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### A reference for a student

1. I'm happy to act as a referee for ...
2. to have a keen interest in ...
3. to lack experience
4. to accumulate some practical experience
5. to pursue one's interest
6. to hone one's skills
7. to be of paramount importance \*
8. to meet the challenges of ...

\* no article needed as paramount importance is rather an abstract concept than a type of importance

### A job reference

1. to provide a reference for ...
2. to wholeheartedly recommend someone
3. to have every confidence in someone's abilities / skills / enthusiasm
4. to perform tasks
5. to have remarkable financial acumen \*
6. excellent interpersonal skills
7. to reveal a remarkable talent for ...
8. to trust somebody implicitly

\* no article is used with the word acumen

### Referring to someone's knowledge and skills

1. he has good / advanced computer skills
2. he's highly educated
3. he has a good level of education
4. a well - qualified engineer / an engineer with good qualifications
5. he has a good / ad advanced knowledge of english
6. she has an extensive / a comprehensive knowledge of all subjects
7. she has considerable experience of teaching \*
8. she managed to establish / develop a good relationship with her boss .

9. Mrs Thomson is a highly valued member of staff

\* experience is a stand - on - its own word so it takes no article

## Describing experience

1. to have valuable experience
2. to have wealth of experience
3. his practical experience was instrumental in solving ...
4. candidates with proven experience
5. hands-on experience
6. diverse experience
7. international experience
8. real-world experience