent**



**Would you still love me if I was  
a worm?**

**~~Would you still love me if I was  
a worm?~~**

**What is your biggest pet  
peeve?**



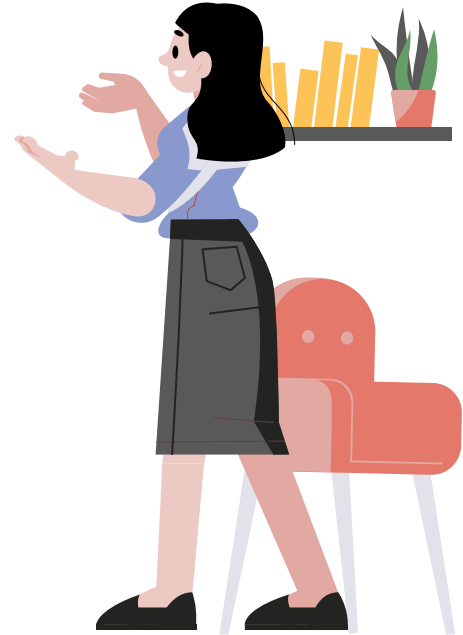
# **Are you memorable?**

# Brain Teaser!



# Questions?

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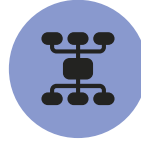
# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Types of a job interview



Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest of them all

**Structured**



Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

**Not structured**



Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

**Semi-structured**

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

“Before the interview planner”

## Hours

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest

**08:00**

**08:30**

**09:00**

**09:15**

## Planner

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury. It's the second brightest natural object in the night sky

Earth is the only planet known to harbor life

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

Saturn is the only planet with rings

Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## “During the interview”



**01**

Make a good first impression with a nice smile

**02**

Maintain correct posture while sitting

**03**

Be on time gives you extra travel time in case you get lost

**04**

Bring any materials you may need including portfolio

**05**

Dress professionally and make sure you are well groomed

# Job Interview Tips Infographics



Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest of them all

01

Saturn is a gas giant and the only planet with rings



Venus has extremely high temperatures and is toxic

02

Ceres was the first asteroid to ever be discovered



Earth is the only planet known to harbor life

03

The Moon is the Earth's only natural satellite. It's very beautiful



Despite being red, Mars is a very cold planet full of iron oxide dust

04

The Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System



Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet of them all

05

Jupiter is a gas giant and it doesn't have a solid surface



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## PHASES

Mercury is the  
smallest planet

Venus has high  
temperatures

Jupiter is the  
biggest planet

Saturn is a gas giant  
with rings

### BEFORE

✗

✗

✓

✓

### DURING

✓

✓

✓

✓

### AFTER

✓

✗

✓

✓

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Common interview question and answer “First round”

**01**

### **Where do you see yourself in five years?**

“Mercury's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman god”

**02**

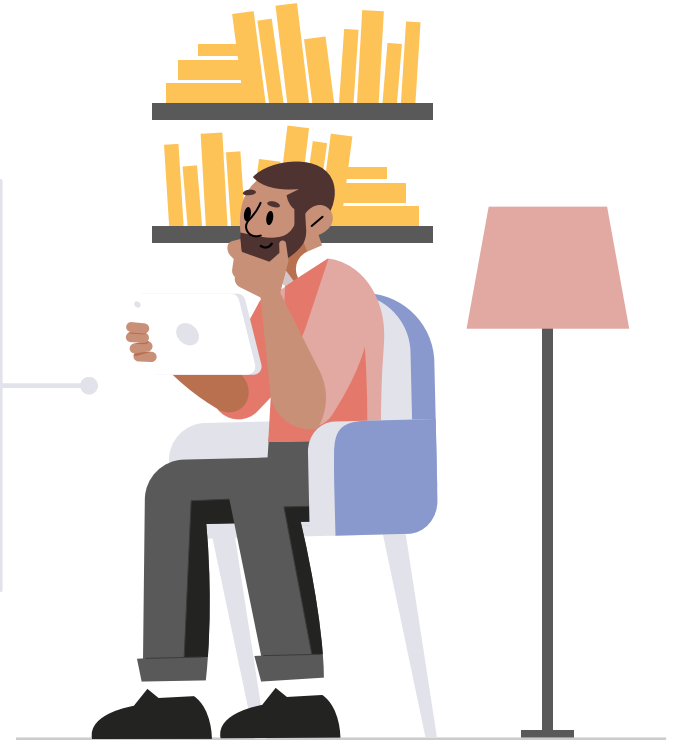
### **What are your strengths/weaknesses?**

“Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury”

**03**

### **Why should we hire you?**

“Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust, which gives the planet its reddish cast”



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Common Interview question and answer “Second round”



**04**

**What's your current salary?**

"Mercury's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman god"

**05**

**What's your work style?**

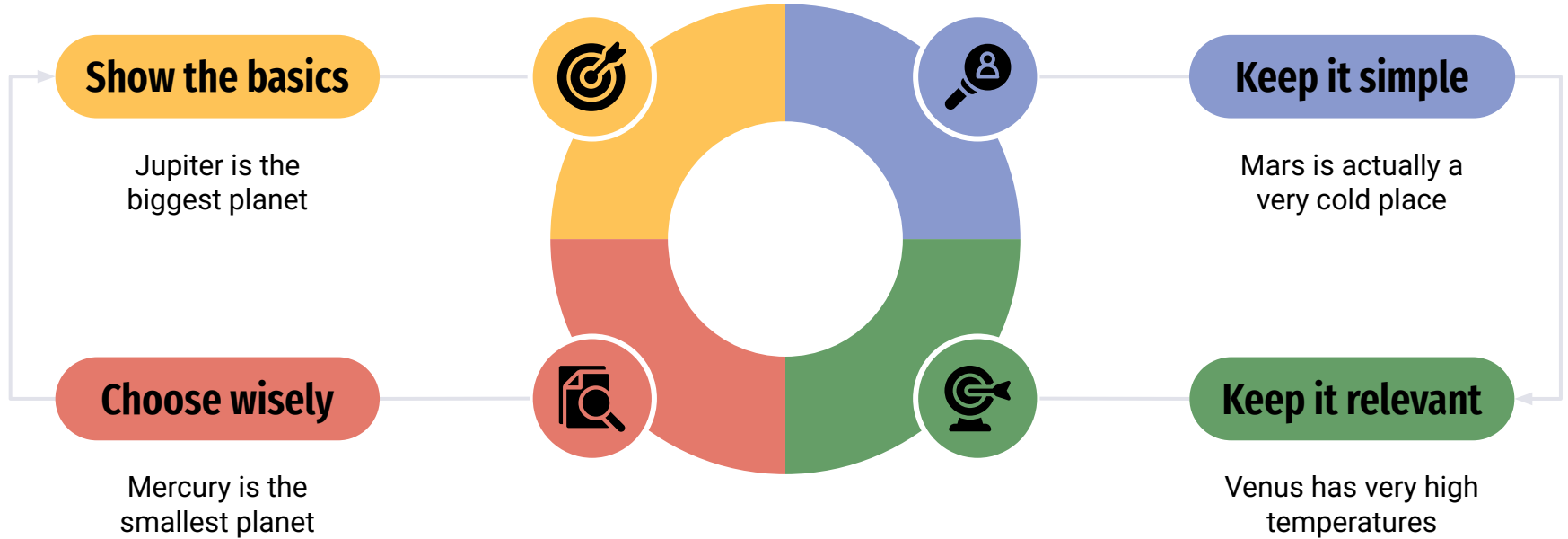
"Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury"

**06**

**What motivates you?**

"Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust, which gives the planet its reddish cast"

# Job Interview Tips Infographics



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Mercury



It's the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest in the Solar System

25%

## Venus



Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

50%

## Mars



Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

75%

## Jupiter



Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System

55%

## Neptune



It's the fourth-largest object by diameter in the Solar System

60%

## Saturn



Saturn was named after the Roman god of wealth and agriculture

80%

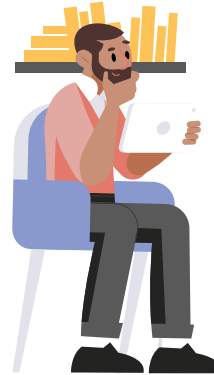
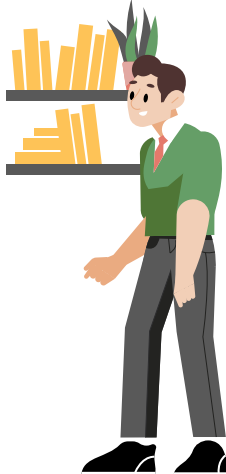
# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## The common Interview question and answer “Selection phase”

