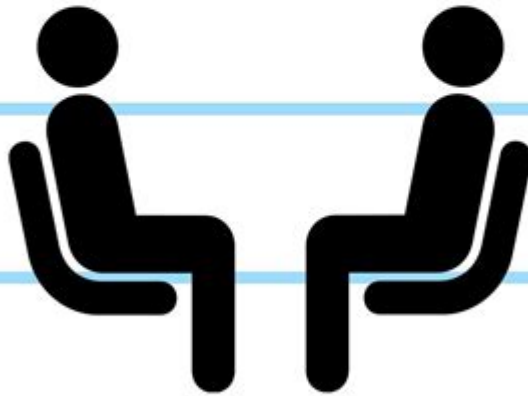


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Landing that dream college acceptance often hinges on more than just stellar grades and test scores. The college interview is your chance to shine, to showcase your personality and potential beyond the numbers. But what happens when that opportunity turns into a disaster? This post outlines 13 common mistakes students make during college interviews, providing insights and actionable advice to help you avoid them and ace your interview. We'll cover everything from preparation blunders to conversational pitfalls, ensuring you leave a lasting positive impression.

1. Failing to Prepare: The Foundation of Disaster

This is the cardinal sin of college interviews. Insufficient preparation screams lack of interest and respect. Thorough preparation isn't just about researching the college; it's about knowing yourself and your goals.

What to do instead: Research the college extensively, understand its mission, values, and programs. Practice answering common interview questions, reflecting on your experiences and aspirations. Prepare thoughtful questions to ask the interviewer.

2. Arriving Late (or Too Early): Punctuality Matters

Punctuality demonstrates respect for the interviewer's time. Arriving late shows disrespect, while arriving excessively early can be equally disruptive.

What to do instead: Plan your route carefully, accounting for traffic and unforeseen delays. Aim to arrive 5-10 minutes early, allowing time to compose yourself without keeping the interviewer waiting unnecessarily.

3. Inappropriate Attire: First Impressions Count

Your attire sets the tone for the entire interview. Showing up in anything less than neat and presentable sends the wrong message.

What to do instead: Opt for business casual attire. This generally means a neat shirt or blouse, dress pants or a skirt, and comfortable yet presentable shoes. Avoid anything too casual, revealing, or distracting.

4. Poor Body Language: Communicating Non-Verbally

Your body language speaks volumes. Slouching, fidgeting, or avoiding eye contact projects insecurity and disinterest.

What to do instead: Maintain good posture, make eye contact (without staring intensely), and use open and welcoming body language. A confident posture conveys self-assurance and engagement.

5. Rambling or Being Vague: Concise Communication

Going off on tangents or providing vague answers demonstrates a lack of focus and organizational skills.

What to do instead: Practice concise and focused responses. Structure your answers logically, highlighting key points and avoiding unnecessary details.

6. Negativity About Previous Schools or Teachers: Maintaining Positivity

Complaining about past experiences portrays a negative attitude and a lack of maturity.

What to do instead: Focus on positive aspects of your experiences, highlighting what you've learned and how you've grown. Frame challenges as opportunities for learning and development.

7. Failing to Ask Questions: Demonstrating Lack of Interest

Not asking questions signals disinterest and a lack of proactive engagement.

What to do instead: Prepare several insightful questions beforehand, demonstrating your genuine interest in the college and its community. Tailor your questions to the specific program or aspect of the college that interests you.

8. Using Excessive Slang or Jargon: Maintaining Professionalism

Using excessive slang or jargon can be unprofessional and create a barrier to communication.

What to do instead: Maintain a professional tone, using clear and concise language appropriate for a formal setting.

9. Ignoring Interviewer's Cues: Active Listening is Key

Failing to pay attention to the interviewer's cues, both verbal and nonverbal, shows a lack of respect and engagement.

What to do instead: Pay close attention to the interviewer's questions and responses, and adjust your communication accordingly. Be responsive and engaged throughout the conversation.

10. Bringing Electronics to the Interview: Maintaining Focus

Unless absolutely necessary (and even then, it's generally best to avoid it), avoid bringing electronic devices to the interview.

What to do instead: Turn off your phone and leave it in your bag or car. Focus entirely on the interview, demonstrating respect for the interviewer's time.

11. Dishonesty or Exaggeration: Integrity Matters

Lying or exaggerating your accomplishments is a major red flag and can severely damage your chances.

What to do instead: Be truthful and authentic in your responses. Highlight your strengths and accomplishments honestly, without embellishment.

12. Focusing Solely on Prestige: Beyond the Rankings

Only focusing on the college's reputation or ranking shows a lack of self-awareness and genuine interest in the institution's values.

What to do instead: Express your interest in specific programs, faculty, research opportunities, or aspects of campus life that genuinely appeal to you.

13. Not Following Up: Leaving a Lasting Impression

Failing to send a thank-you note shows a lack of professionalism and appreciation.

What to do instead: Send a thank-you email within 24 hours, reiterating your interest and highlighting key points from the conversation.

