

Vocabulary For Job Interviews: Experience

I think that what you learn in school—and from your English teacher—is valuable. But it's not the most important thing. When you've already had a job—or more than one job—what you've learned at your earlier jobs is more useful than anything you learned in a classroom! And that's what we're going to talk about today.

The word is 'experience.' In a job interview, it normally means the things that you've done in other jobs: I used to work in a coffee shop, so I have 'experience' in what we call the 'service industry' in English. But it also can refer to the other things you've done in your life, if you learned something from them. In a job interview, I can say “living in Germany was a valuable experience that taught me how to. . .”

Because experience is just an important part of a job interview, we're going to spend all of today talking about the word and how you can use it. In this recording you will hear:

- An exact description of what experience is.
- How we measure experience.
- How we use the word 'experience' when talking about verbs and nouns.
- A few 'sample' sentences with the word.

Listen to the recording now.

After Listening

When you've finished listening to the recording, it's time to ask yourself: how much of what you heard was new? How can you use what you heard in the recording to talk about your own experience?

To practice using the word, think about how you heard it used in the recording. Now think how *you* can use it to talk about your experience. Write a short paragraph about your experience and ask your teacher to correct it, or post it here at Bite Sized English to have it corrected.