# Interview Workshop

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Keep an eye out for the password!

# Remember this?

## Common Behaviorals

Give 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 you managed numerous responsibilities. How did you handle that?

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

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

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

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

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

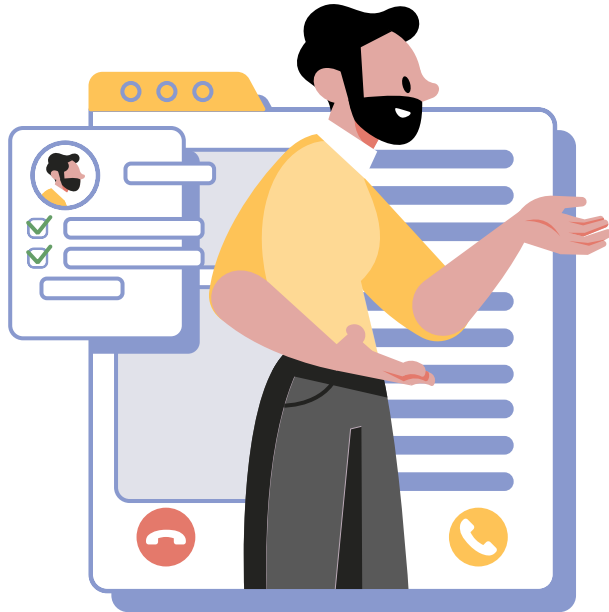Tell me about a time you failed. How did you deal with the situation?

