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### Students will be able to:

- Analyze best practices in interviewing
- Explain how to have a successful virtual interview
- Apply best practices to answer common interview questions
- Summarize what actions should be taken after an interview



**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is the average amount of time between a job interview and receiving a job offer?

Answer the question on the first slide in the space below. Then, compare your answer to the answer on the second slide. Finally, follow your teacher's directions on how to answer the follow-up questions on the last slide.

1. **What is the average amount of time between a job interview and receiving a job offer?**



**VIDEO:** Top Interview Tips

You'll never be able to predict exactly what will happen in one job interview compared to another, but you can prepare yourself to succeed by practicing the things that are under your control. Watch this video to learn more about best practices in interviewing. Then, answer the questions.

1. **What is meant by this statement: "The interview begins the minute you walk into the building."**
  
2. **Why do you think things like a firm handshake, making eye contact, and using a person's name when greeting them is important in an interview?**

3. **True or False? When answering common interview questions, you should begin speaking and answer as quickly as possible.**
  4. **If you've had a bad experience at a previous job, what should you do rather than speak negatively about that organization?**
  5. **Why is it important to have a short list of questions ready to ask about your employer?**
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**ARTICLE: [8 Tips for Acing Your Virtual Job Interview](#)**

Your friend, Kasie, is telling you about a virtual job interview she has later today. Read the article to learn about how to have a successful virtual interview. Then, provide a recommendation to Kasie for each of her statements.

1. **“I haven't used my laptop since finals week. But I've never had any issues. I'm sure it'll be fine.”**
  2. **“I'm going to the gym to clear my head before the interview. I won't have time to shower, but I will throw on a clean tee shirt so I don't look sweaty.”**
  3. **“My brother will probably be playing video games downstairs, so I'm going to set up on our kitchen counter. Plus that will help in case I need to take the dog outside.”**
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**INFOGRAPHIC: [The STAR Interview Method](#)**

The STAR method is a framework that can help you formulate an impressive answer to common interview questions. Review the infographic to learn about the STAR method. Then, answer the question.

1. **How might using the STAR method be helpful compared to answering questions with no plan?**

**2. Use the STAR method to answer the following prompt: “Tell me about a time when you overcame obstacles to complete a task in your school career.”**

**a. Situation:**

**b. Task:**

**c. Action:**

**d. Result:**

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**VIDEO: [What to Do Immediately After a Job Interview](#)**

We’ve learned that the interview starts before you’re even sitting down with your potential employer. It might not come as much of a surprise, then, that you’re still responsible for leaving a good impression after the interview is over. Watch the video to learn about what you should do after you’ve had an interview. Then, answer the questions.

- 1. Why should you avoid sending the same thank you note to each person who interviewed you?**
- 2. Summarize how you should handle your social media as it's connected to your job search.**
- 3. If you connect with your interviewers on LinkedIn, what should you do in addition to sending a request to connect with them?**
- 4. When should your post-interview communication happen? And what is the rule-of-thumb the video recommends for when you should reach out again if you haven't heard back?**



## DO IT

### **ACTIVITY:** [PROJECT: Who Aced the Interview Challenge](#)

Now that you've learned interview tips and strategies, let's build the confidence you'll need when you have a real interview by practicing giving answers to some common interview questions. Follow the directions on the worksheet to complete this activity.



## EXIT TICKET

Follow your teacher's directions to complete the Exit Ticket.