

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

Hint: Interviewers try to find out two things:

- **Your real level of experience** (Experienced accountant have solved difficult tasks, while freshers and talkers will struggle to speak about any tough task they had to solve.)
- **The way you think about problems, and about solving them.** (Once you describe the toughest task, interviewers will ask if you solved it and how you did it.)

You **should therefore choose a task you solved.** Presenting a task you failed to solve would create a bad picture about you. And if you apply for an entry level accountancy job, **you can be honest and say that you have no experience with difficult tasks.** However, do not forget to say what you would do if there was one on your table.

### Sample answers

- *I have no experience with tough accounting tasks. I have been able to solve everything so far, with the help of IAS. However, if there was a difficult task, I would consult one of my senior colleagues, or I would look for the solution on the internet.*
- *I had limited information about financial transactions of the company in a reporting term. I had only some documents and access to the bank account statements. On the top of that, there were clearly some holes, and 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 expenses with the incomes and prepare a complete tax return.*