# 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)
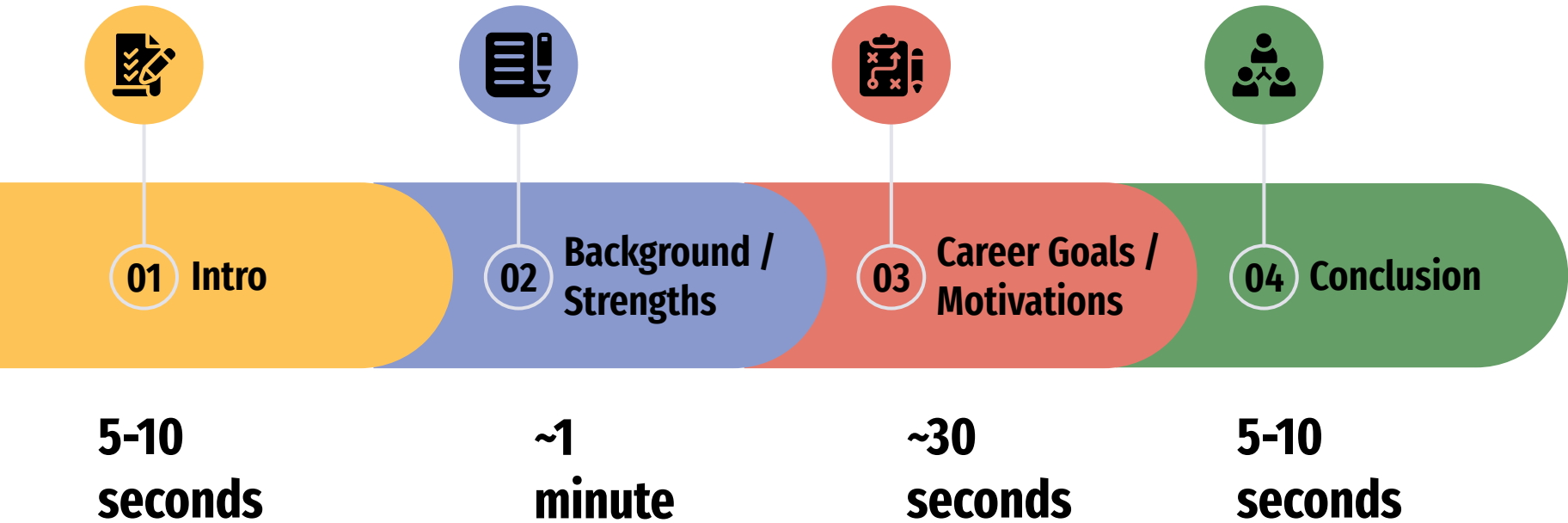
# Sign In Sheet!

## Password:

## #FLEXING

# 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?
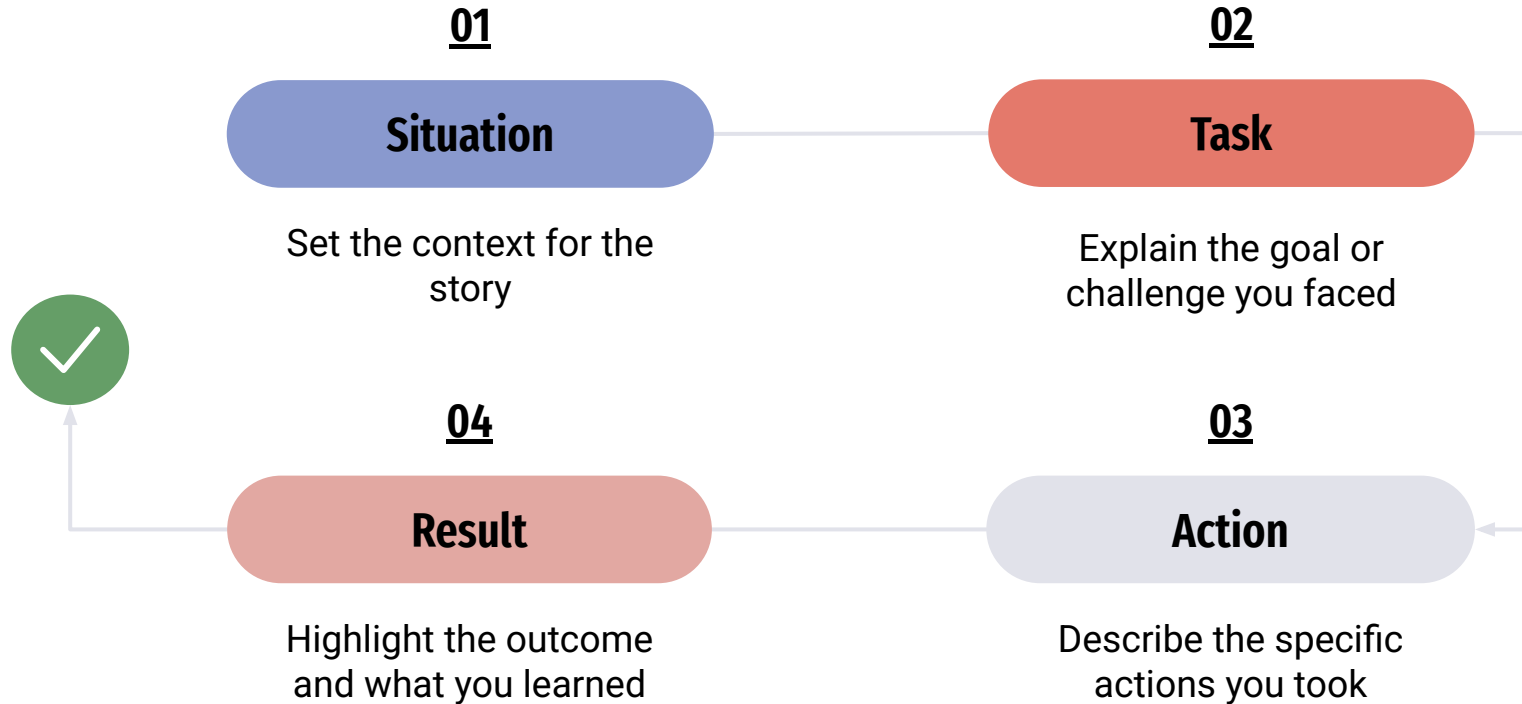
# Tell me about a time...

- 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

## 01
**Situation**

Set the context for the story

## 02
**Task**

Explain the goal or challenge you faced

## 04
**Result**

Highlight the outcome and what you learned

## 03
**Action**

Describe the specific actions you took

# 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...

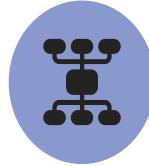## a customer complained about a product that you knew was not defective?

STAR: Situation → Task → Action → Result

# 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?

# Come to the front to ask questions/meet the Board!

Dining Hall run afterwards!

