

1. Practice these conversations in your group.

Bill: I have a job interview next week.

Sam: Are you nervous about it.

Bill: A little bit. I never know what to say.

Sam: I can identify with that. I was so nervous on my last job interview, I was sweating.

Bill: That's what I'm afraid of. What if they ask me a question I can't answer?

Sam: Don't worry. Employers don't expect you to know all the answers. They just want you to tell the truth. If you don't know the answer, just say so.

Bill: I'll try. Wish me luck.

Sam: Good luck, Bill. Don't worry, you'll be fine.

1. Do you get nervous when you are being interviewed? Do you have any tricks to keep from getting nervous?

2. Do you think it's bad to say, "I don't know" in an interview?

Bill: I'm so discouraged. I really blew the interview

Sam: I'm sure you were fine.

Bill: No, I was too nervous. I stammered when I introduced myself. Then I forgot the name of the company. He asked me for my portfolio, but he hardly looked at my drawings. He asked me if I knew some software program that I've never even heard of. It was so embarrassing.

Sam: I'm sure you're over-reacting.

Bill: No, he pretty much told me not to expect a call.

Sam: Keep your chin up, Bill. You're a smart guy and a good artist. You'll land a job one of these days.

Bill: Thanks, Sam. You always encourage me. I really appreciate that. I've got a couple more interviews lined up.

Sam: That's good. Better luck next time.

1. Have you ever blown an interview?

2. Do you stammer or stutter when you are nervous?

3. Do you have a portfolio?

4. Are you likely to over-react in a situation that makes you angry?

Jenny: You know, Emma, Bill is too shy for his own good.

Emma: Yes, it makes social situations difficult for him.

Jenny: I tried to introduce a friend of mine to him. She is a lovely girl and shares many of Bill's interests. But he just mumbled hello and went off to the water cooler. It was kind of embarrassing.

Emma: I know what you mean. I try to speak to him every morning to put him at ease, but it seems to make him more nervous. I wish there was something I could do to help him come out of his shell.

Jenny: I wonder if there is a class he could take that would bring him out and help him feel more comfortable in social situations.

Emma: That's a good idea, or maybe he needs to see a psychologist. He hasn't had a date in two years because he is too afraid to talk to women.

Jenny: He told me he interviewed for a job last week that he really wanted. He was afraid he botched the interview. I think his shyness is holding him back professionally as well as socially.

Emma: What do you think we should do? Should we talk to him about his problem?

1. What do you think Jenny and Emma should do? Should they intervene or should they stay out of it?

2. Have you ever told a friend something that was embarrassing, but you thought they should know?

II. Dictionary Exercise-Circle the word in each group that does not fit.

1-quiet/reticent/outgoing

2-jumpy/drowsy/sleepy

3-generous/stingy/miser

4-rude/charming/impolite

5-satisfied/jealous/envious

6-merry/sour/jovial

7-average/unusual/ordinary

8-tranquil/edgy/nervous

9-slap/caress/punch

10-docile/passive/violent

11-vampire/monster/angel

12-shocking/expected/surprising

13-vain/egotistical/humble

14-colossal/immense/petite

III. Name:

1.something that is immense:

2.a famous vampire:

3.an edgy artist:

4.something that makes you drowsy:

5.something that would make you jealous of your friend:

6.something that makes you merry:

7.something shocking: