

The Intern (2)

Job Interviews

Part 1 Comprehension *Answer the questions after you watch the video.*

1. Someone from which department will interview Ben?
2. Where did Ben go to school?
3. When did Ben graduate?
4. What was Ben's major?
5. What type of company did Ben use to work for?
6. How long did Ben work at that company?
7. How old is Ben now?

Part 2 Language Review *Choose the word or expression from the video that best matches the highlighted expressions.*

Woman: [**Doing business in the usual way**] is not really our motto, so we hope you have some fun here.

Ben: [**You can begin asking questions**].

Woman: My brother graduated in 2009.

Ben: [**I graduated in 1965**].

Justin: I'm going to ask you one of our more [**useful / meaningful**] questions for all of our interns. This is the one to really think about, okay? And take your time. [**Where do you expect to be**] in 10 years?

Ben: When I'm 80?

Justin: Yeah, sure. Yeah, whatever. I did not realize you were 70. That question just [**doesn't seem appropriate**] for you, does it? Should we just [**skip / delete**] that one and move on?

Ben: It's your [**decision**], Justin.

Part 3 Discussion *Discuss these questions with your partner or group.*

1. They ask Ben numerous silly/stupid questions during the interview process. In your opinion, which question was the worst?
2. The company is looking specifically for a SENIOR intern. Why do you think they are looking for a senior intern?
3. From your experience, what are the most common interview questions? What are some good job interview questions? What are some bad interview questions?
4. What looks better on a resume - great grades from an unknown university or average grades from a famous university? Why?
5. Where did/do you go to school? What was/is your major? What major or program is your university most famous for?
6. Some of the managers seem uncomfortable interviewing Ben. Why? How would you feel interviewing Ben?
7. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years?

Part 4 Sentence Building *Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use a present time frame (present tenses).*

E.g. receptionist / ask / Ben / take / seat / around / corner

The receptionist asks Ben to take a seat around the corner.

1. first / woman / ask / Ben / where / he / go / school
2. Ben / graduate / Northwestern / class / '65.
3. second / woman / ask / Ben / work / experience
4. Ben / work / company / call / Dex One / over / 30 / year
5. Justin / ask / Ben / where / he / see / self / 10 / year
6. Justin / tell / Ben / he / overqualify / job / and / welcome / him / company

Script

Ben: I'm Ben Whittaker. I received an email about an interview for the senior intern program.

Receptionist: Hey, Ben. How's it going?

Ben: It's going good, real good. Thank you.

Receptionist: Excellent. Take a seat around the corner, and someone from talent acquisition will come get you.

Ben: Thank you. Talent acquisition?

Woman 1: There's going to be a couple of interviews today, Ben. We want to make sure that we both find the right fit. Business as usual is not really our motto, so we hope you have some fun here. This is the first time we're hiring senior interns, so some of our intern questions may not exactly fit your profile, but we're going to go for it anyway, okay?

Ben: Fire away.

Woman 1: Okay, good. Where'd you go to school?

Ben: I went to Northwestern.

Woman 1: Hey, my brother went to Northwestern.

Ben: Probably not at the same time.

Woman 1: Probably not. He graduated in 2009.

Ben: Class of '65.

Woman 1: Wow, what was your major? Do you remember?

Woman 2: And after Northwestern you went on to...?

Ben: I went to work for Dex One.

Woman 2: Okay. And they made...?

Ben: Phonebooks. I was in charge of overseeing the printing of the physical phonebook. I did that for over 20 years. And before that, I was their V.P. of sales and advertising.

Woman 2: So, do they still make phonebooks? I mean, doesn't everyone just Google numbers?

Ben: I believe they do, but before Google, that was how you got a number.

Woman 2: Oh, no, no. Yeah, I get it.

Justin: So 40 years at the phonebook company? That is amazing, seriously. Okay, Benjamin. Now, I'm going to ask you one of our more telling questions for all of our interns, so I want you to, like, this is the one to really think about, okay? And... And take your time. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Ben: When I'm 80?

Justin: Yeah, sure. Yeah, whatever. Um... wait. Did not realize you were 70. That's, uh... That question just doesn't work for you, does it? Should we just scratch that one and just move on?

Ben: It's your call, Justin.

Justin: Okay. That one's gone. You look great, by the way. So great. And you're clearly more than qualified for the job. You're actually, like, way overqualified, and we were so impressed. You had great interviews, great video. You nailed it, Ben. Congrats. You're an intern.

Answers

Part 1

1. Talent acquisition
2. Northwestern.
3. 1965
4. He doesn't mention it.
5. A phonebook company.
6. 40 years
7. 70

Part 2

- [**Business as usual**] is not really our motto, so we hope you have some fun here.
- [**Fire away**].
- My brother graduated in 2009.
- [**Class of '65**].
- I'm going to ask you one of our more [**telling**] questions for all of our interns. This is the one to really think about, okay? And take your time. [**Where do you see yourself**] in 10 years? When I'm 80?
- Yeah, sure. Yeah, whatever. I did not realize you were 70. That question just [**work**] for you, does it? Should we just [**scratch**] that one and move on?
- It's your [**call**], Justin.

Part 4 These are the most natural answers. Some other variations may be possible.

1. The first woman asks Ben where he went to school.
2. Ben graduated from Northwestern [in/with] the class of '65.
3. The second woman asks Ben about his work experience.
4. Ben worked for a company (that was) called Dex One for over 30 years.
5. Justin asks Ben where he sees himself in 10 years.
6. Justin tells Ben (that) he is overqualified for the job and welcomes him [to/into] the company.