

Humour in the Interview Room

Humour and interviews don't often go hand in hand but to get your year off on a happy note, we would like to share some funny stories with you. These are taken from a survey we recently conducted with over 1,000 Human Resource Managers .

Most amusing interview moments:

- A candidate who demonstrated their 'flexibility' by doing gymnastics on the floor!
- A candidate who entered the interview in a cream jacket, swirled it off "John Travolta style at the disco", snapped his fingers and said "OK let's go" and sat down. No he didn't get the job !!
- A candidate who asked if he could change into his football gear after the interview as he was late for a game...
- When I asked a candidate what they'd find most challenging in the role and they replied 'the boredom'!
- A candidate who brought an interpreter with them to the interview.....
- Reading a CV which had a dead person named as a referee (with RIP after their name).
- I was once brought a box of chocolates by a candidate. Nice!

Strangest interview outfits:

- A candidate wearing lycra cycling gear head to toe. Apparently he'd forgotten his rucksack with his suit.

Strangest answer to Biggest Weakness:

- Getting out of bed in the morning!
- An accountant who said they were not very comfortable with numbers.
- Women with big bums.
- Drink

Other:

- Ringing a candidate to organise an interview and being told that he couldn't speak to me as he was having a bath (although it was 11.30am during a working week)???

More results will be published on our website www.interviewtechniques.ie
Happy New Year!

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