Interview time!

After an employer looks over your CV, they may decide to offer you an interview to meet you and ask you some questions to see if you are a good fit for the job.

Traditionally, you would meet someone at the company's workplace and have the interview face to face, but because of the current pandemic, you may also do interviews on a video call instead.

The person interviewing you will ask you some questions. These vary depending on the type of job role you are applying for, however here are some generic examples

How would you answer these questions?

It's good to have a few answers prepared

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

Why are you interested in working for our company?

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Why do you want to leave your current company?

For more standard questions visit:

https://www.forbes.com/sites/jacquelynsmit h/2013/01/11/how-to-ace-the-50-mostcommon-interviewquestions/?sh=54809bfe4624

Tips and tricks for interviews

Before you go:

- Wear clothes that are smart and professional. For example, black trousers/knee length skirt and a white shirt.
- Plan your journey in advance and make sure you know the route - if its a new place, do a trial run to make sure you know where to go on the day!
- Arrive 5 to 10 minutes earlier than the time of your interview

During the interview:

- Smile. Smiling can make a great first impression. Also try making polite conversation to others while you wait, for example, asking them how they are today.
- Make eye contact with the interviewer - this will show confidence.
- Speak clearly. Don't speak too quickly. Breathe and allow yourself to think of the answer you want to give in a clear way.



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At the end of your interview:

 Ask the interviewer questions about the company. This will show you are interested in working for them. (It is often good to do some research on the company before the interview, memorise 1 or 2 facts about the company). Example of questions you can ask:

What is your favourite part about working here?

What would a typical work day look like?

What training programmes are available to employees?

Can you tell me about the team I will be working with?

Here are some examples of a typical interview

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