

## The Office - Interview Skills 3 - Education Background (C0241)

Mr. Parsons: Now, if I look here I see that you completed a BA in English?

Rebecca: Yes, that's right. After graduating from high school in New York I attended York University in the UK. My major was English, and my minor was business studies . I completed my BA in 2004.

Mr. Parsons: Yes, I'm pleased to see that you also got a distinction.

Rebecca: Yes that's right. I've always enjoyed studying. My friends say I'm a bit of a bookworm, but my father always pushed us to succeed academically.

Mr. Parsons: Well, it looks like his encouragement paid off Rebecca. So how about extra-curricular activities at University

Rebecca: Well I've always been keen on writing, so I became the editor for the University student magazine, which I really loved. Also I volunteered for a group called Shelter, to help the homeless in York.

Mr. Parsons: What did that involve?

Rebecca: Providing warm meals and shelter, especially in the winter months . I found it really fulfilling to be part of that group .

Mr. Parsons: I'm sure. Okay, now let's move on to your work experience, shall we?

Rebecca: Yes, okay.

### Key Vocabulary

BA	<i>B</i>	bachelor of arts
major	<i>N</i>	the main subject studied in a college
minor	<i>N</i>	a second subject studied in a college

distinction	<i>N</i>	excellence
bookworm	<i>N</i>	a person who likes reading and studying
pay off	<i>P</i>	to effect positively
extra-curricular	<i>A</i>	extra activities
keen on	<i>P</i>	willing or eager to do something
volunteer	<i>V</i>	want to do something without being forced or pay
involve	<i>V</i>	contain
fulfilling	<i>A</i>	full of happiness and satisfaction
push sb.	<i>V</i>	to encourage or persuade (someone) to do something

### Supplementary Vocabulary

validictorian	a distinction given to the top graduate
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admiration

to have respect for a person

over  
achiever

a person who strives to be the best

honors

a distinction given when graduating with high marks

class ring

a ring signifying the school and year graduated