

Child care job interview tips: WHAT NOT TO SAY

The pressure of a job interview can make us say odd things. Some of us can't even manage to get our own names out properly! But at Practical Outcomes we want to make sure you have the best chance of landing the job, so we prepared this guide to help. These child care job interview tips are all about what you should NOT say, even when the nerves kick in.



DON'T SAY

“What do you do here?”

By the time you arrive at a child care job interview, you should have a thorough understanding of what the

provider does, what age children they care for, their company values and more. Aligning yourself with the organisation is really important to show how you can fit in to the team.

As a graduate who has recently completed a child care course, you might feel the need to highlight your lack of experience. Chances are they have already seen your resume and

know that you are new to the industry so don't feel you need to tell them. If anything, highlight all the experience you gained during placement and talk about your strengths and things that you love about early childhood education.

“I'm just starting out”

“No questions from me”

At the end of most job interviews, your interviewer will ask you if you have any questions. It's best to have a question or two up your sleeve

for this moment to show that you're interested and enthusiastic. Try “How many people are on the team here?” or “When could I expect to hear from you?”.

Although you may have been given a time allocation for the interview, these things don't always go to plan. Leave extra time before and after the interview in case it goes over. You're better off getting the next bus than risking leaving a bad first impression by rushing off.

“I've got to go”

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