

Talking about Experience

A lesson for Profitbricks

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Interviews

Peter has an interview with Jane for a new job as a software engineer in a new start-up



Peter



Jane

Before the interview starts they exchange small talk. What topics might they talk about?

What questions might Jane ask and how could Peter respond?

The Interview



J: So, how long ____ (you/work) in your current job

P: I ____ (be) there ____ (for/since) 3 years

J: And why ____ (you/want) to leave?

P: My wife just ____ (have) a baby and so I ____ (need) to move my career forward.

J: Great. What qualifications ____ (you/have)?

P: I ____ (have) a degree in Computer Science from Manchester University. I _ (graduate) in 2007

J: And what ____ (be) your specialisations?

P: My thesis ____ (be) on network administration.

J: ____ (you/do) before your current job?

P: I ____ (spend) some time travelling and then I ____ (do) some odd jobs (for/since) a while.

J: And what ____ (have) experience in?

P: I ____ (know) Ruby on the Rails and ____ (have) a lot of experience with Wordpress.

J: Ok, good. ____ (you/have) any other skills or experiences that may be useful?

P: Well, I _ (have) a full driving license and I ____ (be) a great team-player

J: Thank you Peter, this job __ (sound) perfect for you. ____ (we/be) in touch soon.

The Interview

With a partner you are going to take it in turns to interview each other.

- Think of the job you're interviewing for and the skills that might be needed.
- Prepare some questions
- Ask the questions to your partner
- Swap partners when the teacher shouts 'change'
- Who is the best candidate. Why?