



# Common Job Interview Mistakes

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# Being Unprepared

You can be asked about anything from your personal statement and previous research to what are your best and worst skills/ describe a time when you had to overcome an obstacle

- Do your research beforehand to avoid getting caught off guard!
- Practice!



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# Know Your Audience!

The background of the interviewers will affect the types of questions you will be asked!

- Research your interviewing committee and the department as well

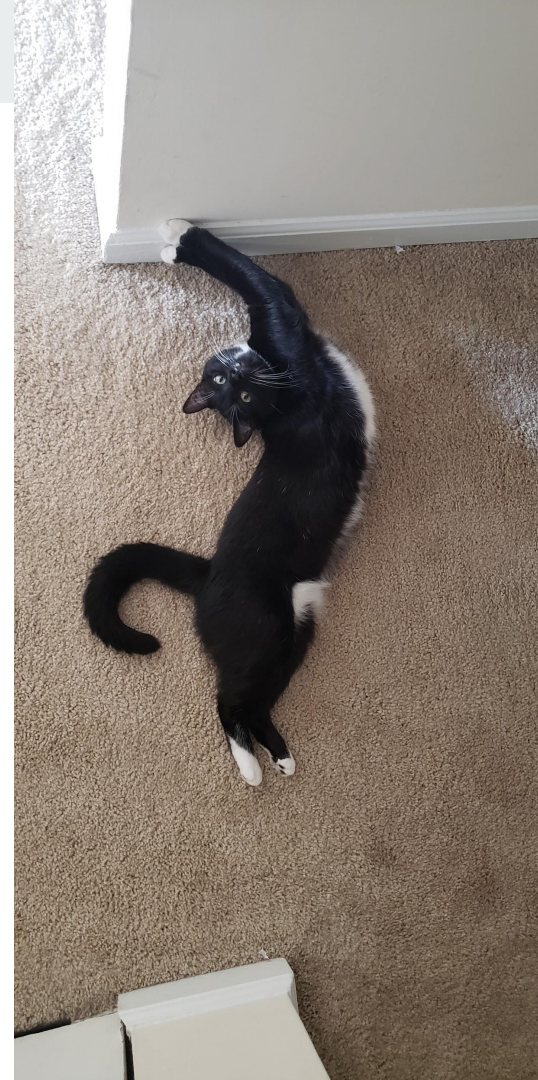




# Dress Code

Do not show up in pajamas.....

- You want to dress in a way that shows that you respect your time and their time
- Dress smart rather than expensive

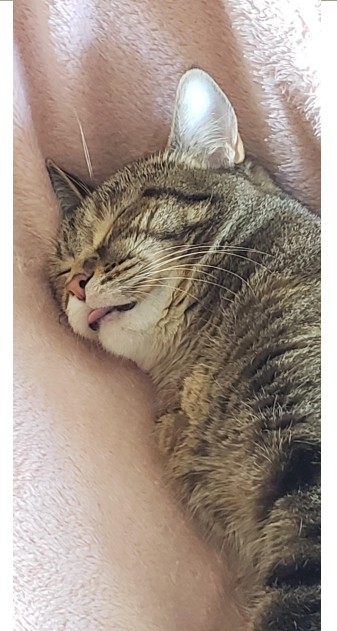


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# Not Being Punctual

Being late or too early can reflect on your time management skills

- Estimate a time of arrival the day before your interview so that you have a rough travel plan!
- A good time window is to arrive 10 minutes before your interview



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## Don't Lie or Be Too Honest

- There is no harm in saying you do not know something
- Being too honest and over sharing info can lead to you boring the interviewers.





## Don't Talk S\*\*\*



You want to avoid talking badly about where you're interviewing or about other places/people.

Either can negatively impact your perception to the interviewers.

- Be positive and focus on the positives!
- Don't show hesitations about the position you are applying for

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## Handy sites

<https://www.apa.org/members/content/academic-job-strategies>

<https://www.enago.com/academy/academic-job-interview-mistakes-to-avoid/>

<https://career.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2014/12/common-academic-inteview-questions.pdf>

<https://tressacademic.com/job-interview-mistakes/>

<https://academicpositions.com/career-advice/the-nine-biggest-interview-mistakes>

<https://career-advice.jobs.ac.uk/jobseeking-and-interview-tips/top-5-academic-interview-questions-and-answers/>

