

INTERVIEW QUIZ

Take the following true-false quiz to discover those areas you need to improve upon to give a top-notch interview.

1. True or False?

Dress similar to, or perhaps a little better than, people working on the job for which you are interviewing.

2. True or False?

Wear your best perfume or after-shave to the interview.

3. True or False?

Any hair style is fine, including beaded and braided styles, as long as it is neat and clean.

4. True or False?

Facial hair on men (beards/moustaches) is acceptable to most employers.

5. True or False?

Carry a briefcase to the interview.

6. True or False?

If he needs one, a man should get a haircut as close as possible to the day of the interview.

7. True or False?

Bring a friend with you for moral support.

8. True or False?

It's ok to smoke before an interview, as long as you don't smoke during one.

9. True or False?

Wait until the interviewer offers you a chair before sitting down.

10. True or False?

Assume a submissive role in the interview to help you land the job.

Answers: T- 1,9; F- 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. TRUE – The employer must be able to visualize you working on the job. If interviewing for a higher level job, dress similar to those already working at this level.
2. FALSE – Many people are allergic to any scent. If you must wear perfume or after-shave, be sure it is a very small amount.
3. FALSE – Conservative hair styles work best – extreme hair styles may not be acceptable to the interviewer. If you decide to wear one, be prepared for possible rejection.
4. FALSE – Most employers prefer a clean-shaven face, although this varies by locality. If you must have a beard or moustache, make sure that it is clean and trimmed.
5. FALSE – Carry a briefcase only if it contains important papers you will need during the interview. A portfolio with a notepad to take notes is preferred.
6. FALSE – a slight trim only. Freshly cut hair gives the interviewer the idea that you only get a haircut for special occasions.
7. FALSE – Bringing a friend with you shows the employer that you are too dependent.
8. FALSE – The smell of smoke on your breath and clothes can be offensive, even if the interviewer is a smoker.
9. TRUE – Don't sit down before being offered a chair.
10. FALSE – Making the interviewer feel sorry for you will not encourage him or her to hire you.