



# ENGLISH INTERVIEW 3

POWER ENGLISH INTERVIEW COURSE (Level 4~)

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# What environment allows you to be most efficient?

## Example Answers



- A** For me to be most efficient at work would mean an environment which is calm, encouraging and laid-back. For instance, if someone keeps on breathing down my neck, then my performance would likely be affected. I think we should all be supporting and inspiring each other to achieve good results instead of constantly nagging and faultfinding.
- B** A supportive and open-minded team in a fast-paced environment would make me very efficient at work. I am a team player and I work better with others. I firmly believe that a success for one is a success for all.

## Key Expressions

- For me to be most efficient at work would mean an environment which is calm, encouraging and laid-back.
- If someone keeps on breathing down my neck, then my performance would likely be affected.
- I think we should all be supporting and inspiring each other to achieve good results.
- A supportive and open-minded team in a fast-paced environment would make me very efficient at work.
- I firmly believe that a success for one is a success for all.

## Activity

Say something about the kind of environment that would make you most efficient at work using the phrases listed below.

- "I would be most efficient in..."
- "Being in a..."
- "I believe that I would be most efficient in..."
- "For me to be most efficient at work would mean..."
- "I firmly believe that..."

## Tips

- The interviewer asks this question to check how well you work in various work environment.
- Never say bad things about your previous job. You can mention some negative aspects of a work environment that you dislike, but make it sound more general.
- Align your answer with the job position that you are applying for.
- If you are applying for a position in a team, then make sure you emphasize how important team work is to you.
- If you are applying for a position where you need to work independently, paint a picture of the environment that suits you well.



## Example Answers



- A** I am a cheerful person. I like to look on the bright side of things. I consider myself an optimist. I always try to make the best out of any situation and, in doing so, I am more satisfied and contented with what I have.
- B** I'd like to think of myself as a dynamic person – one who is always on the go and making the most out of life. I feel that there are so many things to do out there and we should always step out of our comfort zone. I want to make sure that I'm living my life to the fullest; learning a lot and gaining more experiences along the way.

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## Activity

Say something about how you would describe your personality using the phrases listed below.

- "I am a..."
- "I consider myself as..."
- "I like to..."
- "I'd like to think of myself as..."
- "I always try to..."

## Tips

- It is a straightforward question, but do not be in haste in answering this. Think your answer through.
- Make sure you stand out with your unique answer.
- If you can't help but give a generic and typical answer, you have to spice it up and add some extra details to make you more memorable.
- This is sort of like selling yourself to the interviewer so make sure you convince them of your value to the company.
- There's no need to say something negative, unless the interviewer framed the question around that (e.g. "What would you like to change in yourself?") or specifically asked for it.

## Example Answers



**A** I have nothing but respect and admiration for my former employer. At first, our relationship was strictly professional but later on, I was able to feel more comfortable with her. What I liked about her was the fact that she treated everyone fairly. She also offered good advice and she showed appreciation for hard work. Although it was very easy to work with her, I was only a temporary employee then so I had to leave the company after my contract ended.

**B** We had a strictly professional relationship. It was not severely rigid, but more of a relationship built on respect and a strict adherence to company policies and protocols. After some time, though, I felt

that the company wasn't as progressive as I thought they would be. It pained me to leave such a great employer but I had to move on and find growth and opportunity somewhere else.

## Key Expressions

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## Activity

Say something about your relationship with your former employer using the phrases listed below.

- "I have nothing but... for my former employer."
- "My former employer and I are..."
- "We had a ... relationship."
- "Our work relationship was..."
- "It was more of a ... relationship."

## Tips

- Ultimately, the interviewer's goal is to find out how well you worked with your previous employer and your reason for leaving the company.
- Never, ever, say bad things about your previous employer.
- Remember that everything you say about your previous employer will also reflect on you and your work ethics.
- No matter how horrible your previous employer was, there is still something good that you can say about them. You just have to dig deep.
- Sing praises for them, but don't overdo it. Unless you can answer the follow-up question, "Then why did you leave that company?" properly.



## Example Answers



- A** As a fresh graduate, I see relocating and traveling as exciting opportunities for me to learn more knowledge about this job and gain plenty of work experience. This way, I'll be able to help the company grow and achieve better results. That's why I'll be more than happy to do that.
- B** An opportunity to advance my career sounds wonderful to me. I am definitely interested in relocation. Under the right circumstances, I'd be willing to consider it. I just would like to ask you a few questions and specifics about it.
- C** As stimulating as it sounds, I'm afraid relocation is not an option for me right now. I am willing to make frequent trips and I promise to be 100% committed to the job. I would surely reconsider relocating in the future, once my circumstances have changed.

## Key Expressions

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- I'll be more than happy to do that.
- Under the right circumstances, I'd be willing to consider it.
- I'm afraid relocation is not an option for me right now.
- I would surely reconsider relocating in the future, once my circumstances have changed.

## Activity

Say something about whether or not you are willing to relocate or travel using the phrases listed below.

- "I'll be more than happy to..."
- "I'm definitely..."
- "I'm willing to..."
- "Unfortunately, .... is not an option for me now."
- "I'm afraid I can't..."

## Tips

- This question might take you aback, so make sure you double check if relocation was mentioned in the job posting.
- There are three ways to answer this, depending on your personal circumstances: yes, maybe, and no.
- If your answer is 'yes', then this is just a piece of cake for you. Just throw in a few details; what you know about the company and how exciting relocating is for you.
- If your answer is 'maybe', it is vital to ASK questions. State why it's a 'maybe' first, and then ask specific details about the relocation.
- If your answer is 'no', don't fret. It won't be a deal breaker for them. Just make sure you explain your side properly.

Example Answers



- A I feel most productive when I work in a group. I can listen to everybody's point of view and we can all pitch in a variety of ideas. I've always been open-minded and I can say that I am a very good listener. I love collaborating and brainstorming with others, but that doesn't mean I have issues about working independently. I can get things done either way.
- B Although I can definitely do both, it really depends on the task or project. In my work experience, I learned that some projects can be done alone, while others need a bit more of "team effort" to be successful. It's usually more fun to work with others, but I don't mind working independently.

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Activity

Say something about whether you would be more productive working alone or in a group using the phrases listed below.

- "I'd be most productive working in..."
- "I believe that working in..."
- "I will be most effective in..."
- "I see myself most productive in..."
- "I choose to work in..."

Tips

- This is one of the questions where it's okay to choose either or both.
- Try to think about the positive aspects of both options and explain that to the interviewer.
- Even if you just chose one, try to mention something positive about the other option too.
- You can also adjust your answer depending on the job position that you are applying for.
- This is a chance for you to show off your ability to adapt to various work environment.