## WATERLOO | CENTRE FOR CAREER ACTION

## Interview Activity Feedback – Describe one of your weaknesses

## **Transcript**

So this is a very common answer to the weakness question; however, it seems unbelievable because it's overused. A stronger answer might be "Because I get so excited about contributing; I tend to lack self-control in a group setting. In the past, when I was a member of a group, I didn't really let other contribute because I was so excited about getting my ideas across, but what I've finally learned to do is let others speak before me and sometimes I jot down my ideas so I can contribute when it's appropriate, and I often find that we have the same ideas. So my self-control in group settings is getting much better." So that response, began with a positive statement and reflected an actual weakness, followed by what should be improved. Please don't use this answer in the professional school interview, unless it's truly appropriate to your situation.

