

## SEER Model –Thinking on Your Feet

<b>Example 1</b>		<b>When you are aware of your thoughts, opinions, or the answer.</b>
<b>WHAT TO DO....</b>		<b>EXAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTION</b>
		<b>Tell us about your plans after high school graduation.</b>
<b>S</b>	Give a short <b>Summary</b> statement. State your position in one sentence.	<i>“After graduation I plan to attend UW-Madison to major in engineering.”</i>
<b>E</b>	Then, <b>Elaborate</b> . Briefly state why/reasons for your position.	<i>“I selected UW-Madison because it’s an excellent school, it’s pretty close to home and my family, and it’s relatively affordable. I’ve visited Madison and the campus a few times and I really liked the campus life.”</i>
<b>E</b>	Then, give an <b>Example</b> (the more concrete, the better) to illustrate your position.	<i>“For example, I really like the Memorial Union and Union South – especially Union South. It’s right across from the Engineering Campus and there seems to be a lot of activities there – you can get food there, go to club meetings, hang out, study and even get help from tutors. I really felt comfortable there.”</i>
<b>R</b>	Finally, <b>Restate</b> your position. Again a one-sentence version.	<i>“So after graduation I’m really looking forward to being a student at UW-Madison and those are some of the reasons why.”</i>

<b>Example 2</b>		<b>When you aren’t so sure of your thoughts, opinions, or the answer.</b>
<b>WHAT TO DO....</b>		<b>EXAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTION</b>
		<b>Tell us about your plans after high school graduation.</b>
<b>S</b>	Give a short <b>Summary</b> statement. State your position in one sentence.	<i>“That’s a great question and one that I think about a lot. I’m not completely sure yet what I’d like to do after graduation.”</i>
<b>E</b>	Then, <b>Elaborate</b> . Briefly state why/reasons for your position.	<i>“I know that most people can rattle off where they are going to school or what they plan to do, but I haven’t quite figured that out for myself yet. There are a lot of things that I’m considering and I’ve talked with a lot of people about my options, but I’m still doing a lot of thinking.”</i>
<b>E</b>	Then, give an <b>Example</b> (the more concrete, the better) to illustrate your position.	<i>“For example, I talked with my brother who went to the University of Minnesota-Mankato and he told me what he liked and didn’t like about it. I also thought about working for awhile to save up some money to make college more affordable. Then again, who knows? If I go that route I may find something else that I really love doing.”</i>
<b>R</b>	Finally, <b>Restate</b> your position. Again a one-sentence version.	<i>“So I haven’t made any firm plans yet, but I think about that question all the time and I know that I will eventually figure out what’s best for me.”</i>