

A business interview

Listen to the business interview to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary

1. a remote area
2. pre-approved
3. the founder
4. a predicament
5. numerous
6. obvious

Definition

- a. someone who starts a business
- b. many
- c. already officially recognised and accepted
- d. far away from towns or other populated places
- e. a difficult or challenging situation
- f. easy to understand or notice

Tasks

Task 1

Choose the correct answer.

1. Anna ...
 - a. didn't start the company but manages it now.
 - b. started the company and manages it now.
 - c. started the company but doesn't manage it any more.
2. The app ...
 - a. is for parents to learn from.
 - b. is for students to learn from.
 - c. is for students who want to find a tutor.
3. Many parents ...
 - a. don't have the time or knowledge to help with their children's homework.
 - b. think that schools should help with their children's homework.
 - c. don't want to help with their children's homework.

4. The app ...
 - a. has student exercises on it.
 - b. is only for people in remote areas.
 - c. offers live online support from tutors.
5. On the app, tutors who live in remote areas ...
 - a. often charge lower rates.
 - b. often charge higher rates.
 - c. don't like to work too much.
6. The app ...
 - a. is new and not many people know about it.
 - b. is already popular.
 - c. is not very successful.

Task 2

Match the verbs (1–6) and nouns (a–f) from the interview.

Verbs

1. to solve
2. to come up with
3. to meet
4. to speak for
5. to secure
6. to expand

Nouns

- a. funding
- b. a need
- c. a problem
- d. itself
- e. the range of services
- f. an idea

Discussion

What's your favourite app for learning and why?