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**1. Read about job interviews and answer the questions**

**Unusual Interview Behaviour**

Although nervous, the average job applicant goes to a job interview prepared, well dressed and tries as hard as they can to present themselves in the best possible light so as to get offered the post.

However, as the following accounts reported by human resource professionals in an internet survey show, there are always a few exceptions to the rule!

**A**

A woman brought her Doberman with her to the interview and noisily chewed gum and blew bubbles all the time. She also wore an iPod and said she was multi-skilled and could listen to me and the music at the same time.

**B**

The interview started fairly normally but then the candidate suddenly asked if she could ring her psychiatrist for advice on how to answer a specific question. Then suddenly half way through the interview she asked me to arm wrestle with her. At the end of the interview she refused to move until I offered her the job. I had to call the police to remove her from the interview room.

**C**

A man arrived wearing a track suit for an interview for the position of finance director of a large international company. When I asked him what he did in his spare time, he stood up and started shadow boxing. At the end of the interview he said that, if he were offered the post, he would demonstrate his loyalty by having the company logo tattooed on his forehead.

**D**

A bald candidate arrived out of breath in the interview waiting room and then abruptly said that he had forgotten something. He returned ten minutes later wearing a red wig. He announced in a loud voice that he hadn't had breakfast and started to munch a hamburger and chips. Then he stretched out on the floor and started to fill in his expenses claim form. After that he took out a copy of Penthouse and flicked through looking only at the photos. Five minutes into the interview he stood up without saying a word and left.

1) The average job applicant does his best to get offered the job.      True    False

2) Why didn't the first candidate take off her Ipod?

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\_\_\_\_\_

3) Why did the interviewer of the second candidate call the police?

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4) How did the third candidate claim he would prove his loyalty to the company?

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\_\_\_\_\_

5) The fourth candidate didn't want the interviewer to notice he was bald.      True    False

**2. Go on reading about these unusual interviews and fill in the blanks with One word.**

**E**

A young woman confidently told me that she was \_\_\_\_\_ well qualified that if she didn't get the job, it would prove that I was incompetent. She \_\_\_\_\_ asked to have a look at my CV to check \_\_\_\_\_ I was qualified to interview her.

**F**

A female candidate told me arrogantly that she really didn't want to get a job, \_\_\_\_\_ the unemployment office needed proof \_\_\_\_\_ she was looking for one, in \_\_\_\_\_ for her to claim unemployment benefit.

**G**

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\_\_\_\_\_ the candidate came into my office, she started to bounce up and down on my carpet and told me that I obviously had a very good job \_\_\_\_\_. My office carpet had such a thick pile. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the interview she took a photo of me with her mobile phone, saying that she collected photos of everyone who interviewed her.

**H**

Half way through the interview, a female interviewee nervously glanced at her watch and then took off her shoes and started to shake a medicated foot powder onto her feet and \_\_\_\_\_ into the shoes.

\_\_\_\_\_ she was putting her shoes back on, she said in a normal voice that she had to use the powder four times a day.

**3. Read about this woman’s job. Complete the text with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**  
**When you see + use a modal**

**The best job in the world**

A lot of people are surprised when I tell them my job. That is because I say, ‘I am a pilot’. What is so surprising about that? Well, I am female and, in Britain, only 300 of the 13,000 airline pilots are women.

When I was younger, I \_\_\_\_\_ (+say) I wanted to be a nurse. I changed my mind after \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) in a plane for the first time when I was thirteen. My brother and I went \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the pilots in the cockpit during the flight – you \_\_\_\_\_ (+not do) that nowadays. It was an amazing experience. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (think), ‘This is much more exciting than \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a nurse!’ If I had not had that experience, I \_\_\_\_\_ (never think) of this possibility.

It took me several years to become a pilot. First, I \_\_\_\_\_ (+get) a Commercial Pilot’s Licence and take a complete medical examination. Then, to fly passenger planes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (require) to fly 1,500 hours as a trainee pilot and pass a written exam. After that, when I \_\_\_\_\_ (qualify), instructors checked my flying skills every six months.

At the moment, I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on short flights between Manchester and European destinations like Barcelona, Nice and Milan. Some people say that this is not as hard as \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) long distances to America or Asia, but I disagree. The sky above Europe is the busiest airspace in the world. It \_\_\_\_\_ (+make) flying difficult, especially when the weather is bad. Anyway, I hope that next year I \_\_\_\_\_ (+make) some long distance flights. I \_\_\_\_\_ (really look forward to) it.

Being a pilot is an incredibly responsible job. The lives of hundreds of people are in your hands. It’s essential for pilots to be prepared for anything \_\_\_\_\_ (+happen) at any time. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not think) quickly and stay calm under pressure, an accident \_\_\_\_\_ (+happen).

As a first officer, I always work with another pilot, a captain. The captain sits on the left-hand side and the first officer on the right. We share the job of flying the plane on each journey. It’s safer \_\_\_\_\_ (have) two pilots in case one of us \_\_\_\_\_ (become) ill and is unable to fly.

I know there are easier jobs, but there’s nothing as exciting as flying a plane!

**4. Fred is applying for a job. Complete the interview**

Interviewer: Hello, have a seat.

Fred: Good morning. Thanks.

Interviewer: Good. Let’s start. \_\_\_\_\_ your present job?

Fred: I am interested in switching fields.

Interviewer: I see, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Fred: I work in sales and I’ve managed teams and projects. I also have a lot of contact with customers.

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Fred: Four years, approximately.

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Interviewer: There is plenty of room for advancement in our company. Tell me, then, why \_\_\_\_\_ you?

Fred: I am a diligent person and a fast learner. I am very eager to learn. My friends also find me very easy to work with.

Interviewer: Very well. Now, \_\_\_\_\_?

Fred: If I Got the job? I would certainly start by celebrating!!!

Interviewer: Hahaha! It's been nice to meet you. I can tell that you are a good candidate. Expect to hear from us within a week or so about the job. Thank you for coming.

Fred: Nice meeting you too. Thank you for your time.

**5. Composition. Write about 180 words on ONE of the following:**

- a. Working at home has more advantages than disadvantages. Discuss.
- b. "It was a really foolish mistake" (first sentence)