Conclusion:

A college interview is a crucial opportunity to showcase your potential. By avoiding these common pitfalls and preparing thoroughly, you can significantly increase your chances of making a positive impression and securing your place at your dream college. Remember, authenticity, preparation, and respect are key to a successful interview.

FAQs:

1. What if I make a mistake during the interview? Don't panic! Everyone makes occasional mistakes. Acknowledge it briefly and move on. Focus on answering subsequent questions thoughtfully and demonstrating your overall strengths.
2. How long should my answers be? Aim for concise and focused answers, avoiding rambling. A good rule of thumb is to answer thoroughly but not excessively.
3. What if I don't know the answer to a question? It's okay to admit you don't know something. It's better to be honest than to fabricate an answer.
4. Should I bring a portfolio? This depends on the program you're applying for. If you're applying for a creative arts program, a portfolio might be appropriate. Otherwise, it's generally not necessary.
5. How can I practice for the interview? Practice with friends, family, or a mentor. Record yourself answering common interview questions to identify areas for improvement. Consider mock interviews with a career counselor.

13 ways to screw up a college interview: *13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview* Ian McWethy, 2009-08-11 When two college recruiters at a prestigious university need to fill one last spot to keep their jobs, thirteen eccentric, dimwitted and slightly-insane high school seniors are eager to come in for an interview. What seems like a simple task turns into a nightmare when the applicants turn out to be a reality TV star, a practicing vampire, an amateur magician, and others that are much, much worse. Each applicant's interview hilariously illustrates what NOT to do at a college interview.

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13 ways to screw up a college interview: The Professor Is In Karen Kelsky, 2015-08-04 The definitive career guide for grad students, adjuncts, post-docs and anyone else eager to get tenure or turn their Ph.D. into their ideal job Each year tens of thousands of students will, after years of hard work and enormous amounts of money, earn their Ph.D. And each year only a small percentage of them will land a job that justifies and rewards their investment. For every comfortably tenured professor or well-paid former academic, there are countless underpaid and overworked adjuncts, and many more who simply give up in frustration. Those who do make it share an important asset that separates them from the pack: they have a plan. They understand exactly what they need to do

to set themselves up for success. They know what really moves the needle in academic job searches, how to avoid the all-too-common mistakes that sink so many of their peers, and how to decide when to point their Ph.D. toward other, non-academic options. Karen Kelsky has made it her mission to help readers join the select few who get the most out of their Ph.D. As a former tenured professor and department head who oversaw numerous academic job searches, she knows from experience exactly what gets an academic applicant a job. And as the creator of the popular and widely respected advice site *The Professor is In*, she has helped countless Ph.D.'s turn themselves into stronger applicants and land their dream careers. Now, for the first time ever, Karen has poured all her best advice into a single handy guide that addresses the most important issues facing any Ph.D., including: -When, where, and what to publish -Writing a foolproof grant application -Cultivating references and crafting the perfect CV -Acing the job talk and campus interview -Avoiding the adjunct trap -Making the leap to nonacademic work, when the time is right *The Professor Is In* addresses all of these issues, and many more.

13 ways to screw up a college interview: Don't Stalk the Admissions Officer Risa Lewak, 2010-07-13 The college admissions process is: A) Similar to gallbladder surgery without anesthesia B) Worse than watching American Idol auditions without earplugs C) Soul-destroying, ego-crushing, and life-sucking D) Actually kind of funny when you think about it E) All of the above There's no denying it: Applying to college is a grueling journey just shy of cruel and unusual punishment. But that doesn't mean you can't laugh along the way. If college is on your horizon, *Don't Stalk the Admissions Officer* shows you how to ace the tricky application process—while maintaining your sense of humor and sanity. Former pre-admissions counselor Risa Lewak empowers you to craft a killer essay, choose between the SAT and ACT, score stellar recommendations, nail the interview, handle overly involved parents, and more. You'll also learn how to navigate crucial post-application issues, like financial aid, rejection, and deciding whether to take a year off. Packed with insider tips, helpful suggestions, and laugh-out-loud anecdotes, this savvy handbook gives you the know-how and confidence to conquer this stressful rite of passage . . . and minimize nervous breakdowns.

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13 ways to screw up a college interview: Ask a Manager Alison Green, 2018-05-01 From the creator of the popular website *Ask a Manager* and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for *Ask a Manager* “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can

be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* "Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way."—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

13 ways to screw up a college interview: A Little Life Hanya Yanagihara, 2016-01-26 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A stunning "portrait of the enduring grace of friendship" (NPR) about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. A masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century. NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • MAN BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • WINNER OF THE KIRKUS PRIZE *A Little Life* follows four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. A hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century, Hanya Yanagihara's stunning novel is about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. Look for Hanya Yanagihara's latest bestselling novel, *To Paradise*.