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System

### Candidate 1

- Mars is actually a cold place
- Earth is the planet with life
- Mercury is a small planet



### Candidate 2

- We all orbit around the Sun
- Pluto is a dwarf planet
- Only Saturn has rings



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Popular nonverbal mistakes made  
during job interviews

89%

## Having no information about the company

Mercury is the closest planet  
to the Sun

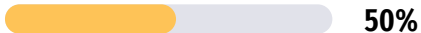
Venus



Neptune



Ceres



65%



24%

## Avoiding making an eye contact

Venus has a beautiful name  
and high temperatures

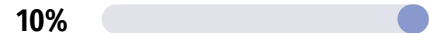
Saturn



Jupiter



Mars



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## The best candidate

### Capacity

Jupiter is the biggest planet

### Effort

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

### Achievements

Mars is actually a very cold place

### Goals

Jupiter is the biggest planet

### Challenges

Saturn is composed mostly of hydrogen

### Learn

Neptune is very far from the Sun

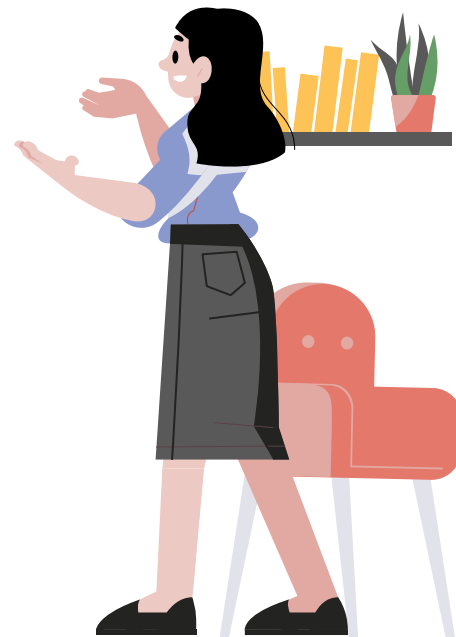


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## Popular mistakes made during job interviews

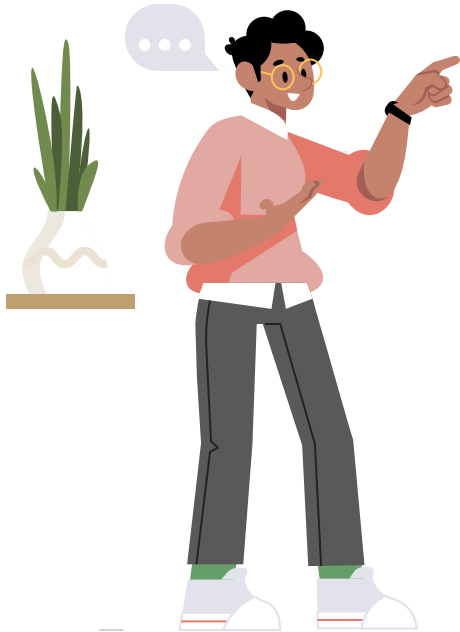
### To do

- Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust
- Earth is the third planet from the Sun and the only one with life
- Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Popular mistakes made during job interviews



### Not to do

- Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust
- Earth is the third planet from the Sun and the only one with life
- Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

Most valued features of the  
selection process



## Education

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one



## Hobbies

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun



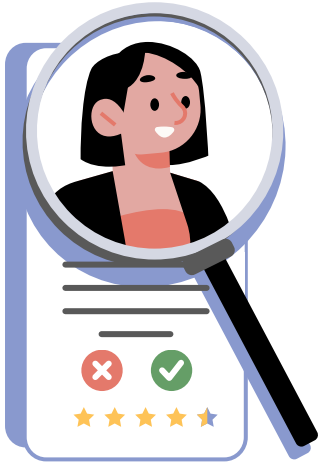
## Profile

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## How to ace a job interview

Saturn is the fourth-brightest object at night. It was named after the Roman god of the skies and lightning



### Know your facts

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

### Look the part

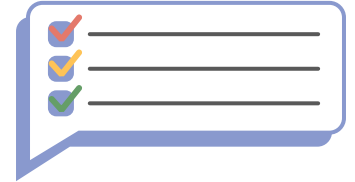
Despite being red, Mars actually is a cold place

