

Vocabulary For Job Interviews: Introduction

This week we're getting ready for one of the things I'm really afraid of: job interviews. Most of us *know* that we are—or would be—good employees. But when the time for a job interview comes, it's hard for us to tell that to another person.

If you're like me and are uncomfortable in job interviews, there's nothing I can do to help you like them. But, we can talk about some of vocabulary you can use to describe yourself in an interview. I don't know about you, but I always feel better when I'm prepared!

To Start

Before this week begins, take the time to write a paragraph describing yourself as an employee, or worker. In this paragraph, you want to make clear why a boss should hire you to work for him. You want to be honest—that means, you only want to write things that are true—but you also want to show yourself 'from your best side.' That means, you want to make sure that a person reading this paragraph knows everything *good* about you, and nothing bad.

Take a minute and write the paragraph now. When you're finished, give it to your teacher to correct—when you're learning English, it's important that someone corrects your practice—or post your answer here in the comments at Bite-Sized-English.com

How Did You Do?

Was it easy to write this paragraph? Did you need to think for a long time? Did you use a dictionary to find words? This week, we'll be working to make it easier to describe yourself.

Tomorrow we're going to talk about some simple vocabulary that you can use to describe the things you can do. On Wednesday, we're going to talk some more about vocabulary, but we'll focus on the kind of person—or employee—you are. And on Thursday we're going to talk about the word 'experience'—you can use it to talk about the jobs you've had in the past—and all the different ways you can use it. And then on Friday there's going to be a listening activity with quiz.

It should be a good week, and I'm looking forward to working with you!