Tell me about yourself: sample answers

1. Say who you are and what you do now

Tell me about yourself. (You have no work experience.)	I'm a recent graduate in business. For my final project, I ran a customer survey, and I worked part time at my uncle's shop. I'm looking for my first full-time job, where I can learn fast.
Tell me about yourself. (You are a student.)	I'm in my third year of computer science. I'm looking for a part-time job, because I want to learn how a real team works. I can work evenings and weekends.

2. Say what you did before

Tell me about yourself. (You have experience.)	I've worked in retail for four years. I started on the sales floor, and now I train new staff. I'd like to move into customer service, where I can solve bigger problems.
Tell me about yourself. (You are changing careers.)	I taught English for six years, and I loved explaining things clearly. I want to use that in customer support. Last year I took an online course to prepare.
Tell me about yourself. (You are returning to work.)	I worked in an office for five years, then I took three years off to raise my children. Now they're in school, and I'm ready to come back. I kept my Excel skills fresh with an online course.

3. Say why you want this job

What did you like most about your last job?	Helping customers. I liked it when someone came in upset and left smiling.
Why did you leave your last job?	I wanted more responsibility, and there was no room to grow there.
Why do you want this job?	I like talking with people, and your company has a good training program for new staff.
What's your biggest strength?	I stay calm when things get busy. At the café, I once served a line of thirty people alone.

4. Say your answer again, shorter

What should you not say?	Not "I was born in a small town in 1999." Start with your work or studies: "I'm a recent graduate in business."
Can you give me the short version?	Sure. I'm a recent graduate in business, I worked part time in a shop, and I'd love to start in customer service.

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