

Interview Workshop

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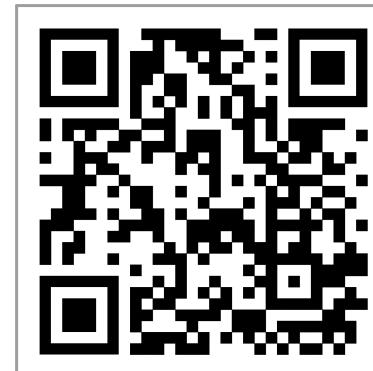


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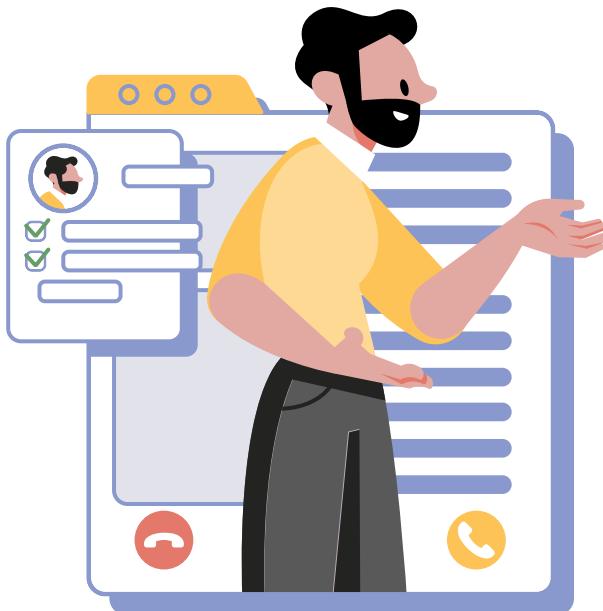
Remember this?

Common Behaviorals

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write me an example of a time you faced a conflict with a coworker. How did you handle that?• Give me an example of a time when you had to think on your feet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>Tell me about a time an unexpected problem derailed your planning. How did you recover?</p> <p>Tell me about a time you failed. How did you deal with the situation?</p> <p>ified to be</p>
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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!

Back Event Details Edit

Call: Your Name <> Employee Name | Company

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

10 AM

11 AM Call: Your Name <> Employee Name | Company

Noon

Calendar melodyzxu@gmail.com

Alert 30 minutes before

Second Alert None

Notes

Hi Name,
Looking forward to connecting with you soon!

Best,
Your Name
Major | Grade at UCLA
Your number



Sign In Sheet!

BFS

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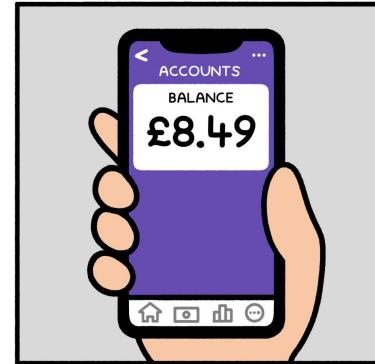
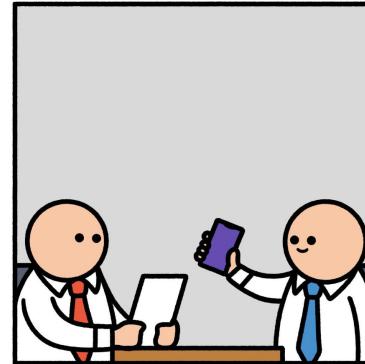
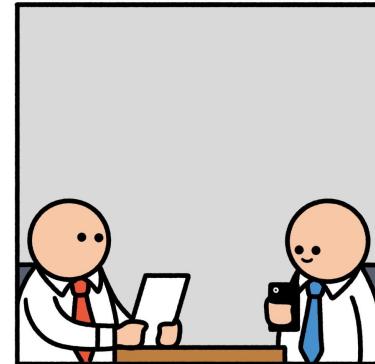
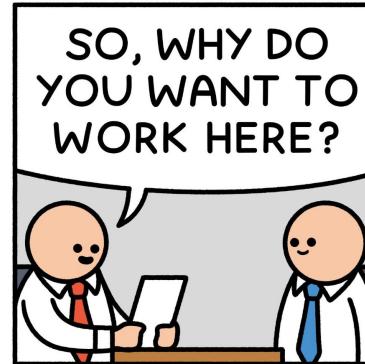
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TWONKS

SO, WHY DO
YOU WANT TO
WORK HERE?



Favorite place to study?



Tell me about yourself.



