

How to make a difference in a job interview

So now, you know how to talk about yourself in a job interview: well done!

Right now, it's time to make a difference! Most of the candidates may have the same qualifications as you do, but they will not have the exact same experience. Then, how can you push your qualifications and skills forward?

Here are some clues. Just choose the ones which really appeal to you. Ticking one or two may be enough, especially if you have but a few minutes to introduce yourself.

I. Talking about your degree and other qualifications: tick the ones which appeal to you and give the main elements of information

Degrees and qualifications	Choose
You have passed your vocational A-levels? Congratulations! This is an important step, which marks the end of your school years as well as a new beginning. If you have passed this degree with a significant level or distinction, please, mention it. You may also indicate your favourite subject(s) and explain why you like(d) it so much. Distinction: _____ Favourite subject(s) and why: _____ _____	
You have chosen to be enrolled in a European class? For what language? In which country did you work as a trainee? Language: _____ Training periods abroad: _____	
You have passed your BAFA (Certificate for activity leaders or instructors in holiday camps or in daycare centers)? Mention it as well as a mission in this field of competences. Certificate passed in: _____ (date) Missions, dates and places: _____ _____	
Do you practice any sport? Which one? When did you start? Have you ever competed? Did you receive any medals, trophies or other distinctions? Sport: _____ Dates of practice: _____ Competitions attended: _____ _____ Medals, trophies or distinctions + dates: _____	

Do you perform an artistic activity? Which one? Have you competed in a specific domain and won a specific distinction?

Artistic subject: _____

Competitions or distinctions + dates: _____

II. Talking about your experience: tick the ones which appeal to you. Give the main elements of information

Experience	Choose
You have worked as a trainee and, given the quality of your service, your tutor has offered you a job position during the holidays? Mention it. Place of training and Job: _____ _____ Dates: _____ Main missions or tasks: _____ _____ _____	
You have contributed to the making of the vocational project (which used to be called “masterpiece”) in your high school: did you play a major part in its conception, its realization and/or its finalization? If so, say it. Title or name of the masterpiece: _____ Dates: _____ Missions or tasks: _____ _____	
You were a class representative during your school years. Dates: _____ Missions or tasks: _____ _____	
You were a student delegate to the administrative board of the school. Dates: _____ Missions or tasks: _____ _____	

You were a school representative for the environment, working for one or many sustainable development goals.

Dates: _____

Missions or tasks: _____

III. Other experience

Other experience: (volunteering, etc.) : _____

IV. Here you are! In pair work, introduce and be yourself, in your own way!

Mention the elements you have chosen earlier during this session.

- Speak slowly and breathe. Articulate the points which will make the difference. The recruiter will certainly remember them and you! Especially if you are enthusiastic!
- If possible, record or film yourself, as many times as you feel necessary. You may then listen to yourself and become conscious of your progress.
- To conclude this activity, evaluate yourself.
 What do you think about your introduction? Tick the level which may be yours:

Making a difference, you feel more confident. You understand how to talk about yourself in a way which is properly yours in a professional context, with your positive points.	
You feel as confident as before. You do not feel any change, even after this introspective activity.	
You feel less confident than before. Try to explain why: _____ _____ _____	

- Now reverse the role-play: listen to your partner. You may exchange your feelings and your progress, and above all, encourage each other.