

COMMON INTERVIEW MISTAKES TIPS TO AVOID COMMON PITFALLS

Common Pitfall	Why it's a Mistake	Advice to Avoid the Pitfall
Speaking too fast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard for the interviewer to follow you • Can make you appear nervous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak clearly and at a pace that's easy to follow
Sounding scripted & reciting a prepared story / answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signals that you are not fully present / listening • Does not demonstrate independent thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen carefully • Answer the question asked
Being monotone, lacking passion, and seeming afraid to show your personality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sends signal that you are not interested in the role • Employers want to work with people who are passionate about the work and will contribute ideas • Interviewer wants to gain a sense of who you are to know if you're a fit for the role and team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show enthusiasm & energy • Body language (lean in, smile) • Be your (professional) self
Not asking the interviewer any questions at the end (if asked)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sends signal that you are not interested in the role • May suggest that you think you know everything 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorm thoughtful questions in advance to ask
Forgetting names of people you've met & networked with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed opportunity to share that you networked with people at the company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down your list of company contacts in advance
Being negative (about past experiences or firms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes interviewer question if you might speak negatively about their company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay positive • Focus on what you like and want