

Real World Interview and Essay

This interview will give you the chance to learn more about a career you are interested in from someone who does it each day. You will also be able to discover what education and training they needed to be able to work in that profession.

Instructions:

- Choose a career that you would be interested in learning about. You may want to go back and look at the careers you have saved in your Utah Futures portfolio online.
- Discuss with family members if they know anyone in that career that you could interview. If your family members don't know anyone, you may want to look in the phone book to find someone who works in that career.
- Once you find someone to interview, you may need to call them to set up a time for the interview and see if they would prefer to do it in person or over the phone. (Refer to the phone script below)

Phone script

Hello, may I please speak with _____?"

"Hello Mr. or Mrs. _____ My name is _____.

I am a(n) _____ grader at _____ school.

I am interested in learning about (occupation, job, or business) _____.

I received your name from _____, and I was wondering if you might allow me to interview you or someone else in your business?"

If the person agrees to the interview, ask them when a good day and time would be and if they would like to do it in person or over the phone.

Date: _____ Time: _____

After the date and time for the interview has been set:

⇒ *Thank the contact person. Explain that you will be calling one or two days prior to the day to confirm the interview.*

Getting ready for the interview...

Step 1: *Research the occupation you are going to interview someone about (use Utah Futures if needed).*

Step 2: *What do you want to know about the job? Some suggestions are provided below.*

- ✓ What do you like about your job?
- ✓ What do you not like about your job?
- ✓ What do you do in a typical work day?
- ✓ How do you use the things you learned in school in your job?
- ✓ What education and training do you need for this job (1-2-4 year certification/degrees, etc.)?
- ✓ What is your work schedule? When does your work day start and when does it end?
- ✓ When you were in middle or high school, did you think you would be doing this job?
- ✓ What is the starting salary for this job?

Step 3: *Think of five questions you are going to ask the worker you are going to interview:*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Essay - What did you learn during your interview?

Instructions:

Type a 1 page/3 paragraph essay answering the following questions about your “Real World Interview” experience:

1. What career did you choose to research?
2. Describe the work the person you interviewed does.
3. What did you learn from the questions you asked your host?
4. Is this a job you think you would like to do after you get out of school? Why or why not?