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# INTERVIEW GUIDE

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SELECTED NORM: International norm



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Confidence/Trust F 8 3 5	Social Contact	E	0	7	-7
	Confidence/Trust	F	8	3	5







# THE FEEDBACK INTERVIEW

#### INTRODUCTION

"How did you find completing the test?"	
Certified user	
Dialogue tool—no right and wrong positions	
Confidentiality	
Purpose and weighting	
Inform about rights	
Storage	

#### **PRESENTATION OF MPA**

MPA describes behaviour at work	
Short review of the main areas	
Scoring boxes and norm group	
"Do you have any questions before we start?"	

#### THE FEEDBACK

Describe the main properties neutrally for both right and left sides

Then describe the respondent's position

Seek acceptance for the position, e.g. "To what extent do you think that this description fits you?"

Follow up with questions, for example, from this interview guide





### ACHIEVEMENT ORIENTATION

Describes how goals are primarily defined and achieved

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Long time horizons	Weighs objectives and the time needed to	Short time horizons
Defines objectives and results	reach them	Defines objectives and results
qualitatively	Defines objectives and results in qualitative	quantitatively
Considers priorities thoroughly	and quantitative terms	Avid competitor
Focus on the process	Focus on the objective and the process by	Goal oriented

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Describe a work situation where it was necessary to focus on both objectives and the process.
Action	How did you contribute to maintaining a focus on both objectives and the process?
Result	What did you gain from doing it in this way?
Flexibility	Do you usually focus on both objectives and the process?
	Do you prefer tasks with long or short deadlines—or that are equally divided?
Development Potential	When is it particularly inappropriate to maintain a focus on both objectives and the process?



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# SELF-ASSERTION

Describes how influence is sought

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Seldom expresses own opinions	Expresses own opinions and attitudes	Pushes through own opinions
Hands over control	Listening and influences attitudes in the	Takes control
Reticent	group	Dominating
Adapts to the group	Balanced in approach to influence without	Seeks to influence
Listening	domineering	Great clout and impact

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	In which situations would you let others take control?
Action	How would your colleagues describe you in such situations?
Result	What do you gain from letting others take control?
Flexibility	To what extent do others feel that you hand over control?
	As a rule, can I expect that you listen rather than express your opinion?
Development Potential	What are the disadvantages of letting others take control? How might others like you to take more control?

#### **USE OF ENERGY** Describes how energy is usually used

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Persevering Calm working environment	Perceived as active Varied work pace	Forced and impatient Hectic work environment
Focus on task in hand	Able to adapt the pace of work to tasks Initiates new activities and completes work	Enterprising Dynamic
Prioritises own energy Few tasks at a time	in hand	Many tasks at a time

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Give an account of a work situation where tasks had to be performed much too quickly.
Action	How did you react to these demands for speed?
Result	How do you think you were perceived by others in this situation?
Flexibility	What would a colleague say about your level of patience?
	How do you find a calm work environment? How does this affect your work?
Development Potential	How can being patient be a disadvantage? What do you do to avoid the negative consequences of being patient?

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EMOTIONAL CONTROL

Describes how persons prefer to show and use their feelings

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Freely expresses emotions Becomes emotionally involved Affected by ambience and situations Often worries Temperamental	Expresses emotions appropriately Interested in others' feelings Picks up on the ambience without allowing it to dominate Emotionally stable		s own feelings s on business Rational Nonchalant ally controlled

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Can you describe types of situations where you particularly suppress your emotions?
Action	What do others experience when you suppress your emotions?
Result	What do you gain from suppressing your emotions?
Flexibility	Are there situations where you typically show more emotions?
	To what extent are you emotionally affected by others?
Development Potential	Do you feel that there are situations where it is a disadvantage to suppress your emotions? What do you do then?



