



#022: JOB INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH COURSE

Hi, everyone!

I'm Georgiana, founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com.
My mission is to help YOU to speak English fluently.

In this episode:

- I'll help you prepare for a Job Interview in English. You'll meet Jackie, a software developer who wants to get a job in New York.
- Later you'll practice your **grammar with the different Point of View Story.**

Let me guess, you're looking for a job.
And many people are doing the same as you.
There's much competition, but you feel prepared.

You have a degree or master or an impressive background, and you are a real professional.

One day...
...a call. It's a company interested in interviewing you!

They checked out your CV (résumé), and they want to know you.

Wow! You're excited! The day of the interview, you

prepare yourself: you get a nice haircut, you dress appropriately (not too elegant, not too informal), you are a bit nervous but focused, and the interview begins.

The interview begins...in English.

You didn't see that coming. All your preparation, degrees, masters, background don't seem relevant anymore.

During the interview, your confidence goes down. You get nervous; you're not certain which vocabulary to use, you make silly mistakes...

Here's the harsh truth: Not having interview skills in English will prevent you from getting the job of your life.

You can miss the opportunity of getting your dream job because good opportunities sometimes happen only once in a lifetime.

You never know when you'll have an important interview, and you need to be ready.

I know what I'm saying. During the last years, I've prepared hundreds of students specifically for job interviews in English.

However, there's good news...

If you already know some English, preparing a job interview's easy, and you don't need too much time.

Can you imagine going to a job interview in English, and being comfortable and confident, not hesitating and using specific vocabulary?

At the end of the lesson I'll give you some more information about how you can **prepare for a job interview in only 7 days**.

Now let's continue with the next section. I've prepared a new story.

Point of View Story (Improve your Grammar)

Let's practice some grammar with the Point of View Technique. The main benefit of this technique is that it'll help you to learn grammar intuitively, without boring exercises or memorizing rules.

How does it work?

I'll tell you a **short story** more than one time. Every time, I'll change a grammar point. For example, I can change the tense or the person. This way, you'll intuitively recognize the changes.

Ok, let's start:

Let's meet Jackie in the First Person Past Tense.

I'm Jackie from Massachusetts USA, and I studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

There I graduated with a Bachelor degree in Computer Science.

Last year I applied for a job as a software developer in New York.

My long-term goal was to get promoted to senior or principle developer and then to project manager.

The interviewer, Alex, was asking me many questions and I was answering them confidently and concisely.

I was surprised, because I didn't get any rest the night before the interview.

I got a phone call the night before the interview from Alex. He's the Computer and Information Systems Manager from a prestigious company in New York.

He told me that he loved my CV (résumé) and that he wanted to meet me the next morning.

Massachusetts is about 200 miles away from New York. Since I couldn't fall asleep, I decided to drive to New York.

Driving on the highway's a pleasure, especially at night-time, because there's no traffic, but when I got to New York, it was almost impossible to park.

Before entering the building, I've had an extra-large dark coffee with no sugar, and then I was ready for the interview.

Let's meet Jackie - Third Person Past Tense:

Jackie's from Massachusetts USA and she studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

There she graduated with a Bachelor degree in Computer Science.

One year ago, she applied for a job as a software developer in New York.

Her long-term goal was to get promoted to senior or principle developer and then to project manager.

The interviewer, Alex, asked her many questions and she answered the questions confidently and concisely.

I found this surprising, because I know for sure that Jackie didn't rest the night before the interview.

She got a phone call the night before the interview from Alex. He's the Computer and Information Systems Manager from a prestigious company in New York.

Alex told her that he loved her CV (résumé) and that he wanted to meet her the next morning.

Massachusetts is about 200 miles away from New York. Since she couldn't fall asleep, she decided to drive to New York.

Driving on the highway's a pleasure, especially at night-time, because there's no traffic, but when she got to New York, it was almost impossible to park.

Before entering the building, she got an extra-large dark coffee with no sugar, and then she was ready for the interview.

Now let's listen to Alex and Jackie during the job interview.

Alex: *Good Morning, Jackie. I'm Alex.*

Jackie: Good Morning.

Alex: *How are you doing?*

Jackie: I'm doing fine. Thank you.

Alex: *How was your trip? I'm really glad you could make it on such short notice.*

Jackie: It's been a long trip but I'm happy I could get here on time.

Alex: *That's awesome. Jackie, let's start the interview. Are you ready?*

Jackie: Yes, I'm ready.

Alex: *First of all, let me properly introduce myself. I'm Alexander, the Computer and Information Systems Manager. As you know there's an open position in my department, and I need to fill this position as soon as possible.*

Jackie: Please, tell me a little bit about the position and the responsibilities.

Alex: *We're looking for a software developer. You'll be creating software that allows users to perform specific tasks on different devices, such as computers or mobile devices.*

And you'll be responsible for the entire development, testing, and maintenance process of software programs.

Jackie: What type of qualifications do you require?

Alex: *We require a bachelor's degree in computer science and a strong programming skill set.*

And of course, some working experience would be helpful.

Jackie: What kind of experience are you looking for?

Alex: *Let me answer your question by granting you more information about your future responsibilities as a software developer:*

- You must have a clear understanding of industry best practices and knowledge of emerging software trends.
- Review current systems, present ideas for system improvements.
- Work closely with analysts, designers and staff.
- Produce detailed specifications and write the programme codes.
- Test the product in controlled, real situations before going live.
- You'll be maintaining the systems once they're up and running.

Jackie: That's good to know.

Alex: *Jackie, tell me a little bit about yourself.*

Jackie: I was a student at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, and I graduated with a **Bachelor degree in Computer Science**. **For the last 2 years** I've been working in a similar position and I've been programming using Java, C++, Visual Basic, Oracle, Linux, NET, etc.

Alex: *What are you looking for in a job?*

Jackie: My long-time goal is getting promoted to senior or principle developer and then to project

manager. I could also move into a related arm of technology like systems design, or business systems analysis.

Alex: *What are your strengths? Why should I hire you?*

Jackie: I'm a fast learner and I pay attention to detail. As a software developer, I know these are the most significant strengths. I'm also a hard-working person, I'm very eager to learn, and I get along well with people.

Alex: *Do you mind working long hours?*

Jackie: No, I don't mind at all. In fact, I'm aware that this position requires working long hours most of the time.

Alex: *Can you handle pressure?*

Jackie: Developers have to make dozens of choices, both small and large, every day. All of these small little actions take time and mental energy. Yet, I'm the kind of person who needs some pressure to finish before the deadline.

Alex: *Do you still have any questions for me?*

Jackie: No, I think I have a pretty good understanding of the job. I believe that I can handle it with ease, and I hope to have the opportunity to work for you.

Alex: *Jackie, it's been nice meeting you. Thank you for coming.*

Jackie: Nice meeting you too. Thank you for seeing me! Bye! Bye!

It's the end of this short lesson.

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See you soon and have a wonderful week! Bye! Bye!



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