

ESL

PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an employment interview for a position in ESL. Read through the questions and prepare appropriate answers that reflect your experiences and knowledge. Be sure to include specific examples from "real life" experiences, including student teaching and internship(s), in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. How did you become interested in a career in teaching ESL?
2. How has your education prepared you to succeed in this job?
3. Give me an example of when you had to tell an individual something they didn't want to hear? What strategies did you employ? What was the result?
4. Describe a time when you had to communicate a complex topic in a clear, understandable way?
5. Please give me an example of when you successfully worked with an individual with whom you had little in common. (Work setting or school)
6. Please describe your openness to differences in culture, beliefs, and language.
7. What learning tools and strategies do you employ to engage students and enhance student learning?
8. Please describe your teaching style.
9. Please describe how you use technology to enhance learning in your classroom.
10. What do you think are the most important attributes of a good instructor?