OPIc Example Questions

Basic questions about hobbies and interests.

* Let's start the interview now.
1. Tell me a little bit about yourself and your family.
2. Tell me a little bit about yourself and what you do for a living.
3. Tell me a little bit about yourself and where you live.
4. Tell me a little bit about yourself and what you do in your free time.
5. Tell me a little bit about yourself and your school.
6. Tell me a little bit about yourself and your hobbies.
7. Tell me a little bit about yourself and your normal daily routine.
8. Tell me a little bit about yourself and your best friend.
9. Tell me a little bit about yourself and what you usually do on the weekend.
10. Tell me a little bit about yourself and your interests - things you like.

Questions about work...

1. You responded that you work in the survey. Can you describe one of your colleagues that you work with? What does he/she look like?
2. You indicated you work. Please give me a description of the company you work for. What is the name of the company? What kind of business does it do? Where is it located? Give me a detailed description of your company?
3. You indicated you work. What kinds of projects do you normally work on?
4. Tell me how you get from your house to work every day from beginning to end. How long does it usually take to get to work?
5. You indicated you work. Describe one of the interesting projects that you have worked on, from beginning to end.
6. You indicated that you work. Where is your office located? And can you tell me what your office or work space looks like in as much detail as possible?
7. What can you see when you look outside your office window? Describe what it looks like outside your office in as much detail as you can.
8. You indicated in the survey that you work. What is your normal workday like? Please describe your typical day at the office.
9. I would like to know about any training you had to get to do the work at your current job. Please tell me about an orientation or a workshop you had to take when you started working.
10. You indicated in the survey that you work. Describe your manager or boss to me in detail. What kind of person is he or she?
11. Tell me about a project that you recently completed. What were the steps you took in order to begin and finish the project?
12. There must have been a time when you worked to solve problems at work. Think of one of those times and describe the challenge and tell me what you did to overcome it.
13. What do you usually do at work? Do you read e-mails or attend meetings? What else do you do at work?

14. Tell me what your boss does on a typical day. What are some of his or her responsibilities?

15. You indicated you work. Tell me the different jobs you have had. What did you do at each job?
   Tell me all the details, please.

16. You indicated you work. When you go to work, where do you usually eat lunch? Who do you eat lunch with? Tell me as much as you can about lunch time at work.

17. Tell me about one particular experience what you had, where the weather or traffic or some other problem caused you to arrive late. Explain the problem. What did you do in response and how did things turn out?

18. Meeting a new boss is always memorable. Think about the first time you met your current manager. What was said? Tell me the details of the first meeting.

19. You indicated you work. What kinds of education programs are offered at your company? What staff or department provides the programs?

Questions about school

1. Describe one of your professors to me. What kind of person is he or she? What do you like or dislike about him or her?

2. You indicated in the survey that you go to school. What kind of courses are you taking or had you taken in the past? Please describe the classes you are taking or have taken in as much detail as possible.

3. Tell me about the last classes you took. Why did you choose them? What did you do in those classes?

4. I would like to know what your school looks like. Please describe your school for me in as much detail as possible.

5. I would like to know about something memorable that happened to you in one of your classes. What kinds of interesting episodes do you have? Please tell me about one from the beginning to the end.

6. You indicated that you have school experience. Have you ever missed a test or important assignment because you were not feeling well? Can you tell me what exactly happened? Please make sure to mention how it turned out in the end.

7. Have you ever been in a situation in which you wanted to take a class but faced some difficulties? Tell me what happened. How did you resolve the problem?

8. I’d like to hear about your normal school day. What do you do when you don’t have classes? Where do you usually study? Tell me as much as you can.

9. How do you get to school? Is that the quickest way? Why did you choose that mode of transportation?

10. Tell me how you get from your house to school everyday. Also, tell me how long it takes you to get to school on a normal weekday.

11. You suddenly become ill and aren’t able to take an exam. Call the professor, leave a message explaining your situation and then offer two or three alternatives to taking the exam today.
12. Describe your first visit to your school. When was it and what was your first impression about the school?

13. You indicated in the survey that you are a college student. I would assume that you have classes you like and classes you don't like. Compare one class you have liked a lot to a class you have not liked. Describe what you liked about the one and what you did not like about the other.

14. Tell me about a school project that you recently worked on. What were the steps you took in order to begin working on it and finish the project?

15. Tell me how you learned to use that particular piece of technology. Who taught you to use it? Tell me everything you did from beginning to end to learn how to use that technology.

16. Think of a project that you once worked on, where technology made a big difference. Describe the project in detail. What kind of technology did you use? What role did the technology play?

17. Tell me about a specific orientation you received as a freshmen. What kinds of activities took place in the session?

18. Tell me about a class that you signed up for but later decided to drop, or thought about dropping. What was the reason? How did it turn out?