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## Kimley-Horn and Associates Interview Questions And Answers Guide.

#### Question - 1:

Do you consider yourself successful?

#### Ans:

You should always answer yes to this question. Briefly explain why without going on and on. If you communicate that you're more successful than you really are you may come off as arrogant or unrealistic. A goof explanation is that you have set professional goals and that you have met some of these goals and are on track to meet more in the near future.

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#### Question - 2:

Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?

#### Ans:

Bad Answer: A generic or uninspired answer. Also, answers that show that this career/company is just a temporary stop for them. Good answer: One that shows the candidate has thought about this question, has plans, and that those plans align with the job and a career path that is possible in the company. You want to see that this candidate is a good long term investment.

#### Question - 3:

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

#### Ans:

During the interview In Kimley-Horn and Associates process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority. If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc. Never ever ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take intruction and side with your former employer.

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#### Question - 4:

Tell me about yourself?

#### Ans:

There are some questions that your potential employer aren't allowed to ask (but trust me, they probably want to). For instance, they shouldn't really ask about your family or how far away you live from your potential place of employment. If you can find a way to answer these questions anyway (with the answers they want to hear), that will give them a little added info to help them make the (right) decision!

#### Question - 5:

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement so far and why?

#### Ans:

Be proud of your achievement, discuss the results, and explain why you feel most proud of this one. Was it the extra work? Was it the leadership you exhibited? Was it the impact it had?

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#### Question - 6:

Do you know anyone that works with our company?

#### Ans:

Sometimes companies have policies relating to the hiring of individuals related to current company employees. If you are related to anyone working for the company



make sure you're aware of company policies before you enter the interview. If you have a friend or acquaintance working for the company make sure have good relationship with this individual before mentioning them.

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#### Question - 7:

Top 11 Interview Questions to Ask when Emotional Intelligence Matters In Kimley-Horn and Associates:

#### Ans:

Emotional intelligence, or EQ, has come into vogue as a good trait to hire for.

EQ is the ability to use emotional information to guide thinking and behavior, to recognize other people's emotions and your own, and to discriminate between different feelings and label them appropriately.

EQ is considered essential to help teams function well. Here are some of the top questions for help you get an idea of how candidates perceive their emotions and those of others.

1. If you started a company today, what would its top values be?

- 2. Who inspires you? Why?
- 3. How could you create more balance in your life?
- 4. What makes you angry?
- 5. How do you have fun?
- 6. How good are you at asking for help?7. How did you deal with a bad day?
- 8. What's something you're really proud of? Why?
- 9. Tell me about a time when your mood altered your performance (positively or negatively).
- 10. Has there ever been a time when you felt you needed to change your behavior at work? How did you do it?
- 11. Did you create friendships that lasted while working at a previous job?

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#### Question - 8:

Have you ever been caught stealing, or better yet, have you ever stole anything?

#### Ans:

I guess everyone takes a pen or paper or little things like that. But other than that, NO. I have never stole from my employers or better yet In Kimley-Horn and Associates, from anyone.

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#### Question - 9:

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?

#### Ans:

This is another opportunity to show the interviewer what you're capable of so make sure to be prepared for this type of question. Have an example ready and make sure its an example of a suggestion you've made that was accepted and that have positive influence. If you can come up with an example that relates to the position you're applying for that would be even better.

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#### Question - 10:

You have a project due in one hour but a more important emergency that affects business needs to be fixed immediately, what do you do?

#### Ans:

Focus on the issue that impacts the business most first.

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#### Question - 11:

How long do you want to work for us if we hire you?

#### Ans:

Here being specific is probably not the best approach. You may consider responding, "I hope a very long time." Or "As long as we're both happy with my performance.

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#### Question - 12:

Tell me about the most fun you have had on the job?

#### Ans:

When answering this question, discuss situations where you completed tasks benefitting your previous employers.

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#### Question - 13:

Why do you want to leave your current company In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Bad Answer: Complaining about or blaming their former job, boss or colleagues. Also, having no good reason.

Good answer: One that focuses on the positives about why the job they're applying for offers them better learning or career opportunities, chances for advancement, aligns more closely to their long term goals, or is a better fit for them.

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#### Question - 14:

What motivates you?

#### Ans:

I've always been motivated by the challenge - in my last role, I was responsible for training our new recruits and having a 100% success rate in passing scores. I know that this job is very fast-paced and I'm more than up for the challenge. In fact, I thrive on it.

