

Investigator Interview Questions

1. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?

2. Share an experience in which you effectively prepared important evidence for presentation in court.

3. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.

4. Please share with me an example of how you helped coach or mentor someone. What improvements did you see in the person's knowledge or skills?

5. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully developed a way to teach/train them.

6. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

7. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)

8. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

9. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?

10. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?

11. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

12. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

13. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?

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14. In your experience, what is the key to ensuring your company was compliant with all laws, regulations and standards that were applicable to your area of responsibility?

15. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?

16. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?

17. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was the impact?

18. Please share an experience in which you presented to a group. What was the situation and how did it go?

19. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)

20. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.

21. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

22. What is the state of your reports? What is one thing you would like to improve upon in your documenting and reporting?

23. In your experience, what is the key to developing a good team? (Look for how they build mutual trust, respect, and cooperation.)

24. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

25. Provide a time when you successfully testified in court.

26. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the candidate is dependable.)

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27. Provide an example of when you were persistent in the face of obstacles.

28. Share an experience in which you thoroughly interviewed a witness or suspect with good results. What methods make you a successful interviewer?

29. Provide an example of when you set expectations and monitored the performance of subordinates. What guidance and direction did you find most effective?

30. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.