### Know the job

Venus has a beautiful name and high temperatures

### Plan the day before

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

84%

## Key concepts

Saturn is the fourth-brightest object in the night sky. It was named after a Roman god



01

## Working together

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

02

## Time management

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

04

## Motivation

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

03

## Creativity

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Engage with the interviewers

It's the fourth-brightest object in the night sky. It was named after the Roman god of the skies and lightning

### A good first impression

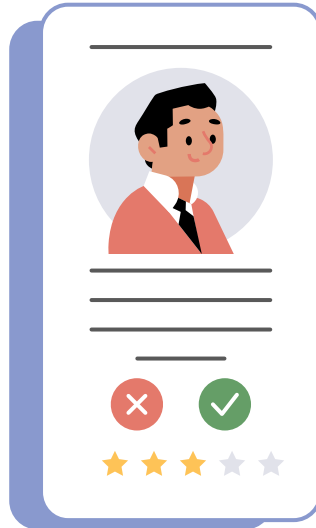
Mercury is the smallest planet of them all

#### Step 1

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet

#### Step 2

Saturn is a gas giant and the only planet with rings



### Be confident but not cocky

Venus has a beautiful name and high temperatures

#### Step 1

Earth is the only planet that harbors life

#### Step 2

Despite being red, Mars is a very cold planet



# Job Interview Tips Infographics

84%

**Confidence**

Mars is actually a very cold place



Venus has very high temperatures

**Clothes**

25%

10%

**Posture**

Mercury is the smallest planet



Pluto is considered a dwarf planet

**Honesty**

37%

# Job Interview Tips Infographics



01

**Mercury**

This planet's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman god

02

**Venus**

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury

03

**Mars**

Despite being red, It's actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust, which gives the planet its reddish cast

04

**Neptune**

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun. It's also the fourth-largest object by diameter in the Solar System

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Recommended words

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings. It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium

01

**Capacity**

Mercury is the smallest planet

02

**Nervous**

Venus is a very hot planet

03

**Goals**

Mars is actually a very cold place

04

**Achievements**

Jupiter is the biggest planet

## Disapproved words

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun. It's also the fourth-largest object by diameter

01

**Blockage**

Earth is where we all live

02

**Nervous**

Neptune is very far from the Sun

03

**Shy**

Pluto is a dwarf planet

04

**Unsafety**

Ceres is in the main asteroid belt

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Popular nonverbal mistakes made during job interviews

01

### Playing with hair

Mars is actually a very cold place

02

### No smiling

Jupiter is the biggest planet

03

### Wrong posture

Ceres is in the main asteroid belt



### Crossing arms

Neptune is very far from the Sun

04

### Eye contact

Saturn is composed of hydrogen

05

### No information

Pluto is now considered a dwarf

06

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## Training

Mercury's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal

## Coaching

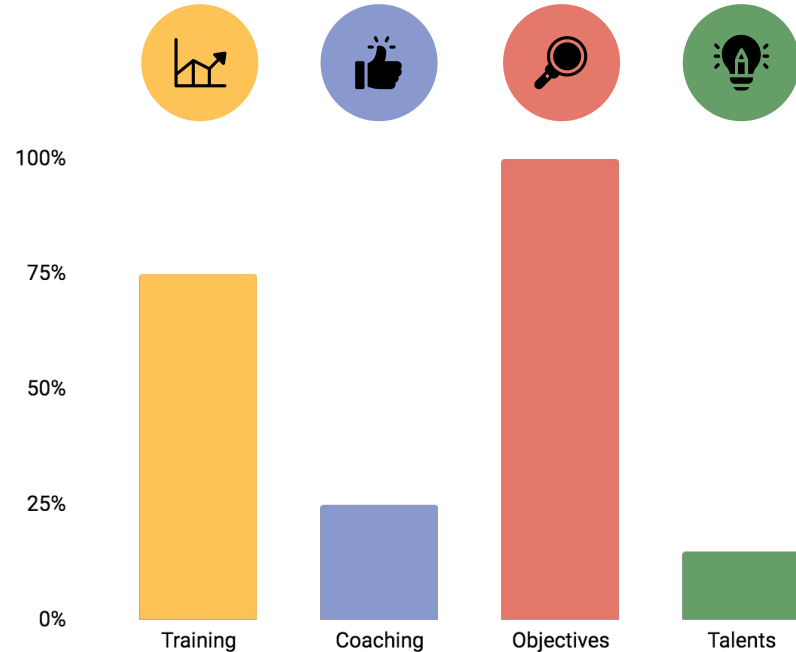
Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

