

INTERVIEW: GETTING THE JOB

TRAVEL CONVERSATION
SEMESTER 5, LESSON 015



TABLE TOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

Table Topic:

Have you ever considered quitting your job? Why or why not?

Hypothetical Table Topic:

If you got rich suddenly, would you quit your job? Why or why not?



IDIOM

Read and practice this useful idiom. It's great to use with this topic.

above and beyond the call of duty -
exceeding expectations or one's specific job

She went **above and beyond the call of duty** by finishing all the reports so soon.

getting the ax - to be fired

Steve **got the ax** today for drinking at work.



USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

cv - short for curriculum vitae; a written description of your education, qualifications and previous jobs

You are sure to get the job. I saw your **cv** and noticed you went to Harvard.

unemployed - To be without a job

I am worried about being hired because I have been **unemployed** for the past two years.

reference - a person who can speak well of your work abilities

We should hire him! Did you talk to any of his **references**? They all loved him.

job requirements - the minimum skills or qualifications required to be hired for a job.

He never got the chance at an interview because he didn't meet the **job requirements**. He doesn't have a college degree.

applicant - a person applying for a position

She was by far the best **applicant**. She has worked in a similar job before.



ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

Speed Conversation:

Example situation: Interview your conversation partner(s) and assess whether you will hire them. You can only hire one conversation partner! Students should sit across from a classmate. The teacher will assign a situation for each group of students to talk over. Students should rotate partners every 2-3 minutes.



HOMework

**Homework! Daily practice is essential
for language learning.**

1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH

Talk about your first job, first job interview, or first time quitting a job. Give a 1-minute speech presenting it (after the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).



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