

2. What was the toughest accounting task you had to solve in your career so far?

Hint: Asking this question, interviewers try to find out two things:

- **What your real level of experience is.** (If you have strong experience with accounting, you have for sure solved some difficult tasks so far. Oppositely, if you did it only at school, you might have problems to speak about a difficult task you had to solve.)
- **The way you think about problems and about solving it.** (Once you describe the toughest task, interviewer will ask you if you were able to solve it and how did you do it.)

Therefore, **you should choose a task you solved.** To present a task you did not solve would not create a right picture about you. You should speak about problem you solved and your solution. You can prepare it prior to your job interview.

If you apply for an entry level accountancy job, **you can be honest and say you have no experience with really difficult tasks.** However, do not forget to say what you would do if there is a difficult task.

Sample answers

- *I have no experience with tough accounting tasks. I have been able to solve everything so far, using my knowledge and IAS. However, if there is a difficult task I can not solve, I would consult one of my senior colleagues, or look for the solution on the internet. I am a member of some good forums, where experienced accountants help to solve the problems of other members confidentially.*
- *I had very limited information about financial transactions of the company in reporting term. I had only some documents and access to the bank account statements. On the top of that, there were clearly some holes, as transactions did not match the actual account balances. I consulted all people responsible for making transactions individually, went through each one according to the bank account statement and recorded the missing money as PDMs, what was possible due to the activities of the*

company. After all, I managed to balance the accounts and prepare a complete tax return.