

Job Interview Tips

- 1. Don't wear perfume or aftershave to an interview; it could give the interviewer a headache or an allergic reaction.**

Wearing perfume, cologne, or aftershave during an interview is considered a big no-no. Your interviewer could have asthma, an allergy, or a headache. Either way, you don't want to be remembered as the person with overwhelming perfume. It gives off a bad first impression and could affect your chances at getting the job.

- 2. Always write a thank-you note or email to your interviewer. It's just common courtesy and it will make you stand out.**

A thank you note is courteous, professional, and makes you stand out. Since very few teens exercise this small gesture, it will make you more memorable among the other applicants. It can also give you a second chance to highlight anything you might have forgotten to talk about in the interview or reiterate things that you think are important.

A sample thank you letter:

- 3. Look up frequently asked questions and practice answering them before an interview.**

Researching and studying common questions can help you practice what you're going to say, and help you arrange better answers during the interview. This is important, because you will be prepared to answer difficult questions. Also, be sure to practice not using filler words such as "like, um, uh, I mean, okay so..., you know, like I said, etc."

The best way to avoid using these is to practice speaking to a family member or friend.

- 4. Remember that the interviewer isn't the only person who can ask questions. Be sure to ask your interviewer questions about the company and your position.**

To an interviewer, if you ask them questions about the position you are applying for it makes you seem interested. If you do not ask questions, you could come off as uninterested in what you are applying for and the interviewer can show disinterest in you.

For example questions to ask, [click here](#):

- 5. First impressions are crucial. The interview starts the moment you walk in the door.**

Your first impression could cause the interviewer to think of you in a positive or negative way. For a positive first impression, give off good body language by leaning forward to seem interested in the conversation, and always shake their hand when you enter and before you leave. Don't forget to say thank you.

- 6. Present yourself with confidence. Make your interview memorable, and don't forget to always be yourself.**

If you're not confident in yourself, then your interviewer won't be confident in your ability. You want the interviewer to remember you, so be sure to make a memorable impression. Most importantly, always be yourself. You don't want to seem like a robot answering the questions, and it makes the interview more interesting if you act like yourself.

- 7. Make eye contact with your interviewer, and always take pride in your accomplishments, no matter how small they are.**

Making eye contact is very important. It shows that you are confident in what you are saying and makes you feel heard. It also captures the interviewer's attention more. Also, don't downplay your previous experiences that you have on your resume. Many teens will make their previous experiences sound unimportant. Be sure to make your experiences sound like achievements, even if it's just babysitting.

8. Show your interviewer that you are a reliable person and are punctual.

There are many ways to show you are reliable and punctual. A good way is to make sure you always arrive on the time you agreed on, or talk about a time that you repeatedly got up early to do a job. Always show up for an interview ten to fifteen minutes early, it shows that the interview is important to you and that you are reliable.