#### Question - 15:

What can you offer me that another person can't?

#### Ans:

This is when you talk about your record of getting things done. Go into specifics from your resume and portfolio; show an employer your value and how you'd be an asset.

You have to say, "I'm the best person for the job In Kimley-Horn and Associates. I know there are other candidates who could fill this position, but my passion for excellence sets me apart from the pack. I am committed to always producing the best results. For example..."

## Question - 16:

The change in the business industry now requires you to have a new set of skills you have to learn, how do you react to that?

#### Ans:

First, find out which skills are the ones that you're currently lacking. Then identify what the steps would be to acquire/build those skills. Then take action to do so. *View All Answers* 

### Question - 17:

What relevant work experience do you have in this career field In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Talk about specific work related experience for the position you're interviewing for. Make sure the experience is relevant. Don't talk about previous experience that is not related to the position in question. If you don't have specific career related experience speak about prior experience that has helped you develop the specific knowledge and skills required for the position you are applying for.

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#### Question - 18:

Explain what are your weaknesses In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Red flags: This is the peanut butter to the previous question's jelly. Again, everyone should expect it, so it's a bad sign if someone seems totally unprepared, or gives a stock answer like, "I'm a perfectionist." Also, of course, candidates crazy enough to blurt out some horrible personality trait should go in the red flagged pile. Good answer: Candidates should talk about a real weakness they've been working on improving. For instance, they're not good at public speaking, but they've been taking a course to help them improve. Or maybe they feel that they're easily distracted when working online, but have installed software that helps them stay on task. Answers like these show a desire for improvement, self awareness and discipline.

Question - 19:

Do you have any blind spots?

#### Ans:

This question is often meant to trick candidates since acknowledgment of blind spots would indicate they were aware of them. Also, do not disclose bad habits or other personal concerns. Let the interviewer find out about your personal flaws through the course of the interview without directly stating these flaws.

#### Question - 20:

Why do you want to work for this company?

#### Ans:

Again be honest. The interviewer will be able to sense very quickly if you're be disingenuous. Your answer should be base on your person reasons, career aspirations as well as research you've performed on the company. The most important thing you should do is make sure to relate your answer to your long-term career goals. *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 21:

Why do you want to work in this industry In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Make sure you research the industry first. Then find at least 3 core things about that industry that you're passionate about (for example: how their solutions impact clients, their culture, the leadership, etc)

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#### Question - 22:

What other companies are you interviewing at?



#### Ans:

Be open and share if you are indeed interviewing elsewhere, but do it in a humble way. This way you don't seem arrogant and the interviewer knows your skills are valued by other companies. This also tends to make them want you more as they know they are competing for your services.

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#### Question - 23:

What are your thoughts on social media for this role?

#### Ans:

Without a doubt, social media is becoming more and more pervasive in our jobs. You should stress that social media is not appropriate for personal use at work. However, if the company embraces social media in certain departments (for example marketing), then you may want to discuss how you could use it for work (as long as it applies to your role).

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#### Question - 24:

Why were you fired?

#### Ans:

OK, if you get the admittedly much tougher follow-up question as to why you were let go (and the truth isn't exactly pretty), your best bet is to be honest (the job-seeking world is small, after all). But it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. Share how you've grown and how you approach your job and life now as a result. If you can position the learning experience as an advantage for this next job, even better.

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#### Question - 25:

What type of personalities do you work best with and why?

#### Ans:

Think of which personalities you work best with (do you like outgoing, collaborative, personable working relationships and so forth?)

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#### Question - 26:

What is it about this position In Kimley-Horn and Associates that attracts you the most?

#### Ans:

Use your knowledge of the job description to demonstrate how you are a suitable match for the role. *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 27:

How have you achieved your success?

#### Ans:

Discuss stories of how you've progressed over the years to achieve success. People relate best to stories.

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#### Question - 28:

What is your greatest failure In Kimley-Horn and Associates, and what did you learn from it?

#### Ans:

When I was in college, I took an art class to supplement my curriculum. I didn't take it very seriously, and assumed that, compared to my Engineering classes, it would be a walk in the park. My failing grades at midterm showed me otherwise. I'd even jeopardized my scholarship status. I knew I had to get my act together. I spent the rest of the semester making up for it, ended up getting a decent grade in the class. I learned that no matter what I'm doing, I should strive to do it to the best of my ability. Otherwise, it's not worth doing at all.

