

VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS

Students will learn:

- How to navigate the different challenges presented with a virtual interview
- Confidently participate in a virtual interview

Individual Activity → Class Discussion - Virtual Interview Tips

Begin a discussion with students regarding their thoughts on the “Do’s and Don’ts’ for virtual interviews. Review the list below and task students with listing significant factors for each topic.

| | <i>Do</i> | <i>Don't</i> |
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| Location | | |
| Background | | |
| Distractions | | |
| Lighting | | |
| Voice/Volume | | |
| Internet | | |
| Body Language | | |
| Eye Contact | | |
| Camera | | |

Group Activity: Research

Preparation for any interview format requires employer research to show interest and connect well with interviewers.

- Allow students to form groups based on career industries such as Healthcare, Financial Services, or Technology.
- As a group, students will create a list of five companies considered leaders in their industry. They will comprise a list of 3-5 questions they would ask if they were granted an interview with those companies.
- Review “Things to Know” tips with students and explain they will use it as a guide to research the companies and create their questions.
- Students will then swap questions with another group and attempt to answer based on the research completed.

Individual → Group Activity - Virtual Interview

If possible, have students pre-record and submit a practice interview session.

- Provide a list of questions. Students should provide no more than a 2-minute response to at least 3 questions.
- Review tips provided and discussed in the previous activity.
- Students will review recorded responses with classmates and provide feedback based on the rubric below.

| Criteria | Meets Expectations | Needs Improvement | Expectation Not Met |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Interview Environment | The background is clear of clutter and distractions. The subject looks professional and is making eye contact while speaking. | The background has one or more items that are distracting. The student does not always look at the camera when speaking. | The background has several things that are distracting and makes it difficult to focus. The student does not make eye contact with the camera and does not look prepared. |
| Appearance/Delivery | The student speaks clearly and maintains an appropriate posture. | The student has moments where they are not clear and is not consistently looking at the camera. | It is difficult to understand the student and he/she does not maintain an appropriate posture. |
| Content | The student provides effective responses. | The student has one or two points not related to the question. | The student does not respond effectively. |