



[Quick Tips: Top 10 Interview Mistakes](#)

BASIC TIPS:

- **Mistake 10:**
Following up after an interview is crucial; show gratitude for the time the recruiter spent with you by sending a thank you note or email. It sets you apart from other candidates and may push you ahead of the "pack."
- **Mistake 9:**
Think about the questions that the interviewer asks *before* answering. Sometimes candidates can feel pushed to answer too quickly without reflecting and can end up "talking around" what was asked which won't impress an interviewer. If you don't know the answer to a question, state that and be straight forward.
- **Mistake 8:**
Candidates need to ask questions about the company, it's culture, philosophy and more. The interviewer shouldn't be the only one asking questions! Ask questions to determine if you are a good fit for the company and vice versa.
- **Mistake 7:**
Be sure to speak up and give thoughtful answers even if you're nervous; avoid answering questions with merely a "yes" or a "no."
- **Mistake 6:**
Do your homework before the interview and be prepared. Research the company, the interviewer, and current market trends so you're prepared for questions the interviewer may ask. Your preparation will show that you care about the position you are applying for.

- Mistake 5:
Avoid rambling on and on when answering questions. When you're nervous, you may find yourself talking around the questions that are asked. Try your best to be concise and clear in your answers. Practicing ahead of time can be helpful.
- Mistake 4:
Dress appropriately; it's always better to be overdressed than underdressed. It shows that you take the interview seriously, and first impressions are important.
- Mistake 3:
Make eye contact! It shows that you're present and interested in the conversation you're having with the interviewer.
- Mistake 2:
Avoid speaking negatively about previous employers. Companies want to hire people who are positive, authentic, genuine, and trustworthy.
- Mistake 1:
Show your enthusiasm! Smile, give thoughtful answers, dress appropriately, do your research ahead of time, and remember that the way you present yourself in an interview will make a lasting impression on the interviewer.