



SPEAK UP TO STAND OUT Tips to Succeed in Your Next Interview

Interviews require focus on communicating your message concisely and establishing rapport with your interviewer. Interviews are required to get that first job, get into that specific program or gain admittance to a private school. Below are some specific tips that can help you succeed.

- Make eye contact with the interviewer especially during your response to their questions. Show interest by nodding when they are speaking.
- Make sure your answers are relevant. When asked to “tell me about yourself”; stay focused on why you would be the best candidate, it is not necessary to include specific details like your age or very personal details. Include comments on your skills, activities, awards, or other applicable highlights.
- Practice responses to common questions. It is important to sound natural instead of robotic. Being prepared for common interview questions will help your confidence when responding to questions.
- Be mindful of word choice when answering questions. Your goal is to sell yourself and be confident. Your words can undermine you if you aren’t careful. Speak with confidence by avoiding phrases such as “I would probably...”, “I try...”, and “Maybe I would...”.
- Stay positive in your response to questions. Don’t share weaknesses or least favourite likes/actions/subjects. Turn every answer into a positive trait, skill, or action

