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20 Tips: Bad Interview Techniques

1. Overuse of the word 'I': think team
2. Arguing with the panel
3. Don't give yes/no answers. Expand a little. Give examples
4. Dressing in all new clothes
5. Saying 'you can find that in my CV'
6. Don't give hypothetical answers to hypothetical questions. Give examples based on your experience
7. Sitting down without waiting to be asked
8. Long answers to: 'how did you get here today?'
9. Overuse of (especially ironic) humour
10. Drinking alcohol the night before
11. Failing to show your research on the job in your answers
12. Looking at your watch
13. Using the first names of the ones you know
14. Asking them to repeat every question
15. Acting as a submissive: Use adult/adult
16. Not answering the question
17. Forgetting the importance of the patient
18. Not showing your keenness to get this job
19. Ignoring the 'less important' panel members
20. Not stressing what makes you different

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