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5 Most Common Interviewing Mistakes

1. **Not being prepared.** You should have done research on the company and came prepared to have an exchange of ideas with the interviewer. You should have prepared how you were going to answer questions as well as questions ready to ask throughout the interview to show initiative. When first scheduling the interview, did you ask about the length of time you should plan for, if there are any forms you will be given to complete or who you will be meeting with?
2. **Answering weakness questions incorrectly.** When asked what your weakness is avoid answers like...I'm a perfectionist. You need to highlight a skill that you want to improve and state what action you are taking (or took) to correct it. Most often, employers don't focus on the weakness but how you handle the question.
3. **Not dressing for success.** You will not be taken seriously if you are interviewing for a company in jeans or flip flops.
4. **Leaving your cell phone on.** Turn off your cell phone during the interview and do not keep it in plain sight.
5. **Arriving late to the interview.** A huge mistake – arrive 10 minutes early to make a good impression. Remember to take traffic and bad weather into consideration. If you believe you will be given a form to complete prior to the interview, allow extra time for you to fill it out.