

Topic: Job Interview

Let's get started . . . When you were a child, what did you think was a good job or career?

Story: You arrived at your hotel less than two hours before your big job interview. Your luggage is lost and there's no time to shop. What do you wear to your interview?



One young woman in that situation went to the hotel staff for help. The female staff members put together a nice black dress suit for the young woman from their own hotel uniforms and other clothes, including shoes and accessories. The young woman went to her big job interview, and she got the job!

What kind of clothes would be good to wear when you interview for a job? How would you prepare for a job interview?

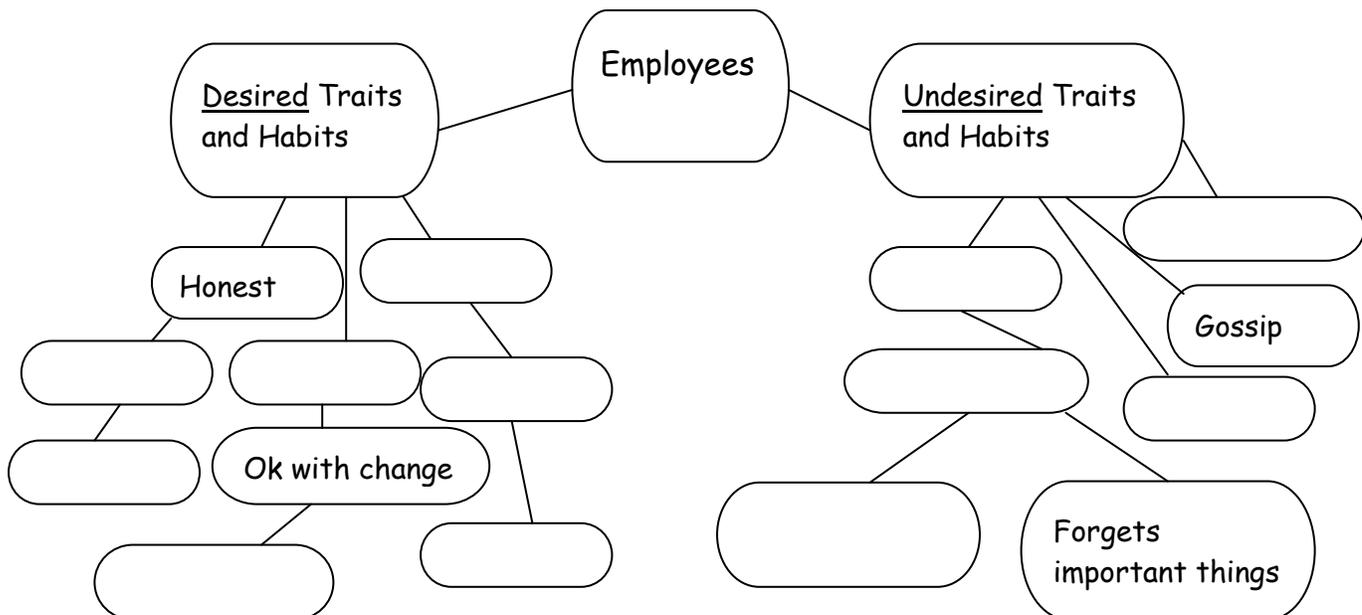


In pairs for 10 minutes, ask and answer this question:

When you think of job interviews, how do you feel? Nervous? Scared? Excited? Happy? Explain. If possible, give an example.

Share your partner's answers with the group.

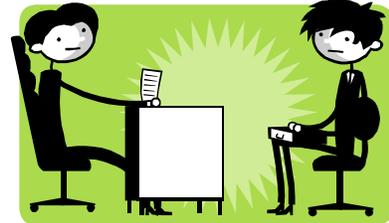
Group Activity - What kind of employees do employers want? Write in the balloons below and discuss desired and undesired employee traits and habits.



Discussion Questions - talk in pairs:

These are a few common types of interview questions. Practice interviewing each other. Think of a job you would like to have and tell your partner. Your partner asks you the questions and you answer them as if you are interviewing for the position. Then change roles with your partner.

1. Why do you want this position?
2. What job position do you want in 2 to 5 years?
3. Tell me about your skills for this position.
4. What did you enjoy in your last job?
5. What was a challenge in your last job? (Tell how you worked on this challenge.)
6. Tell about a team success you were part of.
7. What do you like about yourself?



Think about the interview questions above. What questions were easy to answer? What questions were hard to answer? Why?

What kind of a boss do you want to work for?



Are you or a family member looking for a job right now? Explain.

What are your first, second and third choices of jobs that you or a family member want to have?

What city and country would you like to work in now? In 5 years? In 10 years? Where would you like to retire?

New vocabulary: interview, career, arrived, luggage, staff, female, accessories, prepare, nervous, scared, excited, desired, undesired, balloons, traits, habits, gossip, job position, roles, enjoy, challenge, success, boss, choice, retire



Keep talking about it this week: Ask someone to tell you about a job interview they had. Write down their response and be ready to share with the group at the next Talk Time.

More on common interview questions:

<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/careers/student/interviews/common.html>

More on answering questions about your life: <http://video.about.com/esl/Past-Tense-for-Beginners.htm>