## Objectives

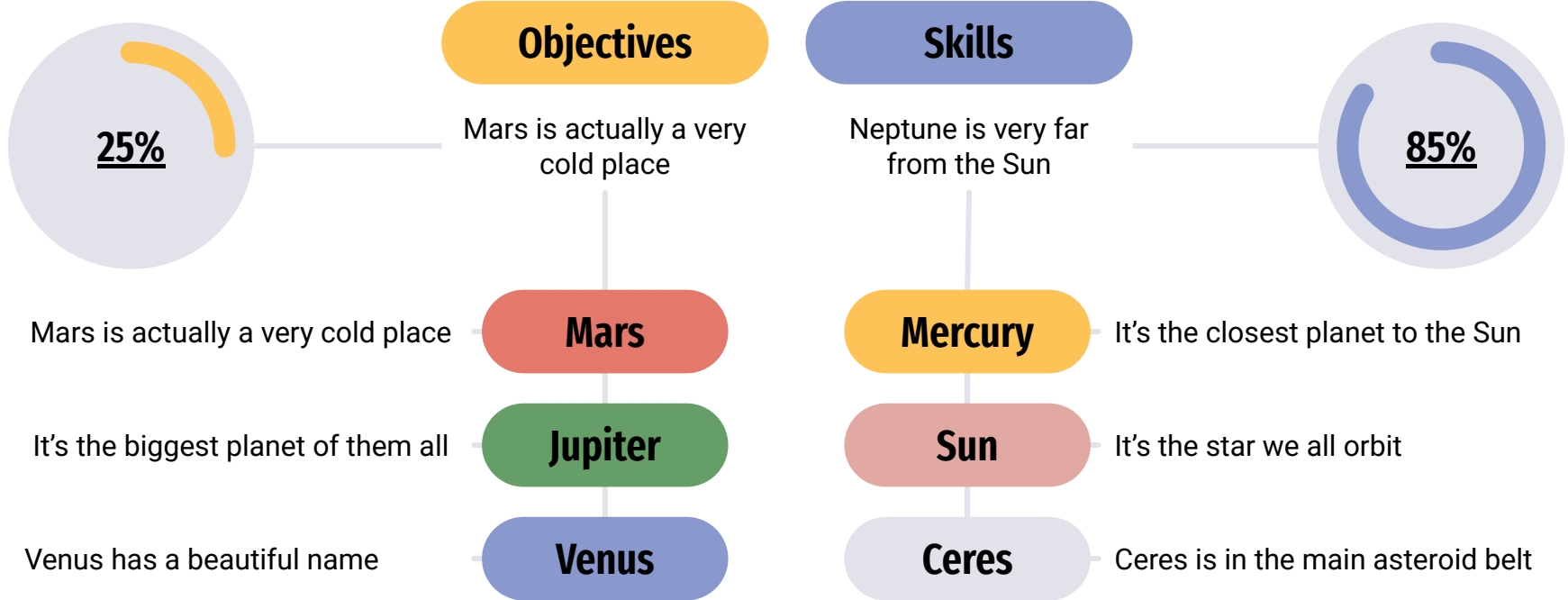
Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

## Talents

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System



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# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Top 4 questions to ask an interviewer

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System. This planet's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman messenger god

**What do you expect from team members?**

**Will those expectations change over time?**

**What is a typical day like at [company name]?**

**Where do you see the company in five years?**

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury, and its atmosphere is extremely poisonous. It's the second-brightest natural object in the night

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

Interview job test question and answer

**01**

**Why do you want this job?**

- Mercury
- Venus
- Mars

**03**

**What's your current salary?**

- Ceres
- Earth
- Pluto

**02**

**Why were you fired?**

- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Neptune

**04**

**What's your work style?**

- Sun
- Mars
- Earth



# Job Interview Tips Infographics



## Education

Mercury's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal

01



02

Venus is the second brightest natural object in the night sky

## Experience



45%



## Goals

Mars is full of iron oxide dust, which gives the planet its color

03



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