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### SOCIAL CONTACT

Describes how much contact persons want to have with others

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Prefers working independently Socially hesitant Withdrawn Prefers small groups Focuses on existing relationships	Works well both independently and in groups Sociable and outgoing Takes the initiative to make new contacts, without wasting time on such activity Keeps in contact with others	Prefers working with other people Active in making new contacts Talks to everyone Extremely sociable Creates many new contacts

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	When have you last been expectant about making social contact at work?
Action	How did others notice that you were expectant making social contact?
Result	How did you manage to show that you wanted to wait and see?
Flexibility	When are you active in making contact socially?
	How does working in a team affect your motivation?
Development Potential	What are the downsides of being withdrawn socially?

CONFIDENCE/TRUST

Describes how persons typically show confidence and trust in others

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Is reserved and sceptical of others Speaks out Does not shy away from conflicts Speaks his mind and is very direct Critical	Accommodating while exhibiting a "natural scepticism" Assesses whether conflict is necessary Copes with conflicts where necessary Criticism formulated openly and constructively	Accommodating and trusting Difficulty in speaking out Shies away from conflicts Considerate Tolerant

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Can you describe when it is most important for you to be critical or tolerant of the contribution of others?
Action	What do others experience when you are critical or tolerant?
Result	What do you achieve by being critical compared to being tolerant?
Flexibility	When would you typically be accommodating and trusting, and when would you be more critical?
	How would others describe your approach to conflicts?
Development Potential	What could be challenging about sometimes being trusting and other times being critical of others?





ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Describes persons' preferred approach to work duties

Holistic approach	Studies details to obtain an overview	Attentive to detail
Overview	Creates overview to single out details	Thorough
Delegates routine tasks	Takes on routine tasks, but favours	Takes on routine tasks
Variation	variation	Immerses self in tasks

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Describe a task where you needed to focus on the details instead of maintaining an overview.
Action	What do others experience when you focus on the details?
Result	To what extent would your manager assess that you maintain a focus on the details?
Flexibility	When is it important to you to concentrate more on the overview?
	How do you handle working with a variety of tasks?
Development Potential	What problems can arise by focusing on the details instead of the overview?





SECURITY

Describes how persons prefer to make decisions

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Short decision-making processes Takes chances Spontaneous Numerous and quick decisions Willing to act quickly	Assesses time use when making decisions Occasional risk-taker Can be thoughtful Acts within a reasonable time frame	Long decision-making processes Fail-safe decisions Thorough consideratior Takes time to reach the "right' decisior Reluctant to act quickly

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Describe a work situation where it was necessary to make rapid decisions and to make them on a sound basis.
Action	What assists you in making rapid decisions on a sound basis?
Result	What do you achieve with these rapid decisions made on a sound basis?
Flexibility	Are there situations in which you typically choose to spend a short or a long time deliberating? Which?
	When do you try to make rapid decisions, and when do you try to make them fail-safe?
Development Potential	Do you experience situations where trying to make rapid decisions on a sound basis leads to problems?



### ABSTRACTION ORIENTATION

Describes persons' interest in development and new ideas

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Practical and concrete Gets things done Thrives when job guidelines are in place Traditional methods Usual practice	Converts theory into practice Balance between guidelines and room for renewal Open to new ideas Converts thoughts into actions	Abstract and theoretical Contriving Challenges guidelines Untraditional methods Focus on alternatives and new ideas

#### **INTO THE PROFILE**

Situation/ Task	Can you describe a work task that requires both traditional and untraditional methods?
Action	What do you choose to do when a task requires both traditional and untraditional methods?
Result	What do you gain from handling the work as you do?
Flexibility	When is it important to you to work in an untraditional way?
	In which situations do you prefer to take a practical approach to your work, and when is it more important for you to be contriving?
Development Potential	What would you find challenging about alternating between working in traditional and untraditional ways?





# SUMMARY

#### **IDEAS FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS**

What is particularly important for me to focus on from the issues we have discussed?

Is there anything that we have not discussed?

#### **ATTITUDES AND VALUES**

Name 2 basic values that you possess with regard to your work.

What characterises a good workplace?

Let us imagine that you have been in this job for 5-10 years and then resigned. What would you like your old colleagues and employers to say about you?

#### **MOTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

What motivates you most in your current job?

How can your manager best motivate you?

What should a manager particularly be able to do?

What in your opinion characterises a good manager?