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Acing the Interview

How to increase your chances of job success

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Learning Objectives

1. Objective 1: **“Be Prepared” for the Interview**
2. Objective 2: **Effective Communication**
3. Objective 3: **Extra advice from people that make Hiring Decisions**





1. Be Prepared

Getting ready for the Interview



Be Prepared for the Interview



- **Know the Company**
- **Know the Job & its Role**
- **Practice typical questions**
 - Typical questions are online
 - AI & Google are your friends
- **Resume/Curriculum Vitae**
 - Translate schooling to applicable experience
 - Be able to speak to every point on your resume, don't embellish
- **Prepare 3-4 questions to ask**





2. Communication

Using Effective Communication



Using Effective Communication

- **Making a great first impression**
- **Appearance**
- **Confidence vs Arrogance**
 - Prepare & Practice
 - Think before you speak
 - Can you repeat the question?
 - Can I think about that briefly?
- **Body Language**
 - Eye contact
 - Good Posture
 - Online & In-Person - Interview the same!
- **Ask your prepared questions... if you are given the opportunity**





3. Extra Advice

Advice from people making Hiring Decisions



Extra Advice



- **Be prepared for challenging questions**
 - How would you handle...
 - Typical job tasks
 - Weakness / Strengths
 - Opinions on “Hot Topics”
- **Post Interview Follow-up**
 - What are the next steps?
 - Thank You: notes and emails
 - Keeping your name on their list
- **Dealing with Rejection**
- **Demonstration/Performance**



Takeaway Challenge

- A) Write three things you will do at your next job interview to excel.
- B) Answer these questions:
 - a) What might you STOP?
 - b) What could you PRACTICE?
 - c) What do you want to ADD?

