



# About on-the-spot interviews

On-the-spot interviews can happen at any time

- An opportunity for an on-the-spot interview can come up in lots of different situations: at a networking event, at a social function or when you contact an employer to ask for work experience or to drop in your résumé.
- People you know might start asking you interview questions because they'd like to put you in touch with someone they know but they want to check to make sure you are a reasonable fit first.

Treat an on-the-spot interview as you would a formal interview

- On-the-spot interviews may seem more relaxed than a formal interview but don't be too casual or the person asking you questions might think you aren't really interested in the job or aren't worth referring to someone who has a job.
- To be safe, treat every interaction with employers or people asking interview style questions as a potential interview situation. Act professionally and be respectful as first impressions count.

Prepare your responses to common interview questions in advance

- To succeed in an on-the-spot interview you'll need to be comfortable talking about yourself.
- Plan ahead by preparing your answers to common interview questions, just like you would for a formal interview.

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