

10 Terrific Tips for a Great Interview

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1. **Know the Employer** - Research the employer's business ahead of the interview. Talk with others who may know about the company.
2. **Dress to DaZZle** - Have clothes cleaned and pressed a day or two before the interview. Try them on a few days before to insure they fit properly and you are comfortable so you can focus on the interview. Also, clothing should not be too baggy or too tight (no matter how sexy you think you are). If you cannot afford a new suit or dress, visit a second-hand store and purchase one. You can have them dry cleaned at a reasonable cost.
3. **Get a Makeover** - A first impression says a lot to an employer
 - Get a haircut and do your nails (yes, guys can get a manicure)
 - Take a bath or shower (no, we are not joking)
 - Brush your teeth (Before the interview if possible)
 - Light on the make-up, cologne and perfume- no heavily scented soap. (Most people omit cologne and perfume altogether)
4. **Clean the Equipment** - If your This Ability requires you to use equipment such as crutches, wheelchair or cane, clean them thoroughly. If you can't keep the very thing that makes you independent clean, are they going to trust you with a job?
5. **Shine the Shoes** - Even old shoes can get new life from a good buffing, drop them off at a shoe shop a few days before. Note. If you are wearing new shoes break them in a few days before the interview. Poor circulation or lack of sensation may cause some people to not feel comfortable for a few hours. Believe us, interview time is not when you want to remove your shoes.
6. **Map It** - Go to one of the popular websites like maps.google.com/ or www.mapquest.com to get directions to your destination. Print them. Take a dry run (if possible) of the route to the interview location. If you are using a transportation service (public or private) give yourself an extra hour. Time how long it takes so you can arrive to the interview 15 minutes early. Remember: in many places weekend traffic is lighter than weekday.
7. **Accessorize the Resume** - Bring your resume in a "nice" portfolio which can keep it from wrinkling, also include a note pad and pen. If you have difficulty writing or speaking, bring a separate sheet of pre-written questions for the interviewer.
8. **Don't Jump the Gun** - Unless you are offered the position on the first interview, hold off on asking about salary. Also, and this has happened, don't ask "where is my office?" or "what register will I be stationed at?"
9. **If you need it, ask for it** - If you did your "homework" you will know if there is a "reasonable accommodation" request you need to make of the interviewer. Some examples are an interview room that is wheelchair accessible or sign language interpreter. Be sure to ask before arriving, preferably several days before your interview.
10. **Relax** - This is a blind date and you look *fabulous!*