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13 ways to screw up a college interview: The Idea of You Robinne Lee, 2017-06-13 Now an original movie on Prime Video starring Anne Hathaway and Nicholas Galitzine! When Solène Marchand, the thirty-nine-year-old owner of a prestigious art gallery in Los Angeles, takes her daughter, Isabelle, to meet her favorite boy band, she does so reluctantly and at her ex-husband's request. The last thing she expects is to make a connection with one of the members of the world-famous August Moon. But Hayes Campbell is clever, winning, confident, and posh, and the attraction is immediate. That he is all of twenty years old further complicates things. What begins as a series of clandestine trysts quickly evolves into a passionate relationship. It is a journey that spans continents as Solène and Hayes navigate each other's disparate worlds: from stadium tours to international art fairs to secluded hideaways in Paris and Miami. And for Solène, it is as much a reclaiming of self, as it is a rediscovery of happiness and love. When their romance becomes a viral sensation, and both she and her daughter become the target of rabid fans and an insatiable media, Solène must face how her new status has impacted not only her life, but the lives of those closest to her.

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13 ways to screw up a college interview: Educated Tara Westover, 2018-02-20 For readers of *The Glass Castle* and *Wild*, a stunning new memoir about family, loss and the struggle for a better future #1 International Bestseller Tara Westover was seventeen when she first set foot in a classroom. Instead of traditional lessons, she grew up learning how to stew herbs into medicine, scavenging in the family scrap yard and helping her family prepare for the apocalypse. She had no birth certificate and no medical records and had never been enrolled in school. Westover's mother proved a marvel at concocting folk remedies for many ailments. As Tara developed her own coping mechanisms, little by little, she started to realize that what her family was offering didn't have to be her only education. Her first day of university was her first day in school—ever—and she would eventually win an esteemed fellowship from Cambridge and graduate with a PhD in intellectual history and political thought.

13 ways to screw up a college interview: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (National Book Award Winner) Sherman Alexie, 2012-01-10 A New York Times bestseller—over one million copies sold! A National Book Award winner A Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winner Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and black-and-white interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

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thousands of audiences around the world. Includes the plays *The Audition* by Don Zolidis, *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit* by Jonathan Rand, *13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview* by Ian McWethy, *Darcy's Cinematic Life* by Christa Crewdson, *The Whole Shebang* by Rich Orloff, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Fifth Period* by Jason Pizzarello, *Small World* by Tracey Scott Wilson, *The Absolute Most Cliched Elevator Play in the History of the Entire Universe* by Werner Trieschmann, *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* by Peter Bloedel, *Show and Spell* by Julia Brownell, *Cut* by Ed Monk, *Check Please* by Jonathan Rand, *Aliens vs. Cheerleaders* by Qui Nguyen, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* by Don Zolidis, *15 Reasons Not To Be in a Play* by Alan Haehnel

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13 ways to screw up a college interview: *A Night Divided (Scholastic Gold)* Jennifer A. Nielsen, 2015-08-25 From NYT bestselling author Jennifer A. Nielsen comes a stunning thriller about a girl who must escape to freedom after the Berlin Wall divides her family between east and west. A

Night Divided joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! With the rise of the Berlin Wall, Gerta finds her family suddenly divided. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, yet she can't help herself. She sees the East German soldiers with their guns trained on their own citizens; she, her family, her neighbors and friends are prisoners in their own city. But one day on her way to school, Gerta spots her father on a viewing platform on the western side, pantomiming a peculiar dance. Gerta concludes that her father wants her and Fritz to tunnel beneath the wall, out of East Berlin. However, if they are caught, the consequences will be deadly. No one can be trusted. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?

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13 ways to screw up a college interview: Extreme Ownership Jocko Willink, Leif Babin, 2017-11-21 An updated edition of the blockbuster bestselling leadership book that took America and the world by storm, two U.S. Navy SEAL officers who led the most highly decorated special operations unit of the Iraq War demonstrate how to apply powerful leadership principles from the battlefield to business and life. Sent to the most violent battlefield in Iraq, Jocko Willink and Leif Babin's SEAL task unit faced a seemingly impossible mission: help U.S. forces secure Ramadi, a city deemed "all but lost." In gripping firsthand accounts of heroism, tragic loss, and hard-won victories in SEAL Team Three's Task Unit Bruiser, they learned that leadership—at every level—is the most important factor in whether a team succeeds or fails. Willink and Babin returned home from deployment and instituted SEAL leadership training that helped forge the next generation of SEAL leaders. After departing the SEAL Teams, they launched Echelon Front, a company that teaches these same leadership principles to businesses and organizations. From promising startups to Fortune 500 companies, Babin and Willink have helped scores of clients across a broad range of industries build their own high-performance teams and dominate their battlefields. Now, detailing the mind-set and principles that enable SEAL units to accomplish the most difficult missions in combat, Extreme Ownership shows how to apply them to any team, family or organization. Each chapter focuses on a specific topic such as Cover and Move, Decentralized Command, and Leading Up the Chain, explaining what they are, why they are important, and how to implement them in any leadership environment. A compelling narrative with powerful instruction and direct application, Extreme Ownership revolutionizes business management and challenges leaders everywhere to fulfill their ultimate purpose: lead and win.

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own journey to “El Otro Lado” to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years, her long-absent father. Funny, heartbreaking, and lyrical, *The Distance Between Us* poignantly captures the confusion and contradictions of childhood, reminding us that the joys and sorrows we experience are imprinted on the heart forever, calling out to us of those places we first called home. Also available in Spanish as *La distancia entre nosotros*.

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