01 Intro



02 Background /
Strengths



03 Career Goals /
Motivations



04 Conclusion

5-10
seconds

~1
minute

~30
seconds

5-10
seconds

What do you consider your greatest weakness?

Favorite pizza (topping)?



Tell me about a time...

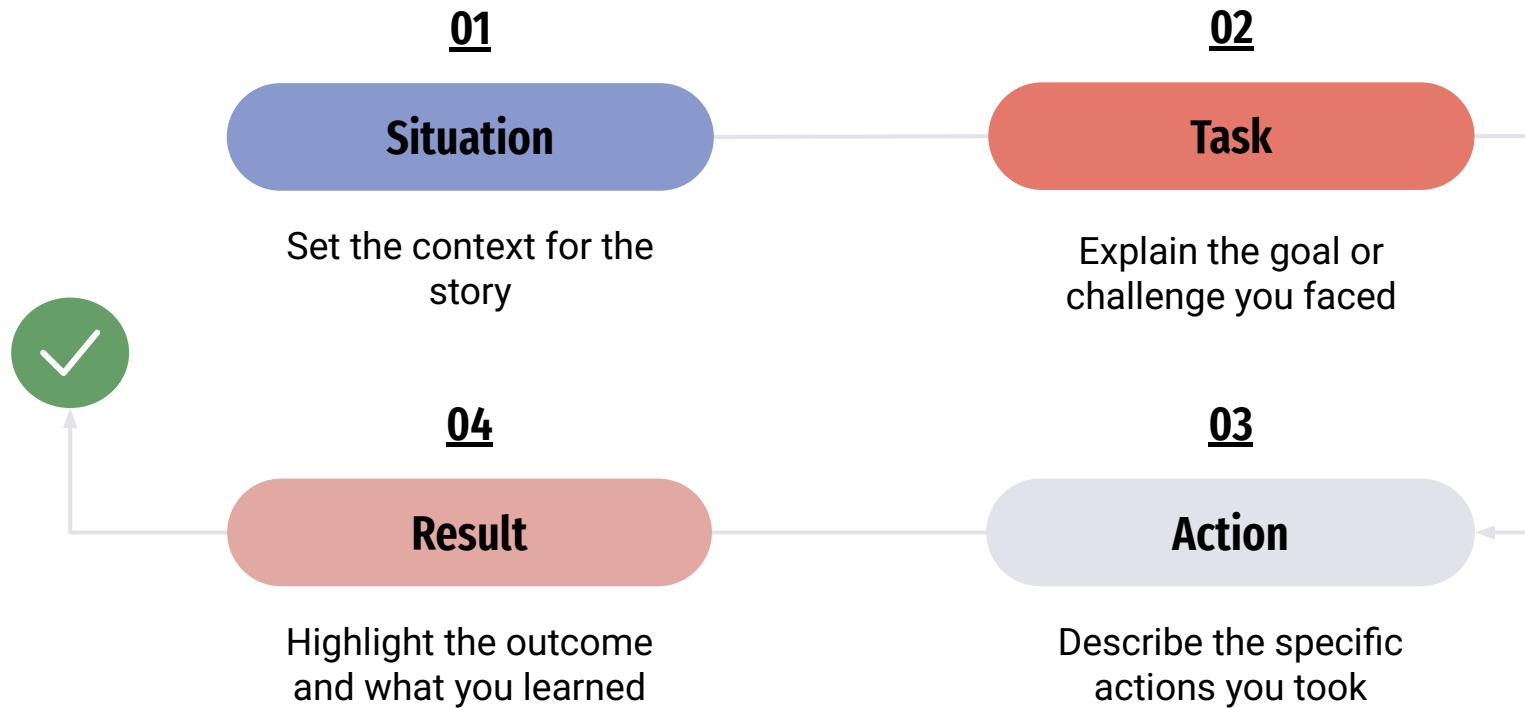
- When you had to work closely with someone whose personality was very different from yours.
- When you had to make a difficult decision.

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



<https://www.careerproplus.com/blog/ten-unexpected-interview-questions/>

Stay Calm and Take Your Time



www.linkedin.com/business/talent/blog/talent-acquisition/unexpected-interview-questions-to-get-unrehearsed-answers

Ask for Clarity



sg.indeed.com/career-advice/interviewing/curveball-interview-questions

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?

