

A lunch interview is simply an interview held over lunch. It takes a different approach and different preparation. The interview will probably be slightly longer than normal. Lunch Interview Etiquette:

Do not worry too much about lunch interview etiquette, employers are more interested in your ability to do the job rather than your table manners although a certain level of education and manners have to be shown. If you follow the normal table manners you will be fine unless VIP dining is part of the job.

### **Do not:**

- Sneeze on food.
- Dunk bread in soup.
- Be rude to the waiter.
- Get drunk.
- Place elbows on table.
- Speak with your mouth full of food.
- Chew with your mouth open.

### **Lunch interview Tips:**

- Check out the restaurant. The menu could be on their web site. If not, stop by and have a look.
- Choose a small, light meal. You will be talking more than the interviewer so he will finish first.
- Avoid meals which will give you a strong breath.
- Avoid meals which require a lot of chewing.
- Avoid things that have a lot of fluid, such as soups etc.
- Avoid things that are hard to eat such as lobster, oysters and the like.
- Give more attention to the interviewer and less to your lunch.
- Make sure your lips are clean and wipe them often.
- Choose something in the same price range as your interviewer.
- Do not complain about the food.
- Do not drink alcohol during your lunch interview.
- If unpredictable situations happen during the lunch interview stay composed and show a sense of humor.
- Follow the what to wear for a job interview guide.

### **The Bill:**

- If the interviewer requested a lunch interview he will pick up the bill
- If you have initiated contact and requested a lunch meeting then the bill is yours

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