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Nanny Interview Questions and Tips

The success in this interview depends mostly on two things:

- Whether you can convince the agency (parents/employer) that you have **the right personality for the job.**
- Whether you can **accept the schedule and working hours.**

Your patience, responsibility, and your attitude to children and to the job will be tested with some questions. **Remember that your demeanor** and your non-verbal communication is equally important as your answers to the questions. Let's look at the questions:

Question 1: What days and hours are you available to work for us?

Answer: Double-check the requirements from the job advertisement, and be sure to mention that you are available at all times and days when they need a nanny.

Question 2: Describe your experience with taking care of children.

Answer: You should mention all relevant experience, even if it is just taking care of your younger sister. The key is to speak with enthusiasm about your experience with children, to show them that you enjoy this work.

Question 3: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Answer: The nanny recruiter from an agency (or the mother of the child) wants to see whether you'd not organize parties in their house, or leave the child alone while you go to smoke a cigarette on a balcony. You can say that you like to spend time in the park, or reading books, or playing with children.

Question 4: How do you think a typical day with a 3 years old (5,7,10 years old child) looks like?

Answer: You should focus mostly on the duties, not on the secondary activities, such as watching telly with the children. Say them that you imagine cooking for them, helping them with homework, playing with them, guarding them, etc.

Question 5: Can you perform light house keeping/cooking?

Answer: You should be honest with your answer. If you believe that house keeping would interfere with your primary role of a nanny, you can say it. When we clean the house, or cook a dinner, we can't really devote our attention to the children... On the other hand, if you enjoy cooking, or even house keeping, you can say that you enjoy doing these things, and will be glad to help with them on a regular basis.

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