Few people enjoy job interviews; they tend to be stressful and leave us feeling anxious about how we presented ourselves. However, it’s something we all have to do at some point, and it’s best to be prepared so you can impress the boss. How do you do that? By being well-spoken, well-dressed, and well-informed about the company and the business in general.

If you don’t have much experience in the field, don’t worry; just showing up on time and showing that you prepared for the interview will go a long way. In today’s job market, many employers are finding that they’re dealing with people who don’t understand how to dress professionally or how to be respectful in a business environment.

Here are some of the best ways to impress any employer during an interview.
Get organized

It’s imperative to get organized and come to the interview prepared. This means gathering any paperwork you might need—a resume, references, your application, and copies of your ID and social security card—in one place and keeping it neat. Do some research on the company; look up how many years they’ve been in business, what their mission is, how many employees there are. Talking about how knowledgeable you are when it comes to the company will definitely show the interviewer that you’re ready for a leadership position and are serious about a future with them. Use this information to think about what you can bring to the position; this will help you be prepared when the interviewer asks what your strengths and weaknesses are.

It’s also a good idea to bring a notebook and pen so you can take notes during the interview. This shows that you’re attentive and are interested in what the interviewer is saying. For more info about what employers are looking for, read on here.

Get the right wardrobe

A common issue employers are having is that prospective employees don’t know how to dress professionally. It’s not just the clothes you wear; it’s also your fingernails, shoes, hairstyle, and general appearance. If you go into an interview with dirty hair, long fingernails that are painted a wild color, or casual shoes, your interviewer won’t be presented with the best impression of you. Dress appropriately to show that you care about the job and aren’t going to waste the interviewer’s time. This includes a button-down shirt and tie, or a nice blouse and skirt that hits just above the knee. Comfortable but classic shoes are perfect. Cover up tattoos as much as possible and keep the amount of skin you show to a minimum.

Get plenty of rest

Practice self-care the week of your interview and get adequate rest. Eat well, get in a workout every day, and try to relax as much as possible so you won’t be anxious when the time comes. You may be nervous just before your interview, but don’t forget to eat a little something before you leave the house so you don’t have a blood sugar crash in the middle of the interview.

It’s also a good idea to have a mock interview with a friend or family member so you can be as prepared as possible before the big day.

Remember that simply getting an interview is a huge step, and it means the company was interested enough in you to call you in. Use this to your advantage and play up what you can bring to the company. Make them feel they can’t live without you.