

847 New Year's Resolutions

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Sabriya and Fred share what promises they will try to make for the new year

1) What does Sabriya say about New Year's resolutions?

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2) What is one thing she would like to do?

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3) What does Fred say about smoking?

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4) What does Fred want to do for his grandmother?

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Fill in the missing expressions.

- a) It's not one of the big events known in Oman but we do celebrate New Year and we 1).....the same calendar as you guys do.
- b) I've been trying to have different resolutions but I never manage to 2).....or keep them.
- c) I intend to, you know, 3)..... myself a lot more.
- d) Not only because this is bad for my health, it's just something that I think will give me a lot of 4)..... if I'm able to to do this.
- e) I feel that I'm 5).....in my relationship with her, and so I would like to call her every week.

A survey of top personnel executives of 100 major American corporations asking for stories of unusual behavior by job applicants revealed the following low-lights:

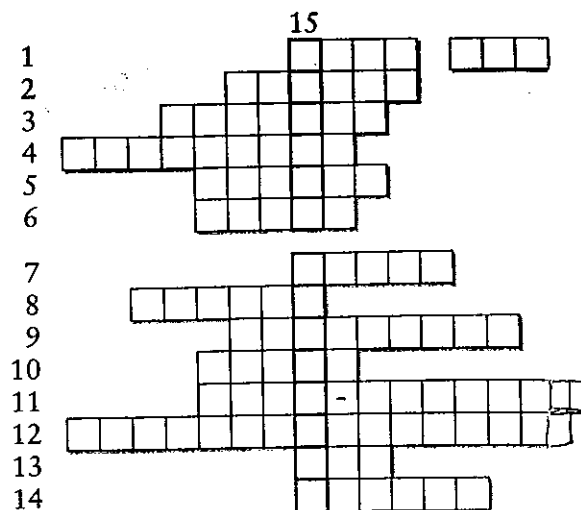
1. "... stretched out on the floor to fill out the job application."
2. "She wore a Walkman and said she could listen to me and the music at the same time."
3. "A balding candidate abruptly excused himself. Returned to office a few minutes later, wearing a hairpiece."
4. "... asked to see interviewer's resume to see if the personnel executive was qualified to judge the candidate."
5. "... announced she hadn't had lunch and proceeded to eat a hamburger and french fries in the interviewer's office - wiping the ketchup on her sleeve"
6. "Stated that, if he were hired, he would demonstrate his loyalty by having the corporate logo tattooed on his forearm."
7. "Interrupted to phone his therapist for advice on answering specific interview questions."
8. "When I asked him about his hobbies, he stood up and started tap dancing around my office."
9. "At the end of the interview, while I stood there dumbstruck, went through his briefcase, took out a brush, brushed his hair, and left."
10. "... pulled out a Polaroid camera and snapped a flash picture of me. Said he collected photos of everyone who interviewed him."
11. "Said he wasn't interested because the position paid too much."
12. "While I was on a long-distance phone call, the applicant took out a copy of Penthouse, and looked through the photos only, stopping longest at the centerfold."
13. "During the interview, an alarm clock went off from the candidate's brief case. He took it out, shut it off, apologized and said he had to leave for another interview."
14. "A telephone call came in for the job applicant. It was from his wife. His side of the conversation went like this: "'Which company? When do I start? What's the salary?' I said, 'I assume you're not interested in conducting the interview any further.' He promptly responded, 'I am as long as you'll pay me more.' I didn't hire him, but later found out there was no other job offer. It was a scam to get a higher offer."
15. "His attache [case] opened when he picked it up and the contents spilled, revealing ladies' undergarments and assorted makeup and perfume."
16. "Candidate said he really didn't want to get a job, but the unemployment office needed proof that he was looking for one."
17. "... asked who the lovely babe was, pointing to the picture on my desk. When I said it was my wife, he asked if she was home now and wanted my phone number. I called security."
18. "Pointing to a black case he carried into my office, he said that if he was not hired, the bomb would go off. Disbelieving, I began to state why he would never be hired and that I was going to call the police. He then reached down to the case, flipped a switch and ran. No one was injured, but I did need to get a new desk."

13.5 Employment

Vocabulary

Fill the gaps in these sentences, then add the words to the puzzle below.

- 1 In American English, you an application form.
- 2 She's going to make engineering her
- 3 Are we going to a new sales manager?
- 4 He was the most promising for the job.
- 5 The past tense of *seek* is
- 6 All our production workers are paid top
- 7 The applicants will be interviewed by the of directors.
- 8 Mr and Mrs Smith supplement their by renting out rooms.
- 9 A well-prepared will do well at any interview.
- 10 The applicants were interviewed by a of three managers.
- 11 If you're you're your own boss.
- 12 Could you explain to me what the of the job are?
- 13 How much will I have to pay?
- 14 What is your present annual?
- 15 A company car, subsidized meals or low-interest loans are all



13.6 On ...

Prepositional phrases – 3

Fill the gaps in these sentences with a suitable prepositional phrase from the list below.

- 1 They produce this kind of material *on a large scale* ... so they should be able to supply us quickly.
- 2 You will find our new product at our showroom.
- 3 We have a sales engineer who can fix the fault this week.
- 4 We can supply samples and demonstration equipment
- 5 We have had the goods for three months, but they haven't arrived yet.
- 6 We accepted delivery of the goods as undamaged, but we find that five of the components are unusable.
- 7 I spoke to him last week about this.
- 8 We can have the goods for four weeks Then we can return them or pay for them.
- 9 The goods arrived
- 10 He travelled to England but managed to do a little sightseeing while he was there.
- 11 I'm afraid Ms Smith is till the end of the month – can I help you?
- 12 We can offer you the job that you start work on the first of next month.
- 13 This candidate doesn't look very good but she is very impressive in person.
- 14 You can't keep this permanently, but you may have it till the end of the month.
- 15 She signed the letter her boss.
- 16 Our relocation plans are proceeding and we will be making the move on January 1 next year.

on a large scale ✓ *on approval* *on behalf of* *on business* *on closer inspection*
on condition *on display* *on loan* *on order* *on paper* *on the phone* *on request* *on schedule*
on the spot *on time* *on vacation / on holiday*