

A hobo came up to the front door of the neat looking farm-house and knocked gently on the door. When the owner answered, the hobo asked, "Please, sir, could you give me something to eat? I haven't had a good meal in several days."

The owner said, "I have made a fortune in my lifetime by supplying goods for people. I never give anything away for nothing. However, if you go around the back, you will see a gallon of paint and a clean paint brush. If you will paint my porch, I will give you a good meal."

So the hobo went around back and a little later he again knocked on the door.

The owner said, "Finished already? Good. Come on in. Sit down. The cook will bring your meal right in."

The hobo said, "Thank you very much, Sir. But there is something that I think you should know. It's not a Porch, it's a BMW."

### Real resume blunders

- "My intensity and focus are at inordinately high levels, and my ability to complete projects on time is unspeakable."
- "Education: Curses in liberal arts, curses in computer science, curses in accounting."
- "Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain store."
- "Personal: Married, 1992 Chevrolet."
- "I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse."
- "I am a rabid typist."
- "Created a new market for pigs by processing, advertising and selling a gourmet pig mail order service on the side."
- "Exposure to German for two years but many words are not appropriate for business."
- "Proven ability to track down and correct errors."
- "Personal interests: Donating blood. 15 gallons so far."
- "I have become completely paranoid, trusting completely nothing and absolutely no one."
- "References: None, I've left a path of destruction behind me."
- "Strengths: Ability to meet deadlines while maintaining composer."
- "Don't take the comments of my former employer too seriously, they were unappreciative beggars and slave drivers."
- "My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I possess no training in meteorology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage."
- "I procrastinate - especially when the task is unpleasant."
- "I am loyal to my employer at all costs ... Please feel free to resond to my resume on my office voicemail."
- "Qualifications: No education or experience."
- "Disposed of \$2.5 billion in assets."
- "Accomplishments: Oversight of entire department."
- "Extensive background in accounting. I can also stand on my head!"
- "Cover letter: 'Thank you for your consideration. Hope to hear from you shortly!'"
- "I demand a salary commiserate with my extensive experience."
- "I have lurnt Word Perfect 6.0 computor and spreasheet progroms."
- "Received a plague for Salesperson of the Year."
- "Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave."
- "Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."
- "Failed bar exam with relatively high grades."
- "It's best for employers that I not work with people."
- "Let's meet, so you can 'ooh' and 'aah' over my experience."
- "You will want me to be Head Honcho in no time."
- "Am a perfectionist and rarely if ever forget details."
- "I was working for my mom until she decided to move."
- "Marital status: Single. Unmarried. Unengaged. Uninvolved. No commitments."
- "As indicted, I have over five years of analysing investments."
- "Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as 'job-hopping'. I have never quit a job."
- "Marital status: Often. Children: Various."
- "Reason for leaving last job: They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 am every morning. I couldn't work under those conditions."
- "The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers."
- "Finished eighth in my class of ten."

## Blunders You Don't Wanna Make!