# 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

**01**

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

Saturn is a gas giant and the only planet with rings

**02**

Venus has extremely high temperatures and is toxic

Ceres was the first asteroid to ever be discovered

**03**

Earth is the only planet known to harbor life

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

**04**

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

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

**05**

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

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"
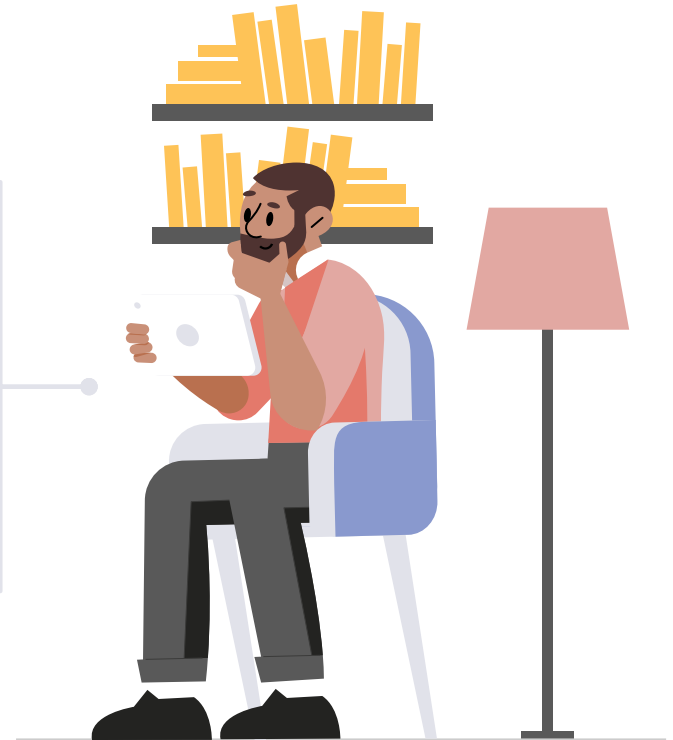
**02** **What are your strengths/weaknesses?**

"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"
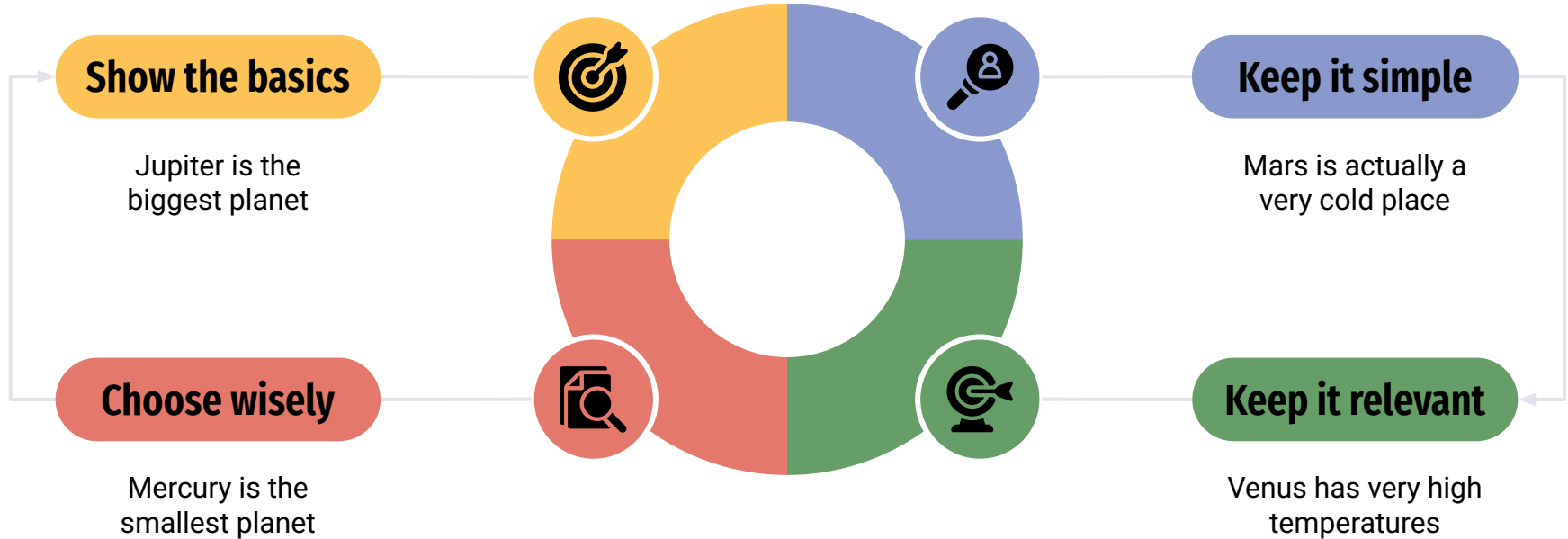
**05** **What's your work style?**

