Interviewing for Introverts

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Agenda

Definition

Are you an introvert?

Types of interviews

Common interview challenges

Preparing for the interview

After the interview
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What You'll Learn Today
At the end of this workshop, you will be able to...

- Identify the strengths of being an introvert
- Describe challenges of interviews and how to overcome them
- Understand how to prepare for each phase of the interview
NACE CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES

Obtaining requisite competencies that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace.
What is an introvert?
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• Introversion ≠ Shyness

• Introversion: preference for environments that are not overly stimulating

• Shyness: fear of social disapproval or humiliation
What is an introvert?  
Are you introverted?

- I prefer to relax alone or with a few close friends
- I don’t like feeling rushed
- I consider only deep relationships as friends
- My mind goes blank in groups or under pressure
- I need rest after outside activities, even ones I enjoy
- I tend to think before I speak or act
- I appear calm, self-contained, and like to observe
- I often listen but talk a lot about topics of importance to me
The strengths of being an introvert

Let’s chat!

What year are you in school?

What is your major? How did you choose it?

Based on what you know so far, what are some strengths of being an introvert?
Types of Interviews
Types of interviews
Phone/Virtual

- Clarify the Details
- Find a Quiet Space
- Do Your Research
- Focus on Verbal Communication
Types of interviews
Traditional/Panel

Prepare for Standard Interview Questions

Connect With All Interviewers

Prepare Follow Up Questions
Types of interviews

Meal

Follow the Interviewer’s Lead
Maintain Conversation
Follow Etiquette Rules
Less Formal Environment
Types of interviews
Group

Focus on Interactivity & Inclusivity

Speak with Purpose

Listening is Key
Common Interview Challenges
Common interview challenges

Getting anxious

Prepare for the most common interview questions

There is no “right” answer

Think of the interview as a conversation

Relax – you’ve made it this far!
Common interview challenges

Feeling like you’re bragging

Be as objective as possible

Talk about the most exciting aspects of your experience

Bring samples to show your work
Common interview challenges

Thinking on your feet

Internal processors work out the details before they speak

External processors talk through their thinking

Do your research – preparation is key

Pause, reflect, then answer the question

Bring a notepad with key phrases and questions
Common interview challenges

Making a good first impression

- Know where you are going
- Prepare a few topics of small-talk
- Practice positive self-talk
- Be aware of your body language
Preparing for the Interview
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Play to your strengths

- **Research**
  Become an expert on the organization, your interviewer, and yourself

- **Prepare**
  Know the most common interview questions, and have answers ready

- **Practice**
  Make an appointment with your Career Specialist, practice with family/friends, or use StandOut

Tell me about yourself.
Preparing for the interview

Behavior-Based questions

Tell me about a time when you...
- have worked on a team
- took the lead on a difficult project
- had a conflict at work
- found a creative solution to a problem
- failed
## What skills are employers looking for?

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After the Interview
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Send a thank you note

Thank them for their time

Reference what you learned

Connect your skills to their needs
Follow up!
Questions?
Join the UCR Career Network, an online community for networking, mentoring, and job opportunities for alumni and students.

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