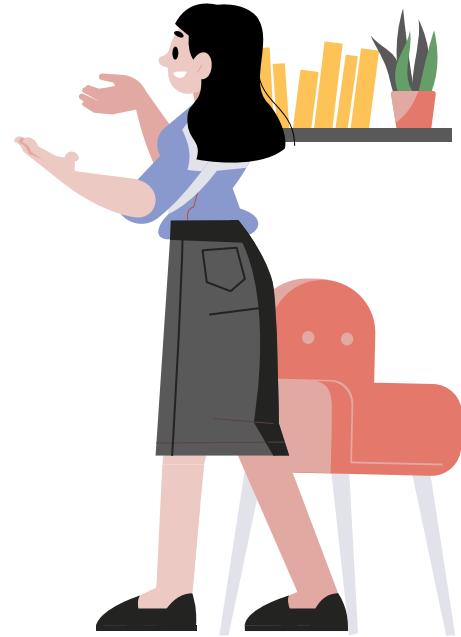
Brain Teaser!





Questions?

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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

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“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

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“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

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-  Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest of them all **01**
-  Venus has extremely high temperatures and is toxic **02**
-  Earth is the only planet known to harbor life **03**
-  Despite being red, Mars is a very cold planet full of iron oxide dust **04**
-  Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet of them all **05**
-  Saturn is a gas giant and the only planet with rings **✓**
-  Ceres was the first asteroid to ever be discovered **✓**
-  The Moon is the Earth's only natural satellite. It's very beautiful **✓**
-  The Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System **✓**
-  Jupiter is a gas giant and it doesn't have a solid surface **✓**

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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



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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

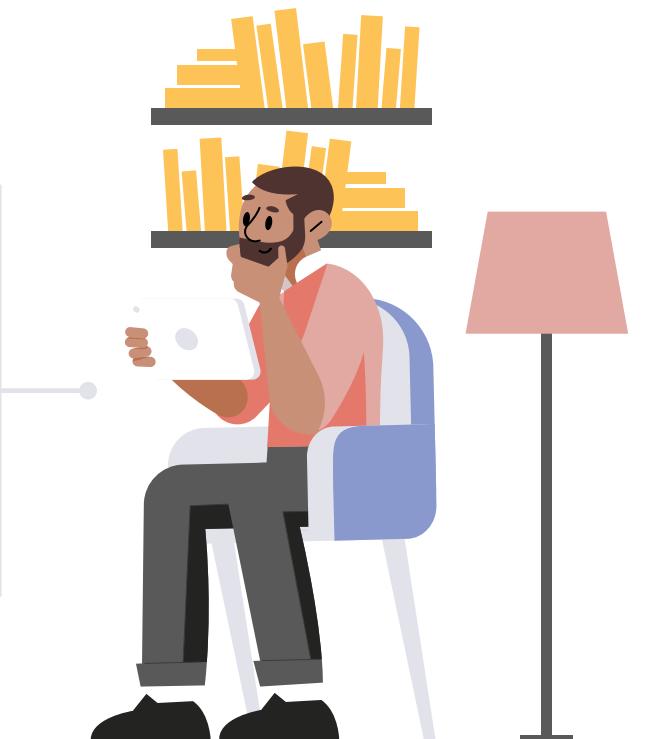
What are your strengths/weaknesses?

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

03

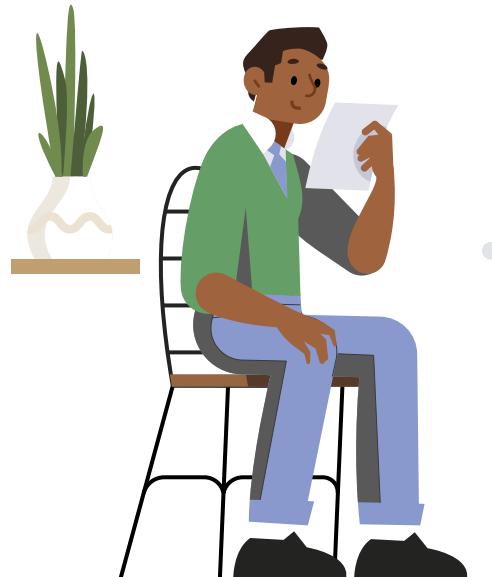
Why should we hire you?

