

LA U EMPRENDE- LESSONS 1.4

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Flipping your job interview

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Finally! You've landed an interview for a great job. You've done your homework, prepared answers for all the usual questions, done your research on the company, its products, and its customers. There's nothing left to do but cross your fingers and hope. Or is there?

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A job interview is not a one-way conversation. The company is looking for the right candidate, but you're also looking for something – the right job for you. Come prepared with a few questions that show you are serious about the job. Think about how you want to develop your skills, your training interests, the types of projects you'd like to work on. You can also ask about the social side, if it's a fun place to work – though maybe not in so many words!

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Your answers to their questions are important, but the questions you ask will also help you make a good impression. If you ask about training opportunities, they know you want to learn. If you ask about career paths, they know you have long-term goals. If you ask your interviewer about their own career, they know you are a person who respects their coworkers. Flip the interview! Be confident and ask the questions that will help you decide if this is the job for you.

Exercise 1

1. What is the homework?
 - A) It is about the company choosing a candidate.
 - B) It is the research that an employer has to do before a job interview
 - C) It is the research, answers, products, customers that a company has
 - D) It is the investigation a potential employee should do before a job interview
2. What should you do to prepare for a job interview?
 - A) Bring many personal stories about life that show you're serious about the job.
 - B) Prepare few questions
 - C) Avoid asking questions to look modest.
 - D) Focus only on your past experience.
3. According to the text, what you could ask about?
 - A) Your favorite hobbies.
 - B) The job environment
 - C) The interviewer's feelings.
 - D) The length of the interview.
4. What is a two-way street according to the text.
 - A) The company's installations.
 - B) The space where cars drive on.
 - C) The idea that a candidate should also ask questions in a job interview.
 - D) The idea that asking many questions in a job interview has a negative effect.
5. How can you tell the interviewer that you like to learn ?
 - A) Be talkative and friendly candidate in the interview.
 - B) Ask questions about training.
 - C) Ask few long questions.
 - D) Apply to many training courses.

6. Which sentence is **CORRECT** according to the text?

- An interview is a one-way evaluation by the company.
- A good interview involves preparation, questions, and mutual fit.
- You should avoid questions to seem confident.
- Job interviews are only about skills.

C **Read the article again. Choose the best summary.**

- The article recommends different ways to impress an interviewer.
- The article suggests a different way to prepare for a job interview.
- The article explains what happens after a job interview.

D **INFER MEANING** **Explain the meaning of the bold phrases.**

- You've **landed an interview** for a great job.
- You've **done your homework**, prepared answers for all the usual questions ...
- There's nothing left to do but **cross your fingers** and hope.

EXERCISE 2

Comments

A I'm sorry, but I think you're being a bit unrealistic. In today's job market, not all jobs are going to be the perfect job. I think it could have a negative effect if you ask too many questions. And what if your questions tell the interviewer that you're NOT right for the job? You could hurt yourself rather than help yourself!

B Thank you for the really useful information. Can you help me with one thing? I'm not too clear on how best to phrase the questions you suggest. I don't want look like I'm interviewing them, but I do want to show them that I am a strong, focused, career-minded person. Your help would be great. Thanks!

C I'm a career counselor with an employment agency. I interview clients all day long and find possible jobs for them. Then they interview for the job with the company. The advice you give in this article is completely right. Companies love it when candidates have good questions and aren't afraid to ask them. It really shows them that you are serious about your career and the company.

FLIPPING THE JOB INTERVIEW

Who is in favor?

Who is against this idea?

Who is asking for more information?

Who thinks that asking many questions may not help you?

Who has a lot of experience in interviews?

Who needs recommendations on how to make questions?

Commenter A
Commenter B
Commenter C