

Sample Interview Questions

This is not an extensive list and should not serve as your only preparation materials

1. What does “time value of money” mean?
2. What is the difference between a stock and a bond?
3. What do alpha and beta mean?
4. What are some common ratios when comparing stocks? What do they look at?
5. What does EBITDA stand for?
6. What are the three financial statements? Can you walk me through them?
7. What is the difference between accounts receivable and deferred revenue?
8. What is net working capital?
9. What is debt? What are some different types?
10. What is depreciation? What is amortization?
11. What is investment banking?
12. What is a hedge fund?
13. What is private equity?
14. Explain the 2008 financial crisis
15. Explain the 2023 banking crisis
16. What is the current US federal tax rate?
17. Who is the FED chairman?
18. What is the current FED policy?
19. Who is Warren Buffet?
20. What is the Dow Jones Trading at? What about the S&P 500?
21. Tell me about a time you were a leader
22. Tell me about a time you failed
23. Tell me a story you’ve been following in the news recently
24. Pitch me a stock (Be prepared to defend thesis, drivers, risks, etc.)
25. Brain Teasers/Mental Math