

Going to a Job Interview



A Social Story



Today we are going on a job interview. Job interviews are very important: How I act during the interview will determine whether or not I get the job.

First Step: Arrive early



I will arrive 15 minutes early: Showing up early shows dedication and readiness.



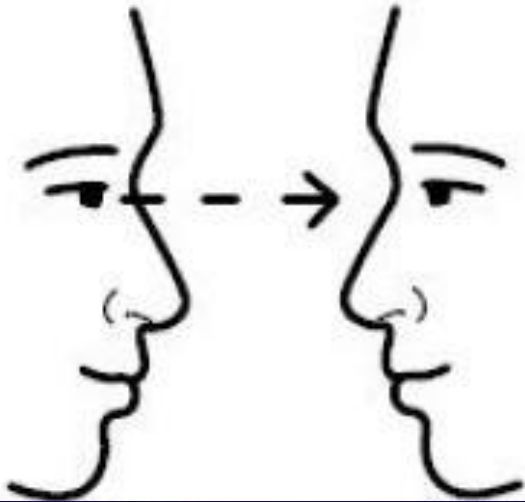
I will confidently smile at everyone I see in the office. Smiling shows confidence and kindness. Confident and kind people are hired more often than unconfident, unkind people.

Firm Handshake



Shaking hands shows confidence. I will give the interviewer a firm handshake and a smile when I walk into the office. If they sense that I am confident, they will be more likely to hire me.

Eye contact



I will make good eye contact with the interviewer. Good eye contact is associated with good listening: If I give good eye contact, the interviewer will think that I am both a “good listener and responsive worker.”



Come Prepared



I will write up examples to share with the interviewer prior to going to the interview: This will make it so that I am fully prepared and will be able to focus all of my energies on the social aspect of the interview and less on the other aspects that may otherwise make me anxious.

WHAT

WHY

HOW

WHERE

WHO

WHEN

Use specific Info

I will avoid using words like “thing” and “it” as the interviewer will not understand what I am talking about. If he/she doesn't understand what I am referring to, it is likely that I will not be hired.

Share appropriate info



Although it may be tempting, I will try not to share too much information during the interview: I will stick to the questions asked by the interviewer. This will make me appear competent and direct.

Ask Questions

Asking questions about the company and the position will show the interviewer that I am really interested in the position. It also shows that I took time to research their company before arriving.



Thank your interviewer



I will thank the interviewer for taking the time to meet with me and will shake his/her hand as I get up to leave. I will try to make eye contact while shaking his/her hand so that I appear sincere.



I will not linger after the interview is over. I will thank the interviewer and leave the office. Lingering makes most people uncomfortable. If the interviewer is uncomfortable, he/ she will not hire me.

Follow Up



I will follow up two days after the interview by calling the interviewer and thanking them for their time. This will show them that I appreciate them and that you are dedicated to their company.