



6 Tips on Making a Lasting Impression During Your Job Interview

If you are in the interview for your dream job and you want to make a lasting impression on the interviewing panelists, it is not too difficult to do. Just use the following 6 tips:

1. **Be Impeccably Groomed** - Your appearance is of paramount importance. What hits you in the eye first when you see a person is most likely the way they dress. Ensure that you are dressed in formal clothing that is out-of-the-box clean. Your grooming should be impeccable as well. Men, crew-cut hairstyle is the best; women, hair should be neat. Dress elegantly; there is a fine line between elegant and flashy, so be very careful here. Wear a pleasant - not strong - perfume/deodorant.
2. **Do Your Homework** - Go through the website of the company in detail. Also, if it is possible, talk to someone within the company regarding the goals the company has, latest launched products, the pros and cons, etc. Also study the industry and the impact it has on the company so you can speak confidently and intelligently on the topic.
3. **Show Confidence** - No matter how you feel inside, outside you should be a picture of confidence. Stay calm, composed and speak clearly when you answer the questions. If you do not know the answer to a question, do not camouflage your ignorance with a confusing answer. It is always best to admit that you do not know the answer. It is the honest way to go, and it does require courage. So, you will score on both accounts.
4. **Practice, Practice, Practice** - Look for questions that are pertinent to this particular job interview. The Internet is full of example interview questions. Practice how you talk, practice your answers, and practice the way you present yourself. Open-ended questions such as, "Tell me about yourself" require that you prepare well so you can cover all you need to say eloquently and confidently.
5. **Ask Pertinent Questions** - You should be prepared to have your interviewers ask 3-5 questions pertaining to various aspects of the job and company goals. Do not assume that the job is yours; do not ask, "When can I join?" unless they have confirmed to you that the job is yours. However, you could ask the company about their work culture, the job responsibilities, and the direction of the company.
6. **Smile, it Makes a Big Difference** - Being serious during the interview is good. It is even better if every now and then, where appropriate, you remember to smile. It should be a



friendly, spontaneous and brief smile - just to lighten up the atmosphere and project a friendly mood.

Before you leave the room, be sure you thank the interview panelists for the opportunity they gave you during the interview.

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- [21 Major Interview Mistakes to Avoid at All Costs](#)
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- [How to Talk About Other Interviews in Your Interviews](#)
- [How to Answer the Tell Me About Yourself Interview Question](#)
- [How to Answer the Do You Have Any Questions for Me Interview Question](#)