



Unit 39 – Talking your way into a job

Task 03

- Announcer: Listen to Armin's job interview.
- Mr. Smith: Good morning Mr. Bauer. We spoke on the telephone, didn't we? Did you find our offices easily?
- Armin Bauer: Yes. Good morning, Mr Smith. The map on your website was very clear and I gave myself plenty of time.
- Mr. Smith: Now, let me see. You come from Austria und passed your final apprenticeship exam one year ago ... with distinction, congratulations. However, do you know anything about us?
- Armin Bauer: I know that your company has operations in more than 30 countries worldwide. You do all kinds of projects, from private and public buildings to bridges and industrial plants. You have a workforce of more than 40,000 people and I would be proud to be one of them.
- Mr. Smith: That sounds promising. Why **exactly** do you want to work for us?
- Armin Bauer: Well, I am impressed that you have operations worldwide. You offer a full service in all areas and you invest in future technologies. Your company has an incredible reputation within the business. I would love to show my skills and learn more.
- Mr. Smith: How would your boss describe your work?
- Armin Bauer: Well he would say I am a team player, but if necessary, I also have the ability to work independently. Furthermore, I have the ability to work under pressure and I am diligent and quick.
- Mr. Smith: Apart from what you have already mentioned, what is your strength?
- Armin Bauer: My strength is that I love the atmosphere on the construction site. So many different professions are working together with everyone having one goal, completing the project successfully. I'm always motivated to learn something new and get along well with colleagues no matter where they are from.
- Mr. Smith: And what are your weaknesses? What is the worst one?
- Armin Bauer: It was punctuality – especially in the first year of my apprenticeship. I used to be late all the time. I was really happy that they did not kick me out. In my second year, I managed to overcome it by putting all my clocks forward. Today, I love to be early.



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- Mr. Smith: That's interesting. So, Mr Bauer, where do you see yourself in five years' time?
- Armin Bauer: In five years' time, I want to have more responsibilities and challenges in my job. I'd like to take on responsibility for staff. Various situations have proven that I have the ability to lead a team. I know I'll have to pass additional qualifications to do so properly.
- Mr. Smith: Excellent. Finally, can you describe what you are currently doing in your present job? Just describe your duties or the tools you work with ...
- Armin Bauer: Certainly ... my present duties are to organise [...] building site. To learn how to do all this, I took specialised courses during my apprenticeship as well as after that time. All the exact details are in my CV.
- Mr. Smith: All right. Are there any questions you would like to ask me?
- Armin Bauer: Well, what are the next steps? Please, can you tell me when you expect to make a decision?
- Mr. Smith: The next stage in our process is to finish all our interviews and consider all applications carefully. You'll hear from us within a week or so.
- Armin Bauer: Thank you. It has been a real pleasure meeting you and coming to your company. I'm now more enthusiastic than ever about working with your company.
- Mr. Smith: Fine. It was a pleasure meeting you, too. You will be hearing from us soon. Goodbye.