

EXPRESSIONS FOR INTERVIEWS and QUESTION TIME

Introducing questions

I'd like to ask you a few questions, if you don't mind.
I'm carrying out a survey. Would you mind answering a few questions?
I would appreciate if you could give me some information concerning...
Could you tell me how ...? I'd like to know if...
I was wondering how....

Question words Could you tell me...

How long have you been studying engineering?
What was your college of engineering / your student union like?
What is she like? What was it like?
What is it called?
What does that stand for? What does that mean?
How big is your staff?
How often do the buses run / do you use computers?
How many cars - How much money did you earn?
What kind / sort of company was it?
What was the purpose of your internship / placement?

Introducing answers

I see what you mean. I understand your concern. I see your point.
Let me explain.
Let me think.

Answers

What I can say is that.... Let me put it this way....
The short answer to your question is....
As I said before...
Let me remind you of...
Let me put things into perspective.
Let me first answer the first part of your question... Now, concerning the second part...

Does that answer your question?

EXPRESSIONS : questions, comments and answers

QUESTIONS

1. Vous avez parlé de bases de données. J'ai une question. Pourriez-vous me dire comment vous réussissez à...

Pourriez-vous nous donner des détails concernant...?

J'ai du mal à comprendre pourquoi...

COMMENTS

2. Je voudrais faire un commentaire. Je suis d'accord quand vous dites que..... Mais vous semblez avoir oublié que.....

3. Vous rendez-vous compte de l'impact que cela pourrait avoir sur l'environnement?

Il y a un point qui m'inquiète, c'est celui de la pollution.

4. Je dois dire que cela soulève une question plus générale qui est celle des risques industriels.

5. Cela me rappelle ce qui s'est passé à Londres.

ANSWERS / RESPONSES

6. Je n'ai peut-être pas été assez clair. Je vais donc vous expliquer. Comme je l'ai dit auparavant, l'impact sera faible, je veux dire qu'il n'y aura pas de danger. Prenons l'exemple des rivières. Et bien, il est clair que....

7. Je vois ce que vous voulez dire. Ce que je peux dire, c'est que.....

8. Je comprends votre inquiétude et je peux vous rassurer sur ce point. Nous avons l'intention de....

9. Est-ce que cela répond à votre question?

QUESTIONS

1. You mentioned / talked about data bases. I have one question. Could you tell me how you manage to...?

Could you give us some details concerning...?

I fail to understand why...

COMMENTS

2. I'd like to make a comment. I agree with you when you say that....But you seem to have forgotten that....

3. Do you realise the impact it could have on the environment?

There is one point that worries me. That is pollution.

4. I must say that this raises a more general question/issue which is that of industrial risks / hazards.

5. This reminds me of what happened in London.

ANSWERS / RESPONSES

6. Maybe I wasn't clear enough. Let me explain! As I said before, the impact will be small, I mean there will be no danger. Let's take the example of rivers. Well, it is clear that....

7. I see what you mean / I see your point there. What I can say is that.....

8. I understand your worry and I can reassure you on this point. We intend to.....

9. Does that answer your question?