"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

**Show the basics**

Jupiter is the biggest planet

**Choose wisely**

Mercury is the smallest planet

**Keep it simple**

Mars is actually a very cold place

**Keep it relevant**

Venus has very high temperatures

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Mercury

**25%**

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

## Venus

**50%**

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

## Mars

**75%**

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

## Jupiter

**55%**

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

## Neptune

**60%**

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

## Saturn

**80%**

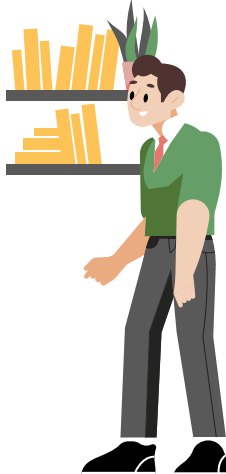Saturn was named after the Roman god of wealth and agriculture

# 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

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## Popular nonverbal mistakes made during job interviews

# 89%

## Having no information about the company
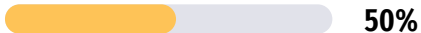
Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun
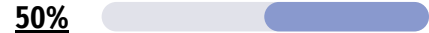
**Venus**

30%

**Neptune**

20%

**Ceres**

50%

**65%**

**24%**

## Avoiding making an eye contact

Venus has a beautiful name and high temperatures
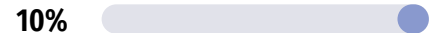
**Saturn**

40%

**Jupiter**

50%

**Mars**

10%

# 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

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

## 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

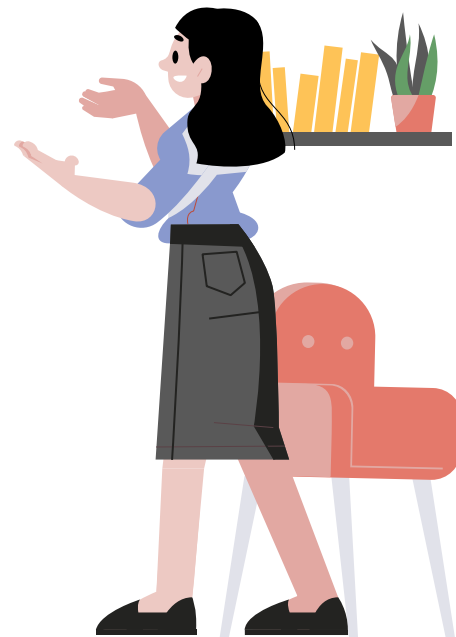- Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

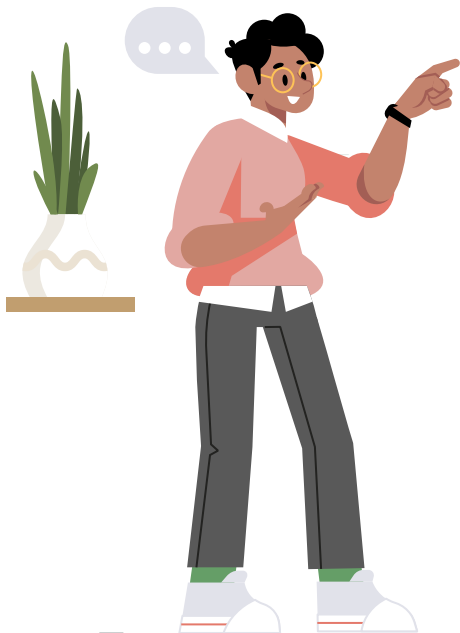## Popular mistakes made during job interviews

