

# Interviewing/Elevator Pitch: How to Market the Skills You Learned on JET

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# Interview Lengths: Zooming In and Out

- Elevator pitch (30 seconds)
- Informal Introduction (1-2 minutes)
- Party Chat/Random Conversation (5-10 minutes)
- Phone/Skype/Formal Interview (30-45 minutes)

How to we talk about JET?

What do we have in our  
professional pockets?

# Brainstorming

- Summarize the program in three sentences or less.
- Summarize your experience on the program in three sentences or less.
- What are some skills you gained while on the JET Program?

Skill Examples: adaptability, flexibility, cultural awareness, communication, creativity, collaboration, keen observer, patience, improvising, ability to work under minimal supervision but also under the direction of others, taking the lead or supporting role, a spirit of volunteering and sense of community, curiosity, confidence, fearlessness of the unfamiliar, love of language, experience with children and in education, teaching, management, leadership, openness, compassion, passion, perspective on self/culture/world.

# Practice



# “Interview” Questions: Know Yourself

- Tell me about yourself...
- What was the main/biggest thing you learned on the JET Program?
- What skill did you learn while on the JET Program that you don't think you had before?
- Ideally, what could you see yourself doing five years from now? Where could you/will you be?
- What do you love to do? What do you do in your free time? (Aka: What are your hobbies?)
- What's an example of something that was really challenging on JET? How did you overcome it?
- What are you looking to do? What are you interested in?



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