

## “The Interview”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Jethro gets ready for his job interview.

He takes a shower.

He shaves.

He brushes his teeth.

He cuts his fingernails.

He combs his hair.

He puts on the new suit he bought just for today.



Jethro feels **confident** . He is also very **nervous** .

Here is why. Jethro graduated at the top of his class in college. Still, Jethro knows the economy is bad. His dad just lost his job at the bank a few weeks ago! Many people are interviewing for the very same job. There is a lot of **competition**.

Jethro is still **positive**. He thinks he has a good chance of getting the job at the technology company.

Jethro arrives at his interview at 9:45. He is 15 minutes early.

“Have a seat. Mr. Stone will be right with you,” the receptionist says.

Jethro sits. He thinks about what he has learned to do in an interview.

*Look people in the eye.*

*Give a firm handshake.*

*Speak clearly.*

Jethro feels ready.

“Mr. Stone is ready to see you now,” the receptionist says.

Jethro takes a deep breath and walks into Mr. Stone’s office.

“Good to meet you, sir,” Jethro says and gives Mr. Stone a firm handshake and a smile.

## Questions:

- 1) What kind of job is Jethro interviewing for?
  - A. a college job
  - B. a banking job
  - C. a technology job
  - D. a receptionist job
- 2) What is one thing Jethro does to get ready?
  - A. He talks to his dad.
  - B. He calls Mr. Stone.
  - C. He eats breakfast.
  - D. He cuts his fingernails.
- 3) What time is Jethro's interview?
  - A. 9:30
  - B. 9:45
  - C. 10:00
  - D. 10:15
- 4) What does it mean to be **confident** ?
  - A. to be early
  - B. to be sure
  - C. to be worried
  - D. to be nervous
- 5) Why might Jethro be **nervous**?
  - A. He did not do well in school.
  - B. He is not a very good speaker.
  - C. He does not like to wear suits.
  - D. Many others are interviewing for the same job.
- 6) What is **competition** ?
  - A. when people get ready to go out
  - B. when people go for a job interview
  - C. when people feel they are not good enough
  - D. when many people are going after the same thing
- 7) Why is it good that Jethro gets to his interview early?
  - A. It gives Jethro time to think.
  - B. It helps Jethro speak clearly.
  - C. Mr. Stone likes people to be early.
  - D. The receptionist asks him to be there early.
- 8) What has Jethro learned to do in an interview?
  - A. be positive
  - B. tell good jokes
  - C. talk about college
  - D. look people in the eye
- 9) Why might Jethro be **positive** about getting this job?
  - A. The economy is bad.
  - B. He did well in school.
  - C. Jethro's dad lost his job.
  - D. He knows Mr. Stone well.