### 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

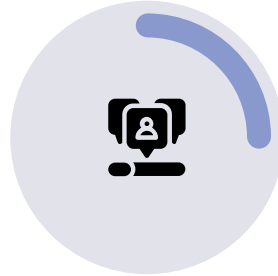- Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one

# 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

### Know the job

Venus has a beautiful name and high temperatures

### Look the part

Despite being red, Mars actually is a cold place

### Plan the day before

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings
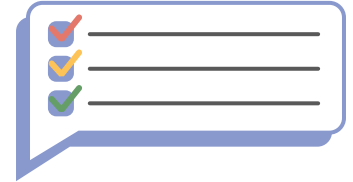
# Job Interview Tips Infographics

**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
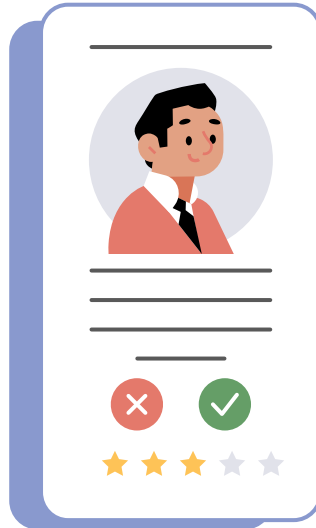
### Be confident but not cocky

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

**25%**

**Clothes**

Venus has very high temperatures

**10%**

**Posture**

Mercury is the smallest planet

**37%**

**Honesty**

Pluto is considered a dwarf planet

# 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** **04**

Neptune is very far from the Sun

**Eye contact** **05**

Saturn is composed of hydrogen

**No information** **06**

Pluto is now considered a dwarf

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

**Training**
Mercury's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal
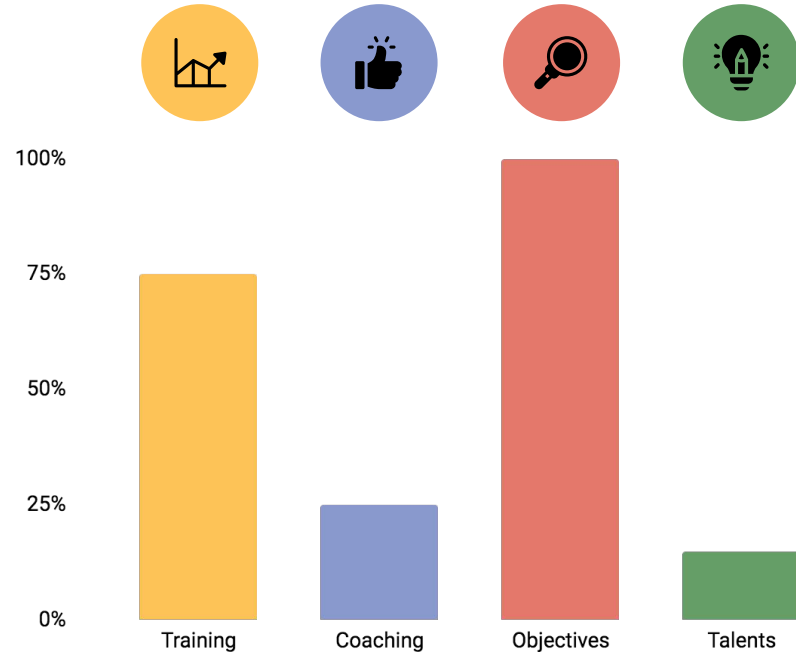
**Coaching**
Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

**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

100%
75%
50%
25%
0%

Training
Coaching
Objectives
Talents

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

**Objectives**

**Skills**

**25%**

**85%**

Mars is actually a very cold place

Neptune is very far from the Sun

Mars is actually a very cold place — **Mars** — It's the closest planet to the Sun — **Mercury**

It's the biggest planet of them all — **Jupiter** — It's the star we all orbit — **Sun**

Venus has a beautiful name — **Venus** — Ceres is in the main asteroid belt — **Ceres**

# 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

**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

# Job Interview Tips Infographics

**Education**

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

**35%**

01

Venus is the second brightest natural object in the night sky

**Experience**

02

**45%**

**Goals**

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

03

**55%**

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