

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Read through the dialogue and circle each passive causative.

Step 2: Next check the words you don't know.

Step 3: Last, practice the conversation with a partner. If possible, try to use gestures.

DIALOGUE

A: I just got a call back on that job interview, the one downtown.

B: That's great. How ready are you?

A: What do you mean? Like should I get my suit pressed?

B: A lot more. You need to have your suit dry cleaned and your hair cut. You should get your shirt cleaned if possible, too.

A: That's no problem. The interview is in a few days, so I can have all of that done on time.

B: Have you practiced? If I were you, I would have someone do a few mock interviews with you.

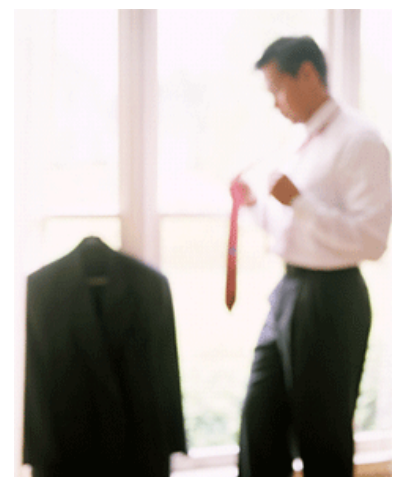
Then have that person - obviously someone whose opinion you trust - give you honest feedback.

A: I hadn't thought about that. It makes a lot of sense and sounds really helpful. What about writing down my strengths and weaknesses?

B: You should do that, too. Have a trusted friend look at them, and then you can practice answering related questions to smooth out your answers. But don't lie!

A weakness is a weakness and your new employer will eventually find out those untruths.

A: Thanks. Wish me luck! If I don't find a new job and get out of this place, I'm going to go crazy!



EXTENSION ACTIVITY (OPTIONAL)

Have you ever interviewed for an important job? Write down more dos and don'ts, and then share them with a partner. Try to use as many passive causatives as possible!