

US B1/B2 Visitor Visa — Interview Questions & Sample Answers

Sample answers show the **style** officers like — short, specific and honest. Replace the details with your own true situation; never memorise someone else's story.

Q1. What is the purpose of your trip to the United States?

Sample answer: I am going for tourism for two weeks. I plan to visit New York, Washington DC and Niagara Falls, and I will return on the 20th of next month because my leave ends then.

Tip: Answer in one or two sentences. Mention purpose, duration and that you will return — that's all the officer wants to hear first.

Q2. How long will you stay in the US?

Sample answer: Fifteen days, from 5th to 20th June.

Tip: Give exact dates. A vague answer like 'maybe a month or two' raises doubts.

Q3. Who will you stay with? Do you have relatives in the US?

Sample answer: I will stay with my brother in New Jersey. He works there as a software engineer on an H-1B visa.

Tip: Be honest about relatives — the officer may already know from your DS-160. Hiding it is far worse than having family there.

Q4. What do you do for a living?

Sample answer: I am a senior accountant at ABC Pvt Ltd in Pune. I have worked there for six years.

Tip: State your role, employer and how long you've worked there. Stable employment is one of your strongest ties.

Q5. How much do you earn?

Sample answer: My annual salary is ₹14 lakh.

Tip: Know your exact annual salary — it should match your ITR and salary slips.

Q6. Who is paying for your trip?

Sample answer: I am paying for it myself from my savings.

Tip: If a sponsor pays, say who and why, and carry their financial documents.

Q7. Have you travelled abroad before?

Sample answer: Yes, I visited Singapore in 2023 and Dubai in 2024 for tourism.

Tip: Travel history helps. If you haven't travelled, simply say 'No, this will be my first international trip' — it is not a rejection reason by itself.

Q8. Are you married? Do you have children?

Sample answer: Yes, I am married and we have a 7-year-old daughter. They will stay in India.

Tip: Family staying back in India is a strong tie — mention it naturally.

Q9. Why do you want to go to the US now?

Sample answer: My brother's son is graduating in June and the whole family wants to attend. I also have annual leave approved for those dates.

Tip: Link the timing to a real reason (event, leave, holidays).

Q10. What will you do after you return?

Sample answer: I will resume work at my office on 21st June.

Tip: Confident, specific answers about returning matter more than any document.

Q11. Have you ever been refused a US visa?

Sample answer: Yes, once in 2023 under section 214(b). Since then I have been promoted and I visited Singapore and Dubai and returned on time.

Tip: Never hide a previous refusal — it is already in the system. Explain briefly and honestly what has changed.

Interview day tips

- Most B1/B2 interviews last 2–3 minutes — keep answers short, specific and honest.
- Every answer must match your DS-160. Re-read it the night before.
- Officers often don't look at documents. Hand them over only if asked.
- Each applicant, including children, needs their own DS-160 and appointment.