

Getting a Job

Active Reading

- I. Had you been interviewed for a job by the time you were eighteen years old?
No, I was never interviewed before I was 18 years.

- II. Read the conversation and answer the questions

Akemi: How was your interview, Alek?

Alek: I'm afraid it didn't go that well, Akemi.

Akemi: How come? How many interviews had you had before today?

Alek: That's the problem, I'm 25, and I hadn't been to a job interview before. I was so nervous that I struggled to answer the questions. The interviewer told me at least ten times to calm down before the end of the interview.

Akemi: Oh, is that it? Don't worry, interviewers are used to it. They know people are nervous because they try to be the best candidate and get the job.

Alek: It was so embarrassing.

Akemi: What had the interviewer asked you?

Alek: He asked about my studies, my grades, my tech skills, and some software they need employees to use at work.

Akemi: And how do you feel about your answers?

Alek: I feel that I'm a good candidate. I'd gotten excellent grades at the university, and I'm pretty good with computers.

Akemi: As you can see, there is nothing to be worried about.

1. How does Alek feel at the beginning of the conversation? *he feels bad*

2. How many job interviews had he experienced before this interview?

He hadn't been to a job interview before

3. Why did he think he did badly in the interview?

He was so nervous

4. What had the interviewer asked him?

The interviewer asked about his studies, his grades, his tech skills

5. How was Alek feeling at the end of the conversation? *He was feeling better.*

Grammar

Past Perfect Review Questions Forms

Yes / no questions: *Had* + subject + past participle verb + complement + ?

Had Damian traveled abroad before last year?

Short answer: *Yes, he had.* / *No, he hadn't.* / *No, he had not.*

Wh- questions: *Wh-* word + *had* + subject + past participle verb + complement + ?

What had he told you before I arrived?

Note: We can ask using a negative question: *Hadn't he arrived before I woke up?*

Listen to the interview. What major do you think Mr. Taylor studied?

I think that Mr. Taylor is Engineering

Listen again and choose the best option.

1. Mr. Taylor thinks working for that company could be an opportunity to ...
a. make lots of money b. become well-established c. **learn from other employees**
2. How many times had he asked for an opportunity at this company?
a. many times b. **only one** c. at least two times
3. His project at school was about...
a. saving energy b. **collecting sun energy** c. reusing sun energy
4. He speaks...
a. **three languages** b. two languages c. only one language

Talking Points

Work in pairs.

Write it

