



Watch Radio 1 entertainment reporter Natalie Jamieson's Interview Tips Video. Natalie explains how you can get the most out of your interviews and shares her top tips. *Thanks to BBC School Report:*

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How does Natalie approach an interview to get the best out of the person she is interviewing?

What is Natalie's *Top Tip Number One*?

What is Natalie's *Top Tip Number Two*?

What are the *Five W's... and One H?*

What is Natalie's *Top Tip Number Three?*

MOCK INTERVIEW

In small groups or pairs you are to conduct a mock interview. You can choose to interview anyone you like, such as a celebrity, sports star, politician, artist or anyone else you find interesting and think young people like yourself would like to know more about.

Be sure to do some research on you subject before you write your interview questions. (This will also help the student playing the role of the Interviewee to answer the questions)

Once you have a list of well researched questions, present your Mock Interview to your classmates.

After your research you'll be armed with your extensive knowledge of the interviewee and the topic of the conversation. Prepare a script with a written

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| Interviewee/s <i>Who are you interviewing?</i> | |
| Topics <i>Research some possible topics to talk to them about</i> | |

introduction, 7-8 questions pre-prepared and a written conclusion to the interview. This is called an interview brief.

INTERVIEW BRIEF

Introduction

Short, sharp, snappy and provide context for your listener.
Make sure you include:

Station ID (tell the audience what station they are listening to)

Show ID (tell the audience the name of your show)

Personal ID (tell the audience who you are)

Example "Good evening, I'm Greg Brown[Personal ID] and you're listening to The Fun Show[ShowID] on SYN Radio[Station ID]"

First Question

Lines of enquiry (5-6)

Avoid questions that can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no"

Conclusion

Touch on the main points of the interview. Don't forget to thank the interviewee for talking to you and include a Station, Show and Personal ID

TIP

During the interview: Treat it like a conversation. Don't ask your questions like a robot - if they bring up an interesting point you think is worth exploring further you don't have to follow your interview brief.