### Question - 29:

What is your ideal working environment?

#### Ans:

Describe your ideal working environment. Do you like flexibility with work hours? Do you like working in a cubicle or independently? Do you like to be micro managed or empowered? Do you like to work on your own or in a team? Do you like being driven by metrics in your role? How much responsibility do you want? *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 30:

What are ideas or initiatives you've led and what was the outcome?

#### Ans:

Describe your most unique ideas and initiatives that had the best results for the company. Make sure you highlight your creativity, your results, your diligence and your ability to execute.

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#### Question - 31:



Where do you see yourself in five years In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

If asked this question, be honest and specific about your future goals, but consider this:

A hiring manager wants to know

\* a) if you've set realistic expectations for your career,

\* b) if you have ambition (a.k.a., this interview isn't the first time you're considering the question), and

\* c) if the position aligns with your goals and growth. Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines. And if the position isn't necessarily a one-way ticket to your aspirations?

It's OK to say that you're not quite sure what the future holds, but that you see this experience playing an important role in helping you make that decision.

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#### Question - 32:

If you could offer suggestions on how to improve our company, what would you say?

#### Ans:

Examine the trends of the company and also where there may be some weaknesses (news articles often document this on public companies or look at their competitors to see how they're positioning it against them.) Then, once you have that knowledge, think creatively on how you could improve upon that weakness for them.

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#### Question - 33:

How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine? 1,000? 10,000? 100,000? Seriously?

#### Ans:

Well, seriously, you might get asked brainteaser questions like these, especially in quantitative jobs. But remember that the interviewer doesn't necessarily want an exact number-he wants to make sure that you understand what's being asked of you, and that you can set into motion a systematic and logical way to respond. So, just take a deep breath, and start thinking through the math. (Yes, it's OK to ask for a pen and paper!)

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#### Question - 34:

Who are your role models? Why?

#### Ans:

If possible, cite role models you're truly passionate about - passion is contagious and will show you're being genuine. If the role model is in the same or similar industry as the company in an executive level position, even better.

#### Question - 35:

Did the salary we offer attract you to this job?

#### Ans:

The interviewer could be asking you this question for a number of reasons. Obviously, the salary is an important factor to your interest in this job, but it should not be the overriding reason for your interest. A good answer to this question is, "The salary was very attractive, but the job itself is what was most attractive to me."

#### Question - 36:

If someone had to say something negative to you, what would they say?

#### Ans:

Again, be honest about sharing a story here about someone who may not have gotten along with you in the office here and explain how you were able to fix that relationship or change your attitude/action to be a better person / coworker.

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#### Question - 37:

What types of situations do you consider "unfixable"?

#### Ans:

Most situations are "fixable" - the ones that are not are typically related to business ethics (someone is cheating the company, someone is stealing, etc) *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 38:

Do you like being around people?

#### Ans:

People skills are a necessity for medical assistants. When answering this question, be sure to show that you enjoy interacting and working with others and that you also derive great enjoyment from helping others. This will show that you are a team player and that you would be a valuable team member. In Kimley-Horn and Associates.

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#### Question - 39:

How do you handle conflicts with people you supervise?



#### Ans:

At first place, you try to avoid conflicts if you can. But once it happens and there's no way to avoid it, you try to understand the point of view of the other person and find the solution good for everyone. But you always keep the authority of your position.

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#### Question - 40:

Do you have the ability to articulate a vision and to get others involved to carry it out?

#### Ans:

If yes, then share an example of how you've done so at work or college. If not, then discuss how you would do so. Example: "I would first understand the goals of the staff members and then I would align those to the goals of the project / company. Then I would articulate the vision of that alignment and ask them to participate. From there, we would delegate tasks among the team and then follow up on a date and time to ensure follow through on the tasks. Lastly, we would review the results together."

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#### Question - 41:

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

These are important for support workers. But they differ from the communication skills of a CEO or a desktop support technician. Communication must be adapted to the special ways and needs of the clients. Workers must be able to not only understand and help their clients, but must project empathy and be a warm, humane presence in their lives.

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#### Question - 42:

What's the most rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### Ans:

Companies love it when you discuss how you've made an impact on your teammates, clients, or partners in the business or in school. It should be rewarding because of the hard work and creative process that you've put into it.