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



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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”

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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%

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The common Interview question and answer “Selection phase”

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

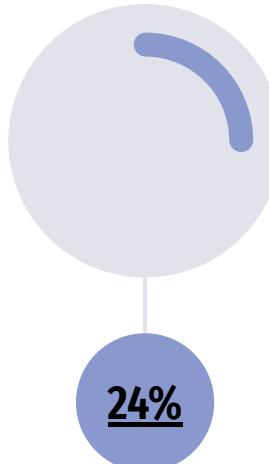
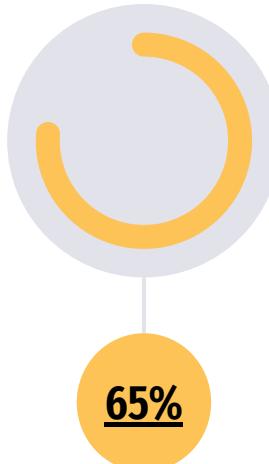
Venus



Neptune



Ceres



Avoiding making an eye contact

Venus has a beautiful name
and high temperatures

Saturn



Jupiter



Mars



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Capacity

Jupiter is the biggest planet

Effort

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

Achievements

Mars is actually a very cold place

The best candidate



Goals

Jupiter is the biggest planet

Challenges

Saturn is composed mostly of hydrogen

Learn

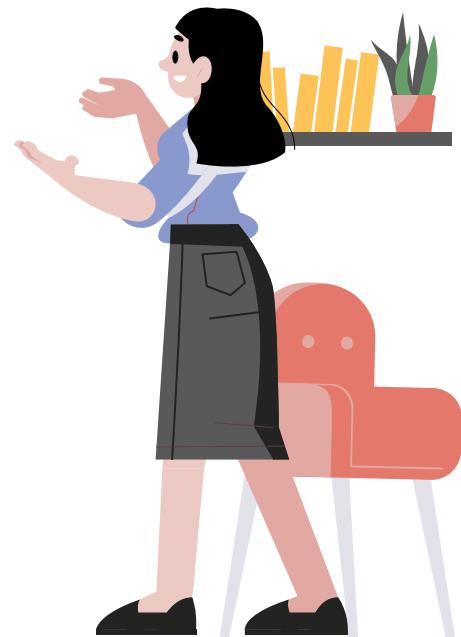
Neptune is very far from the Sun

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Popular mistakes made during job interviews

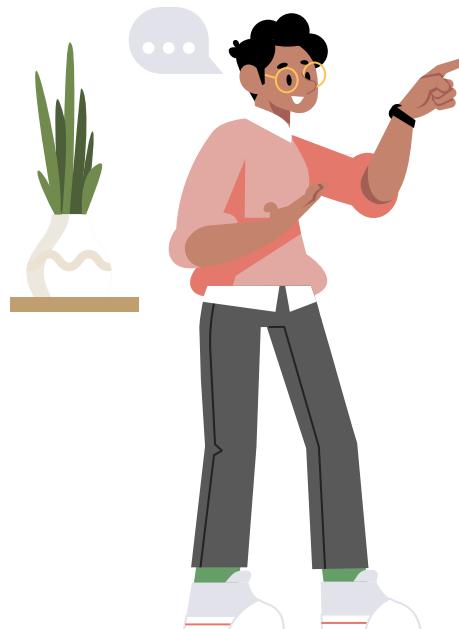
To do

- 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



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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



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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

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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

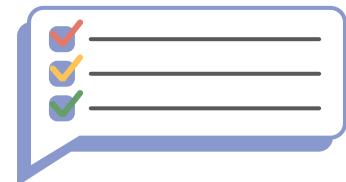
Despite being red, Mars actually is a cold place

Know the job

Venus has a beautiful name and high temperatures

Plan the day before

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings



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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

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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

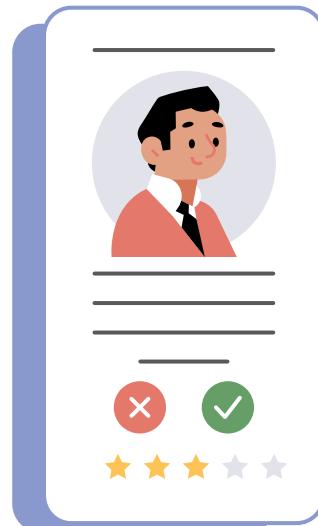
Mercury is the smallest planet of them all

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

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84%

Confidence

Mars is actually a very cold place

Clothes

25%

10%

Posture

Mercury is the smallest planet

Honesty

37%



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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

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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

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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

