

Interview Summaries (I Applied for Assistant Designer)

By: Nicholas Byard

1. *Why Broadsword Games?*
2. *Why do you think you'll do well in this position?*
3. *How do you work under pressure?*
4. *It says here in your cover letter that you have experience working in various team environments, what can you tell me about that? With that in mind, do you have a preferred work environment? (Solo, in a small team, in a sizable studio, etc.)*
5. *Have you ever played the original Super Mario Bros.? If you could change one thing in its design, what would it be? Why?*
6. *What is your favorite video game?*

Summary: I'd like to say this interview went very well. Nick decided to go deep into my video game background with the last 2 questions. He was trying to learn about what it is I like to do, can do, and ideas I have as a designer (with question 5). I'd like to believe I got hired with Nick.

By: Sierra Buanonna

1. *What specifically made you choose to apply to this position?*
2. *What process do you have for designing and building game worlds?*
3. *What design attributes have you contributed to what you've worked on?*
4. *How well can you adapt to a problem you have limited time?*
5. *How well are you at communicating?*

Summary: I thought Sierra's questions were pretty good overall. She gave questions that went deep into how I work and what I've done design wise. I'd like to believe I got hired with her, since I went as deep as I could into each question. I really tried to exemplify my hard working personality and explain my efficiency in communication and designing.

By: Rashaad

1. *How did you find out about Broadsword Games?*
2. *Why Broadsword Games?*
3. *What kind of skills do you have as an assistant designer?*
4. *Why specifically be an assistant designer over the other positions?*
5. *What is your favorite video game franchise?*

Summary: The interview was pretty odd, as it was only 10 minutes long. The questions were all fairly average, and I couldn't really give deep answers aside from question 3. Since the questions weren't personal, it's hard for me to determine if I got hired or not. Considering how short it was, I doubt I got hired.

Overall: Out of all the questions, I'd say Nicholas' 5th question about changing a design feature in the original Super Mario Bros was the toughest. How can you make such a classic successful game any better than it is right? It took me a good 5 minutes of thought before coming up with a good design change (it was to add checkpoints to be more new gamer friendly).