

How to Prepare for an Interview when English is not your First Language

Preparing for an interview is a very daunting task, let alone if English is not your first language! Many job interviews will contain standard questions that they will start with in order to make you feel at ease. You can practise beforehand so that you are fully prepared. Common questions could include the following: How are you today? Did you find your way here ok? Tell me a little about yourself.

If you have the answers already prepared the chances are that you will feel more comfortable and at ease.

If you are worried that you will not be able to understand the questions that are being asked of you, then it may be a good idea to have a sentence prepared so that you can ask them to repeat or rephrase the sentence. For example, "I am sorry but I don't fully understand the question could you please re-phrase it for me?"

It is also important that your answers are full and not simple yes, no answers as this may leave the interviewer with the impression that you are not particularly bothered by the job. For example if you are asked: How are you today? It is better to answer with; I am very well thank you and yourself? Rather than simply saying ok.

It is important that if there is anything the employer can do to help you in the interview to mention it prior to the interview, or on your application form when asked.

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