

Learn**English** Teens

Speaking skills practice: An interview - transcript

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Jack: Hello Mrs Spence. Nice to meet you.

Mrs Spence: You too. So, you've applied to do a teaching course here.

Jack: Yes, that's right.

Mrs Spence: I'd like you to tell me, first of all, why you want to be a teacher.

Jack: OK. Well, I've always loved explaining things and helping people. I'm not looking

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Mrs Spence: And why have you decided to become a PE teacher?

Jack: OK, I love all sports and I really believe it's important for young people to do

sport at school.

Mrs Spence: Yes, I agree. Why is it so important, do you think?

Jack: OK. Well, first of all, we all know it's important for our health to keep physically

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esteem.

Mrs Spence: Hmmm ...

Jack: Finally, playing sport teaches young people important life lessons, like the

importance of teamwork, discipline and fairness, for instance.

Mrs Spence: OK, thank you. And, where does your passion for sport come from?

Jack: Hmm, let me think. It's difficult to choose one thing in particular ... I grew up

around sport. My mum was a really good athlete, actually.

Mrs Spence: Oh, yes?

Jack: We used to go and see her running marathons, which made a big impression on

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Mrs Spence: Right, fantastic. And how do you think teachers can encourage their students to enjoy

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Jack: Hmm, that's an interesting question. On one hand, I think many students enjoy

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