



9 How to Get the Job

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A Before you watch

Check (✓) the adjectives that describe a good job interviewee.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> self-confident | <input type="checkbox"/> relaxed | <input type="checkbox"/> boastful | <input type="checkbox"/> casual | <input type="checkbox"/> overqualified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> awkward | <input type="checkbox"/> well-dressed | <input type="checkbox"/> aggressive | |

B While you watch

1 Answer the questions.

- In her first interview, which of the adjectives from *Before you watch* does Samantha use to describe herself?

- Which adjectives would you use to describe her in her first interview?

- Which adjectives would you use to describe her in her second interview?

2 Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1 Looking for your | a figure out what the actual job is can be difficult. |
| 2 Reading all the job listings | b a job interview ... is pretty tough. |
| 3 Even trying to | c is so annoying. |
| 4 Searching through the | d your résumé is really hard work. |
| 5 And writing | e first job out of college can be pretty hard. |
| 6 Getting | f want ads can be so boring. |

3 Complete the summary of Phyllis's advice with the gerund form of the verbs in the box.

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¹ _____ some standard questions before you go into an interview is essential. The interviewer may ask what you know about their organization, so ² _____ for the interview by doing research on the company is also very important. Study the information about the job, too. When you answer questions, ³ _____ about what the interviewer is actually looking for will help you give relevant information. This means ⁴ _____ about yourself in relationship to the job and ⁵ _____ some examples of similar experiences in your life. Overall, ⁶ _____ yourself in the strongest possible way is the most important thing.

4 Listen to the people giving advice about job interviews. Check (✓) the things they recommend.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Be confident. | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't lie. | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't fidget. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrive on time. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wear a suit. | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the company's website. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write a thank-you note. | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a good first impression. | |



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C After you watch

1 Write five questions that are commonly asked in job interviews.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

2 Use your questions to do a mock interview.

Why should I hire you?

Well, I have all the necessary qualifications and experience you're looking for ...

D Language Points

Circle the correct word(s) to complete each sentence.

- 1 I say *to* / *tell* you! Looking for your first job out of college can be pretty hard.
- 2 I wasn't *getting* / *making* anywhere!
- 3 So, I *figure* / *figure out*, why not?
- 4 What *other* / *else* do you want to know about me?

E Your Viewpoint

Work in groups and discuss these questions.

- 1 What's your dream job?
- 2 Why do you think you would be good at this job? What qualities, skills, and experience can you bring to it?
- 3 What areas do you need to improve?

My dream job is to be an actor. I think I would be good at this job because I am outgoing and hardworking. I also have good communication skills. I have been attending weekly drama classes since I was twelve. However, I need to be more confident and get experience with different types of acting ...