

20 Tips: Bad ideas for your C.V.

1. **Coloured** paper (it may be photocopied)
2. Meaningless boasting: 'a dynamic achiever.'
3. Jargon: not all who read are physicians.
4. Gaps. If you spent a year in Tibet, say so.
5. USE OF UPPER CASE (aggressive.)
6. Underlining sections.
7. Using exclamation marks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
8. Attempts at humour, especially irony.
9. *Using italics.*
10. Underselling yourself.
11. Gloating about your achievements.
12. Telling lies or exaggerating.
13. Putting it in a binder (it'll be photocopied.)
14. Stapling it in the top left-hand corner.
15. Relying on the spellchecker.
16. Mentioning the journals you've submitted to.
17. Making a long list out of research in progress.
18. Putting it in chronological order.
19. Copying your friend's one.
20. Not taking a copy to the interview.