Popular nonverbal mistakes made during job interviews



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



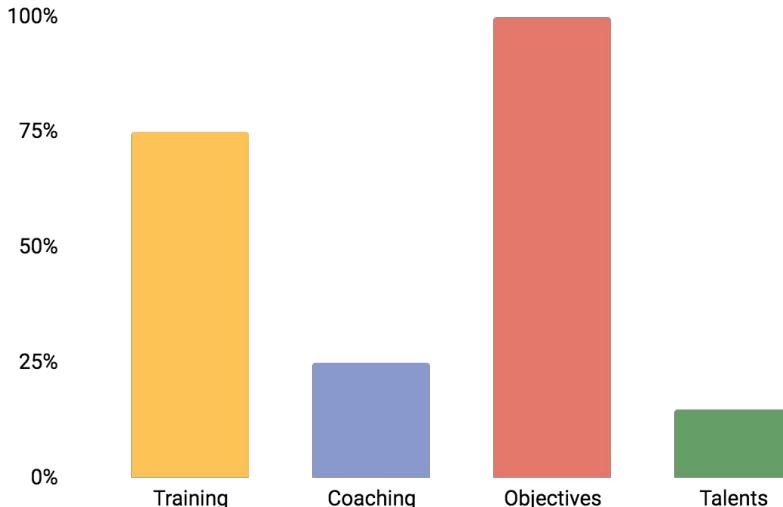
Coaching

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

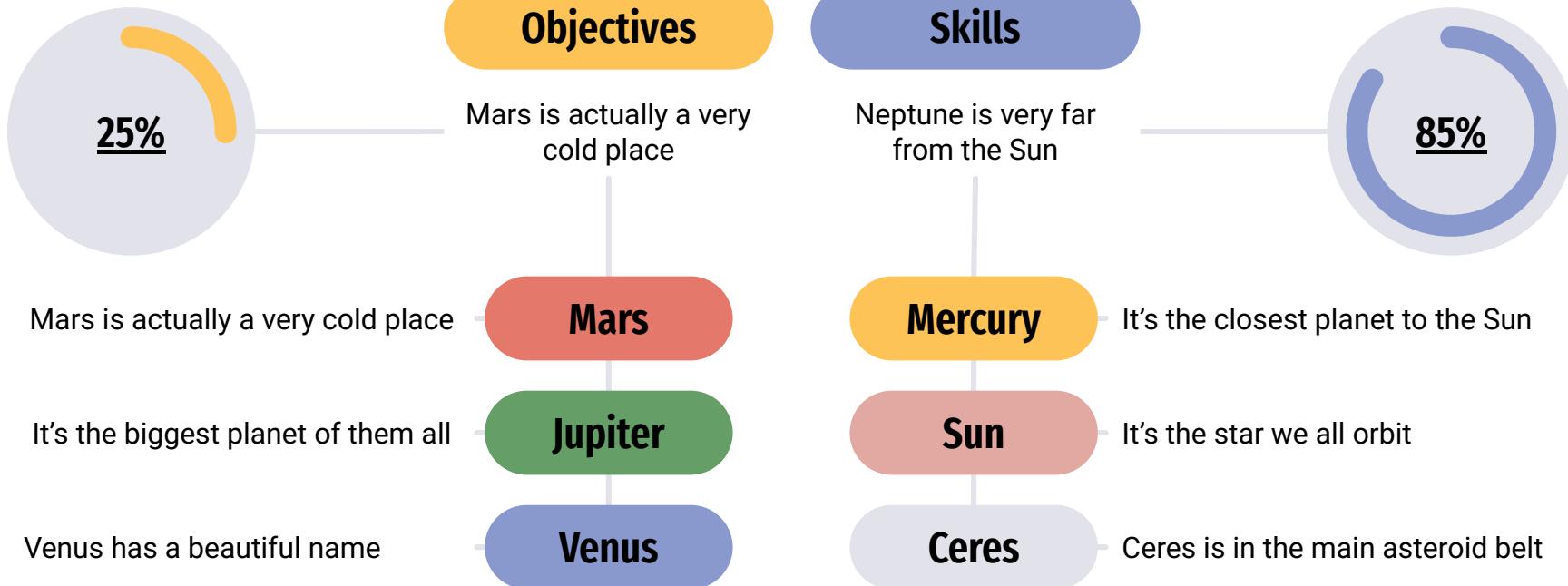


Talents

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



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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

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Interview job test question and answer

01

Why do you want this job?

- Mercury
- Venus
- Mars

02

Why were you fired?

- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Neptune

03

What's your current salary?

- Ceres
- Earth
- Pluto

04

What's your work style?

- Sun
- Mars
- Earth

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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

45%

Experience



Goals

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



03

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