

Ready to Practice Interviewing?

Get some experience now! You'll be less nervous when it is time for a real interview - when it counts!

Here's how: Contact a hiring manager related to one (or more) of the careers **you are interested in** and ask them for 15 – 30 minutes of their time where they'll do a MOCK job interview with you over the phone or in person. They are to ask you the same questions they ask a real job applicant.

1. Ask for a list of the positions they employ. They do not need to be currently hiring for the position.
2. Choose the position that interests you the most.
3. Ask if you can have a copy of the job description in advance. Knowing the job description will give your interview conversation more depth and meaning.
4. Let them know you are *pretending* to have the skills necessary for the job - your answers may not be factual. Explain that this project objective is to gain knowledge and practice for **the interview process** - it's not to learn the job skills...however, if they give advice on job skills you should gratefully listen.
5. Read the questions on this website's article for ideas of what to ask them in the interview!

Your Advisor is available to discuss this project and to practice with you over the phone.

And guess what, now you just made a personal contact with someone in the industry you want to work in. Save their name and contact info and be sure to make a good impression during the mock interview. There is definitely some truth in the saying, **"It's all about who you know"** and this can seem very unfair at times. However, the saying is also intended to mean – **make an impression** – so the right people **remember you** and are willing to help if you need it.

Never assume who the right people are. It could be that strange girl that sells tickets at the movie theatre because she is the daughter of the hiring manager at the company you are interested in.