



## Opening Questions



When you start the interview the first impression you make on the interviewer is key.

It is important that you introduce yourself and be friendly.

To begin the interview, it's common to engage in some **small talk**:

- How are you today?
- What's the weather like there? (online interviews)

🔔 **Take advantages of these questions to help you relax** 🔔

- ▶ **Human resources director:** *How are you today?*
- ▶ **Interviewee:** *I'm fine. thank you for asking.*
- ▶ **Human resources director:** *My pleasure. How's the weather outside?*
- ▶ **Interviewee:** *It's raining, but I brought my umbrella.*
- ▶ **Human Resources director:** *Good thinking!*

🚫 **Examples of Incorrect Responses** 🚫

- ▶ **Human resources director:** *How are you today?*
- ▶ **Interviewee:** *So, so. I'm rather nervous actually.*  
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- ▶ **Human resources director:** *Isn't this great weather we're having?*
- ▶ **Interviewee:** *Yes, it's wonderful. I can remember this time last year. Wasn't it awful! I thought it would never stop raining!*  
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- ▶ **Human resources director:** *Did you have any trouble finding us?*
- ▶ **Interviewee:** *As a matter of fact, it was very difficult. I missed the exit and had to return via the highway. I was afraid I was going to be late for the interview.*