

How to Exit an Interview

The end of an interview is often the time when a lot of job applicants let themselves down. As the interview starts to wind down, candidates often make the mistake of thinking the hard work is over and they begin to relax. As they relax, they can sometimes, accidentally, say something that puts doubt in the employer's mind regarding their suitability. In addition, as candidates 'switch off' from interview mode, their body language can be very telling and may suggest to the interviewer that they are not the right person for the job. Such actions can destroy all the hard work you have put in to getting the entrance and the middle of your interview right.

So, how should you exit an interview?

The last stage of the interview will generally be when the interviewer asks you if you have any questions. Always ensure that you have something relevant to ask at this point. Once this questioning session has finished the interviewer will probably give you information about how you will be notified of the result of your interview. Whilst listening to this information, take the time to remind yourself that you are still being judged; you therefore still have to be confident and still have to talk clearly and with considered responses. Do not display any negative body language or start mumbling about how you didn't think the interview went that well. As the interviewer stands to see you out of the room, you will need to stand up tall, and confidently present your hand to shake that of the interviewer. At the same time your ending comment should be something along the lines of, "thank you for taking the time to see me, it has been a pleasure to meet you, I look forward to hearing from you again". This way you have demonstrated that you are grateful for the opportunity to speak to them, and you are also letting them know that you are keen to hear from them again and hopefully soon!

Walk out of the room with confidence and be aware that the people you may come across as you leave the room and indeed the building, may all have an influence on the interviewer's decision. For example, the receptionist or security staff may be asked how you came across to them; therefore friendly smiles to other members of staff certainly won't do any harm and indeed could help your cause.

You need to remain confident and focused right to the very last moment. Remember, at whichever point you think the interview is over... add another 5 minutes where you remain in 'interview mode'... just to be certain!

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