

A. Common Mistake (よくある間違い)

Read the artcle below and see if you can improve it.

下の文章を読んで、改善できる点はないか探してみましょう。

Company: So what do you like to do in your free time?

Keiko: I like to exercise at the gym in my free time.

Company: How often do you go to the gym?

Keiko: Umm...maybe about three times a week.

Company: How else do you spend your free time?

Keiko: I listen to music, read, and volunteer at the animal shelter.

Company: What have you read recently?

Keiko: Lately I'm into non-fiction travel books.

Company: And why do you volunteer at the animal shelter?

Keiko: Because the animals are so cute!

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B. Today's point (今日のポイント)

Check those points with your tutor.

講師と一緒に、以下のポイントを確認しましょう。

When discussing hobbies during a job interview, it is effective to show that your hobby somehow relates to your job. For example, if your job requires a lot of energy, you can emphasize your stamina by describing your love of active sports.

If you list reading as a hobby, be prepared to discuss some light reading material you have read recently. Try to avoid books or topics that could be construed as controversial. It is not appropriate to discuss things like politics or religion during job interviews.

C. Natural Conversation (会話練習)

Read the following sentences with your tutor keeping today's points in mind.

Today's pointに注意しながら、以下の文章を読みましょう。

Company: So Keiko, what do you like to do in your free time?

Keiko: I like to work out in my free time; it keeps me healthy and helps me burn off all of my energy.

Company: How often do you work out?

Keiko: I try and work out about three times a week.

Company: What else do you like to do in your free time?

Keiko: I listen to music, read, and volunteer at a local animal shelter.

Company: I am an avid reader myself. What have you been reading recently?

Keiko: Lately I like non-fiction travel books. I'm fascinated by tales of travelers who place themselves in vulnerable positions in foreign lands.

Company: Your work at the animal shelter sounds interesting. How did you get involved in that?

Keiko: I became a volunteer about two years ago. The pets need care and good homes. It shows that much can be accomplished if people put their minds and hearts into something worthwhile.

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D. Practice (練習問題)

Answer the questions.

以下の問いに答えましょう。

- 1. What are your hobbies?
- 2. Why do you think companies are interested in knowing how you spend your free time?
- 3. Do you do any volunteer work?

E. Exercise (演習)

Do a rollplay with your tutor on the topic below using what you learned today.

今日学んだことを活かして、以下のトピックについて講師とロールプレイングしてみましょう。

Practice talking about your hobbies with a partner. Try in some way to connect one of your hobbies to your job.