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#### Question - 43:

What is your desired salary In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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#### Question - 44:

What would your first 30, 60, or 90 days look like in this role In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Start by explaining what you'd need to do to get ramped up. What information would you need? What parts of the company would you need to familiarize yourself with? What other employees would you want to sit down with? Next, choose a couple of areas where you think you can make meaningful contributions right away. (e.g., "I think a great starter project would be diving into your email marketing campaigns and setting up a tracking system for them.") Sure, if you get the job, you (or your new employer) might decide there's a better starting place, but having an answer prepared will show the interviewer where you can add immediate impact-and that you're excited to get started.

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#### Question - 45:

How would your friends describe you?

#### Ans:

My friends would probably say that I'm extremely persistent - I've never been afraid to keep going back until I get what I want. When I worked as a program developer, recruiting keynote speakers for a major tech conference, I got one rejection after another - this was just the nature of the job. But I really wanted the big players - so I wouldn't take no for an answer. I kept going back to them every time there was a new company on board, or some new value proposition. Eventually, many of them actually said "yes" - the program turned out to be so great that we doubled our attendees from the year before. A lot of people might have given up after the first rejection, but it's just not in my nature. If I know something is possible, I have to keep trying until I get it.

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#### Question - 46:

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

#### Ans:

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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#### Question - 47:

What do you think we could do better or differently?

#### Ans:

This is a common one at startups. Hiring managers want to know that you not only have some background on the company, but that you're able to think critically about it and come to the table with new ideas. So, come with new ideas! What new features would you love to see? How could the company increase conversions? How could customer service be improved? You don't need to have the company's four-year strategy figured out, but do share your thoughts, and more importantly, show how your interests and expertise would lend themselves to the job.

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#### Question - 48:

How do you think I rate as an interviewer?

#### Ans:

I think you did fine. I'm sure you've conducted a lot of interviews, and it's probably second nature for you now. Thanks for taking the time to meet with me today. I'm sure you have a lot of things you have to juggle every day.

I'd say you rate at least ten out of ten. The questions you asked seemed spot on. I can tell you guys are working hard to find the perfect applicant for the job. I'm glad I could meet with you.

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#### Question - 49:

Why should the we hire you as this position In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

This is the part where you link your skills, experience, education and your personality to the job itself. This is why you need to be utterly familiar with the job description as well as the company culture. Remember though, it's best to back them up with actual examples of say, how you are a good team player.

#### Question - 50:

Tell me something about your family background?

#### Ans:

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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#### Question - 51:

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

#### Ans:

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).

Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

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#### Question - 52:

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

#### Ans:

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.

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#### Question - 53:

Why do you want to work In Kimley-Horn and Associates for this organisation?

#### Ans:

Being unfamiliar with the organisation will spoil your chances with 75% of interviewers, according to one survey, so take this chance to show you have done your preparation and know the company inside and out. You will now have the chance to demonstrate that you've done your research, so reply mentioning all the positive things you have found out about the organisation and its sector etc. This means you'll have an enjoyable work environment and stability of employment etc - everything that brings out the best in you.

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#### Question - 54:

Are you planning to continue your studies and training In Kimley-Horn and Associates?



#### Ans:

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.

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#### Question - 55:

Do you work well under pressure?

#### Ans:

Yes.. When it comes down to the wire, the best thing I can to remain focused, have some flexibility, and understand priorities.. Giving them attention in the order they are needed.

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#### Question - 56:

How much do you expect to get paid In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

For this be prepared and research salary to find out what similar positions are paying in your area before you go to the interview. Try to find this information out before giving your salary expectations. You can and should provide a range instead of an exact number. But again, don't say any numbers you're not comfortable with because if the employer offers you a salary at the lowest end of your range, you don't have much to negotiate with when it comes to getting a higher salary.

#### Question - 57:

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now In Kimley-Horn and Associates?

#### Ans:

Demonstrate both loyalty and ambition in the answer to this question. After sharing your personal ambition, it may be a good time to ask the interviewer if your ambitions match those of the company.

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#### Question - 58:

Do you have any questions for me?

#### Ans:

Good interview questions to ask interviewers at the end of the job interview include questions on the company growth or expansion, questions on personal development and training and questions on company values, staff retention and company achievements.

#### Question - 59:

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

#### Ans:

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects.

#### Question - 60:

How good are you at problem solving?

#### Ans:

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it. <u>View All Answers</u>

#### Question - 61:

What problems have you encountered at work?

#### Ans:

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it--a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire. *View All Answers* 

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