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| INTERVIEW SOMEONE WHO IS A NATIVE SPEAKER   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Some possible Questions and answers to help you |  |  |   Some of the common questions in these types of interviews (among others) are:  1. **Tell me about yourself.** *(this is such a fun question to answer!)* 2. **Where are you from?** 3.**What is there to see in your town? Can you describe it? Do you like Madrid?......** 4. **What do you do in your free time?***(answering “I study English in my free time” is a “PELOTA” answer! Don’t insult your interviewer)* 5. **How did you learn English?** 6. **How long have you studied English // Spanish?** 7. **Have you traveled to any English-speaking countries, spent time abroad?** 8. **How did you like (country)?** 9. **How long were you in (country)?** 10. **Tell me about your experience in ( my country)**. *(this type of question , “tell me about...”, usually comes up when you are being a “listo” and only giving short answers to avoid speaking and they want to hear you talk more.)* 11. **What was (country) like?** *(this is, among other things, to see if you really went to this place, so if you haven’t, and you’re telling “porky pies” (lies) you better get “googling” your chosen place before the interview!!)* 12. **Did you like the people?***(Please, if your interviewer is from the same country you studied in, and you hated the people and/or the food, maybe this isn’t the time to show how honest you are.)* 13. **What are you doing now to keep up your English skills?** *(Needless to say, picking up “Guiris” at bars is not a good answer.)* 14. **How have you had to use English at work in the past?** 15. **What did you do in your last job?** 16. **What are your strengths and weaknesses?***(even more fun than question #1! Trust me, we all “work too hard” – be creative with your weakness!)*  Anyway, and in summary – the important thing is to relax and to not get hung up on that one stupid word! If you find yourself in a situation where you find it really difficult to understand the interviewer, you have to make every effort to go with the flow and get the idea of what they are asking or saying. And move on! The same goes for when you are speaking and can’t remember a certain expression. Get over it and work around it! By doing this, you are also showing your problem-solving skills in English, demonstrating that you can SURVIVE in these situations.  Ok, enough chit chat–  Here are some more common questions to prepare for this type, or any type of interview. You then have to add on other questions specific to your field and practice, practice, practice!  1. **Tell me about yourself.** / **How would you describe yourself?** *(you’ll never escape this question!!!)* 2.**Why did you leave your last job?**  3. **What did you like most/least about your last job?** 4. **What do you see yourself doing five years from now? Ten years from now?**  5. **What are your long range and short range goals and objectives?** 6. **Why did you choose this career?** 7.**Why did you go into (profession)?** *(this is another way of asking question 6)* 8. **How well do you work with people?** 9.**Do you work better alone or in a team?** 10. **How would you describe your work ethic?** 11. **How well do you work under pressure?** 12. **Why should we hire you? /Why should we hire you over the other candidates?** 13. **What makes you qualified for this position?**  14. **What qualities do you think make up a good (job title)?** 15. **What's one of the hardest decisions you've ever had to make?**  16. **What two or three things are most important to you in your job?** 17. **What accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction? Why?** 18. **Describe the most rewarding experience of your career thus far.**  19. **What do you think it takes to be successful in a company like ours?** 20. **In what ways do you think you can make a contribution to our company?** 21. **Why did you decide to seek a position in this company?**  22. **What can you tell us about our company?**  23. **What do you know about our competitors?** 24. **What two or three things are most important to you in your job?**  25. **How do you feel about traveling?** 26. **Would you be willing to live in another country?**  27. **What are your strengths and weaknesses?** | |

Prepare your own interview.

Ask for permission, first, then you can explain what you have to do....! Best of Luck!

Excuse me.............................................

* **Can**I ask ............., please?
* **May** I ........................, please?
* Please, **can**I have a look at .....................?
* Please, **may** I taste that hot spicy couscous dish?
* **Do you mind if**I ask you .....................?
* **Would you mind if**I asked you something?
* **Is it okay if**I sit here?
* **Would it be all right if**I .......................
* ....... Any other polite questions........?

Record it and bring it to do the presentation in the classroom. You can do it in pairs and point out the difference between students. (5 minutes maximum)

Do your best!