## Case Interview Workshop

Vistaprint

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## Agenda

- Vistaprint Introductions
- Why Case Interviews?
- Interview Prep
- Working through the Case
- Tips & Tricks
- Mock Interview
- Questions?



## Why Case Interviews?

Problem Solving

**Analytical Ability** 

Strategic Thinking

**Common Sense** 

Creativity

Comfort with Ambiguity

Communication Skills

Past Experiences

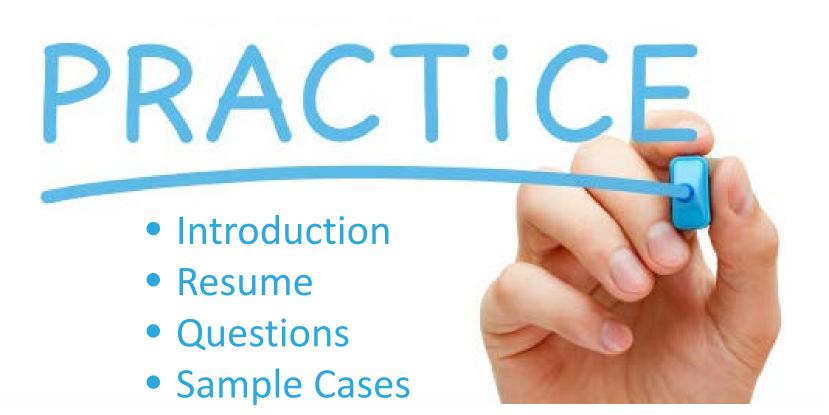
Communication Skills

Behavioral Interviews

Case Interviews



## **Interview Preparation**





## 5 Steps to Working Through a Case Interview

- 1. Repeat the question & state your objective.
- 2. Ask clarifying questions.
- 3. Organize your thoughts.
- 4. Share your thought processes.
- 5. Summarize findings and suggest solution.



## Tips & Tricks to Remember

- Your interviewer is your ally
- Think out loud & take sanity checks
- Round your numbers
- Make logical assumptions
  - Memorize a few helpful stats prior to your interview
- There is no "right" answer!



## Mock Interview

How many donuts are sold at Dunkin' Donuts in Massachusetts?



## 5 Steps to Working Through a Case Interview

#### 1. Repeat the question & state your objective.

 I'm going to calculate how many donuts are sold in all the Dunkin Donuts locations in MA.

#### 2. Ask clarifying questions.

- What time frame should I calculate for?
- Do you consider munchkins as donuts?
- Should I include donuts given away as part of promotions?

#### 3. Organize your thoughts.

- 4. Share your thought processes.
  - Explain your step by step process.
  - Share what assumptions you made along the way.
- 5. Summarize findings and suggest solution.



### Case Interview Workshop Summary



#### Do

- Practice
- Take your time
- Write it down
- Explain your thoughts
- Ask questions!
- Breathe



#### Don't

- Panic and say "I don't know!" right away
- Dive in without thinking and asking questions
- Feel obligated to use all the numbers provided
  - Extract what's important and will help answer the question!
- Make assumptions (population, size) without telling your interviewer
- Be defensive about your answer



## Your Turn!

# How many plates are used at the UMass DCs in one month?

