12 Interview Tips to Leave them Impressed

Ready to shake some hands, hand out a few business cards, and hand-write thank you notes? Then you must be close to graduating and interviewing for that big job.

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You Should Know
• You’ll be Googled. Nearly half of employers use it as a hiring practice.²
• 33% of employers knew within 90 seconds if they would hire a candidate.¹
• 36% of job hunters sent a thank you note while 75% of employers expected one.²
• The average interview is 40 minutes.¹

Before the Interview
Research. Be prepared to share things you’ve read on the company blog or quarterly report.

Rehearse your answer to common questions. (What are your strengths?)

Prepare a list of questions about the position and how it fits in the company’s growth strategy.

Memorize your 30 second “elevator speech.” I’m a . . . (major, interests, school, aspirations).

In the Interview
Shake hands—thumb webbing to thumb webbing—and make eye contact.

Dress for business. Don’t be too flashy or modern. Think subtle.


Share your success stories. Describe experiences in which you’ve gained knowledge or accomplished a goal.

After the Interview
Record the interview details. We’ve made it easy for you. Use the assessment form on page two of this resource.

Send a request to connect on LinkedIn.com.

Thrill them with a hand-written thank you note. An email follow-up is acceptable.

Maintain the relationship. Didn’t get the job? They may be hiring again and think of you.