

All interviewees wish to make a good impression during their first interview. This desire will prompt many to do whatever they can to make their interview a perfect one. One way to make it a successful interview is by avoiding the common mistakes that most people make during an interview. What are those mistakes and how can you avoid them? Let's take a look at some of the most common interview mistakes and learn how to avoid them.

### **Lack of Proper Enthusiasm for the Job**

If you lack enough enthusiasm for the job to which you are applying the employer will more than likely turn you down for the job. Avoid believing that others are more experienced than you are. Go into the interview believing that YOU are the only one applying for the job. If you are really excited about the job that you are applying for, let the interviewer know this. Do not hide your enthusiasm! Your enthusiasm will be much appreciated.

### **Not Verbalizing Your Thought Process**

Most employers who implement technical interview questions are interested in your intellect and how your intellect processes. Avoid this problem by completely verbalizing your thoughts, from start to finish, on how you came about your answer.

### **Not Listening to the Interviewer**

This is a big problem! Most people go into the interview with tons of thoughts and ideas running through their minds and they forget to listen to the interviewer. Forgetting to listen could lead to very embarrassing moments. For instance, you may be thinking of how you are going to answer a certain question when your interviewer clears his or her throat and ask you if you are going to answer or comment on what he or she just said. You are clueless as to what was just mentioned because you weren't listening. Avoid this situation by listening at ALL times and worry about other questions when you get there. Interviewers enjoy having your undivided attention during the interview.

### **Lying and Being Dishonest**

Lying is such a bad word, especially during an interview. This is a very big mistake and a serious taboo to make. Never lie during an interview. Always be honest in everything, even if it will cost you the job of your dreams. If you've had a serious mess up in your employment history, more than likely the interviewer has it on record in front of him or her. If you were fired in the past for criminal reasons, it's best to be open about it then. Being dishonest never has any long-term benefits. Sure you may get the job, but later down the road your dishonesty may be unveiled to your employers and you'd more than likely lose your job. So it's best to be honest before, during and after the interview.

**Not Setting Yourself Apart from the Others**

This is a common mistake for many. They believe that they are just like everyone else applying for the job so they define themselves, or display themselves as being no different from the rest. Employers do not want an office full of the same type of people. They want variety. Set yourself apart. Define and bring to light your strengths, ideas and reasoning. Let your employer know why hiring you would be the best decision that he or she has ever made. Display confidence, enthusiasm and motivation. Let your personality shine and impress on the mind of the employer. Never define yourself as being "just like everyone else". How boring! You are different and will work wonders for the interviewer's company. If you believe this, they will too.