

Mid-Term Interview Preparation

During mid-term week, you will have a short interview with me in my office in order to evaluate your English ability. This interview is worth 15 points of your final grade.

The interviews are only between 5 and 10 minutes long and will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, and Monday, April 21st (It is important to be on time). Students only need to attend class on the day of their interview for their scheduled time and do not need to come the other day.

While you will not know any of the questions for the interview in advance (even if you ask other students, because I will change questions from student to student), there are some things that you can do to prepare for the interview:

- Look over chapters 1-9. Most of the questions for the interviews have something to do with your personal opinion about the topic of the chapter. They may not be the same questions as in the chapter or on the supplements, but they will most likely be very similar.
- Practice expressing your opinion fully. A one or two sentence reply is not good enough. I expect you to talk for as long as is necessary to completely answer the question. I will ask follow-up questions to your response if you are having trouble, but try to express yourself fully before I do.

You will be asked three to five questions depending on the difficulty of the question and how long it takes for you to answer.

When evaluating your responses, I will consider the following:

- How well your points are expressed (Can I understand your ideas? Can I follow what you mean?)
- Attention paid to the question (Do you answer the question asked of you, or do you talk about many other ideas?)
- Confidence
- Correctness with special attention to vocabulary, and pronunciation discussed in class (this is not the focus of the interview, however. It is better to make your ideas understood than to make sure your grammar is perfect).

The best way to practice for this assignment is to just choose questions from the readings and try to answer them fully. We will be practicing this in small groups until the end of class.