

About the language

(Spoken language is different to written language, in that words and sentences are often shortened, and abbreviations and idioms are often used.)

Expression	Meaning	Explanation
'Really?'	'That's great news!'	Giving feedback in spoken language.
'Being prepared is half the battle.'	'Being prepared is really important.'	When something is 'half the battle' it refers to an important or difficult part of what you have to do.
'No big deal.'	'It's not important.'	Idiom

Tongue twister (C / i) - Say this quickly three times.

He said he expected me to be prepared.

Useful phrases - Say these sentences to your partner.

- By the way...** (Changing a topic in a casual conversation)
- Great!** (Giving feedback to show you agree with something)
- I'll be fine.** (Reassuring someone)
- Good luck!** (Wishing someone well)
- I have experience working with** children. I used to baby sit five children in my street. (Demonstrating a skill)
- I'm a fast learner and can** operate a cash register. (Demonstrating a skill)
- I'm good at** word processing and can type 50 words per minute. (Demonstrating a skill)
- I like working with** people and can speak three languages. (Demonstrating an interest and a skill)
- I finish my course this term and would like to** work as a kitchen hand. (Clearly stating an interest)
- Can you please repeat that question?** (Seeking clarification)
- Sorry, I'm not sure what you mean.** (Seeking clarification)
- My weakness is** that I don't have any experience here, but I'm eager to work hard and do a good job. (Answering a question about a possible weakness)

Something to know

- Your *resume* must be an accurate summary of your qualifications and skills.
- You need to make sure that you have the appropriate prerequisites for a job before you apply for it.
- You need to have the language to talk about your skills and to relate them to the skills required for each job. This could be done as a role play with a fellow student or with your teacher.

## Listening comprehension - Choose the correct answer.

- Where and when is Nick's job interview?
  - At the Tiamo Bar in the Food Hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock.
  - At the Tiamo Bar in the city tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.
- Why doesn't Nick prepare for his job interview?
  - He believes it is a relaxed workplace and it is not necessary to worry too much.
  - He doesn't have time.
- Why is Harry confused about Nick's Food Handlers course?
  - Harry hadn't read Nick's resume.
  - It wasn't clear on Nick's resume.

## The story - Choose the correct word.

Nick has his job **interview / interviewing** at the Tiamo Bar this afternoon. He tells Emina about it, and she is **worrying / worried** that he is taking it too casually. Nick doesn't think it is **necessary / necessarily** to wear good clothes for the interview, and he has not **preparation / prepared** what he will say. He arrives late at the Tiamo Bar because he **couldn't / wouldn't** find the place. In the interview, Harry, the manager of the bar, realises he doesn't **having / have** the prerequisites for the job anyway. After Nick leaves, Harry is **frustrate / frustrated** that not only did Nick not have the prerequisite qualifications, he also looked **scruffy / scruffily**, so the interview was a waste of time.

## Getting a job - Circle True or False.

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| 1. There's not much preparation involved when you go for a casual job.                                                   | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 2. It is important to check if you have the prerequisites for a job before you apply.                                    | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 3. You need to demonstrate to an employer that you have the qualifications and the skills required for a particular job. | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |

## Grammar (modifiers) - Complete the sentences using 'pretty / a bit / even / really'. The first one is been done for you.

(We use modifiers to soften or strengthen the meaning of words.)

- Nick is not worried about the job interview. He's **pretty** relaxed about it.
- Harry was not impressed that Nick hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ completed the prerequisites for the job.
- Nick was not dressed very well. He looked \_\_\_\_\_ scruffy.
- Nick says he \_\_\_\_\_ needs a job, but he doesn't try very hard.

Vocabulary - Choose the correct word.

<b>depending</b>	<b>prepared</b>	<b>prerequisite</b>	<b>laid-back</b>	<b>responsible</b>	<b>spontaneously</b>
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ on how I go in this test, I'm hoping to get an apprenticeship in auto mechanics.
2. She looks after her younger brothers and sisters while her mother's at work. She's a very \_\_\_\_\_ girl.
3. It is important to be well \_\_\_\_\_ for a job interview.
4. When she was offered a job, she \_\_\_\_\_ answered 'Yes', even though she didn't fully understand what it was about.
5. Nick doesn't suffer from stress. He's very \_\_\_\_\_ about everything.
6. Nick didn't have the \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications for the job.