

A job interview can be intimidating, and you only have a short amount of time to make a good impression on the interviewer. There are definitely some tricks to having a good job interview and giving yourself the best chance to be hired. Whether you are applying to baby sit, clean pools, work in a clothing store or a restaurant, these tips will guarantee that you make a good impression.

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4. **Speak clearly and make eye contact.** Even if you are shy! □
5. **Address the interviewer by name.** Use "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Ms." unless the interviewer asks you to use a first name. □
6. **Shake hands twice.** Once when you arrive and once when you leave.
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