It is almost impossible to anticipate the specific questions that an interviewer might throw at you. Many of them, however, will have some basis in, or be derived from, one of the following questions. Be prepared to give an honest, spontaneous answer to the questions on this list, and you should be able to get through a large portion of most interviews. "Preparing to be spontaneous" sounds like an oxymoron, but you should try to have a response in mind that does not come across as a "rehearsed" answer. Not as easy as it sounds, is it?

Of course, there's no guarantee you will hear any of these questions in an interview. But reviewing this list will help to train your mind how to respond to other questions, and have your thought processes ready to "extrapolate" beyond standard questions.

- What goals, other than those related to your career, have you established for yourself for the next ten years?
- What do you see yourself doing five years from now?
- What do you really want to do in life?
- What are your long-range career objectives? Your short-range? How do you plan to achieve these goals?
- What are the most important rewards you expect in your career?
- What do you expect to be earning in five years?
- Why did you choose the career for which you are preparing?
- Which is more important to you, the money or the type of job?
- What do you consider to be your greatest strengths and weaknesses?
- What salary are you expecting?
- How do you think a friend or professor who knows you well would describe you?
- What motivates you to put forth your greatest effort?
- Why should I hire you?
- What qualifications do you have that makes you think you will be successful in this position or occupation?
- How do you determine or evaluate success?
- In what ways do you think you can make a contribution to our organization?
- Describe the relationship that should exist between a supervisor and a subordinate.
- What two or three accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction and why?
- Describe your most rewarding college experience.
- If you were hiring a graduate for this position, what qualities would you look for?
- Why did you select you college or university?
- What college subjects did you like best? Least? Why?
- If you could do things over, how would you plan your academic study differently? Why?
- What changes would you make in your college or university?
- What have you learned from participation in extra-curricular activities?
- In what kind of work environment are you most comfortable?
- How do you work under pressure?
- In what part-time or summer jobs have you been most interested? Why?
- How would you describe the ideal job for you following graduation?
- Why did you decide to seek a job with this company?
- What do you know about our organization?
- What two or three things are most important to you in your job?
- Are you seeking employment in a company of a certain size? Why?
- What criteria are you using to evaluate the company for whom you would like to work?
- Do you have a geographic preference? Why?
- Will you relocate? Does relocation bother you? Are you willing to travel?
- Are you willing to spend at least six months as a trainee?
- Why do you think you might like to live in the community in which our company is located?
- What major problem have you encountered and how did you deal with it?
- What have you learned from your mistakes?
- Tell me about yourself.