

How to Nail Interviews like a Pro

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Landing that perfect job is as treacherous as the road to the Iron Throne – it's valar morghulis for all but one. You may have a great résumé but also have the confidence of a boiled potato. Or you've been a prodigious nerd your entire life and you don't even have 'Volunteer at KHABO' in your 'About' section on Facebook.

So let's face it – you're never going to differentiate yourself on merit and talent alone.

What might you do in such instances, young grasshopper? Here are a few interview hacks if you have a lack-lustre personality:

RESEARCH CAN KILL

Nothing impresses interviewers like some thorough research. Yes, you may fit all the checkmarks but your battle doesn't end there. Do you know *everything* there is to know about the organisation or the job in question? Take a page out of Hermione's book and REALLY obsess over the details. Here's a suggestion for the misguided: it's a great idea to reiterate every tiny detail about your employers – where they live, who they're married to, what they ate that morning, what their dogs are called, or where their children study.

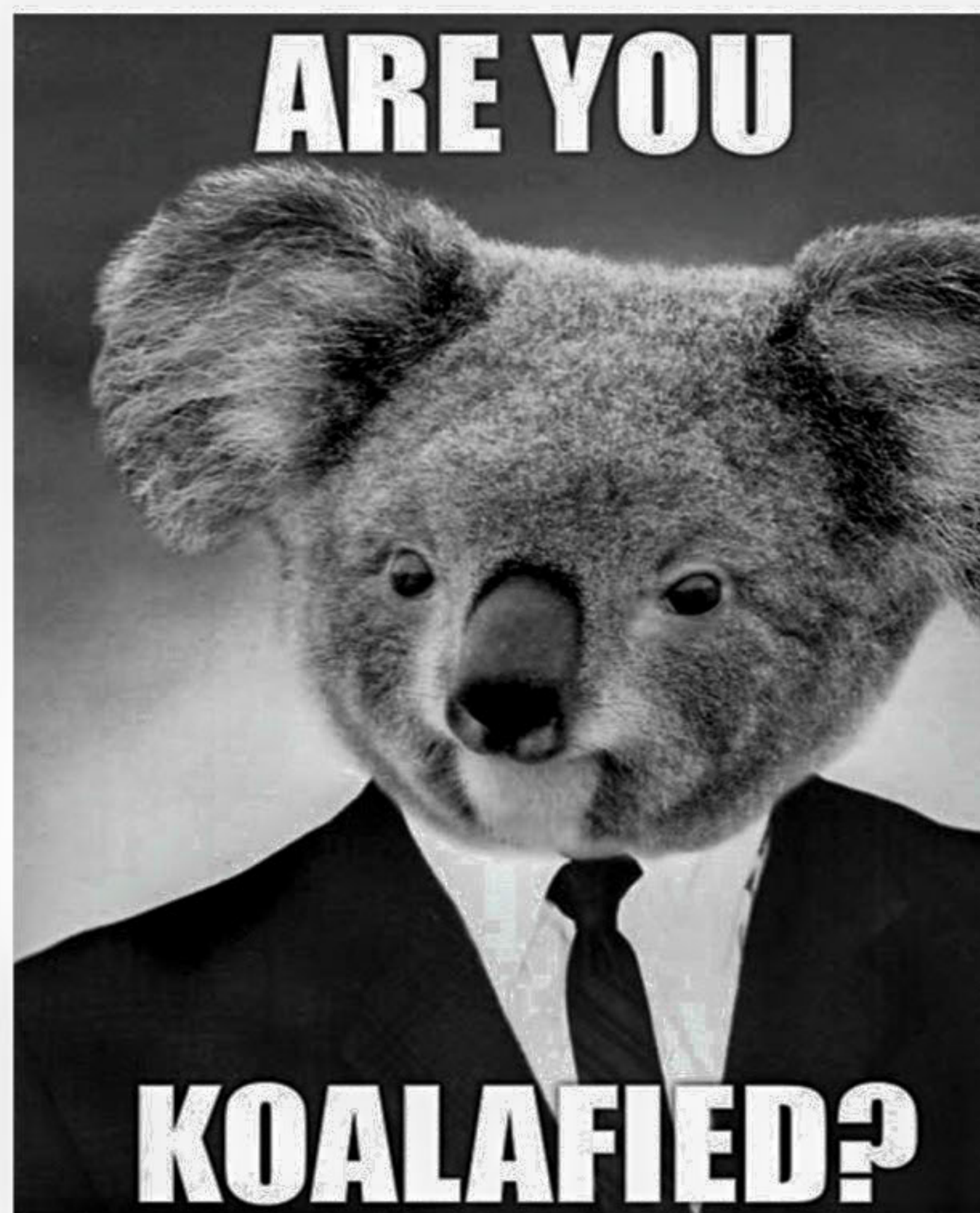
Heck, if you really want to earn points, tell them how lovely you found their families as you observed them at their last vacation from a distance.

That always does the trick.

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

"I have work experience in the fields of retail marketing and financial analysis..."

That should get you the job, right?



WRONG.

You are more than your résumé. According to seasoned interviewers, maturity is being comfortable in your own skin. So concise, to-the-point answers are the worst possible approach to this interview staple. Paint them a picture – quirky tidbits that make you, *you*. Tell them about the time you left the house without pants on. Or that time

you accidentally called your girlfriend's mother and yelled "Sweetie!"

Recall any embarrassing, cringe-worthy memories that come to mind; it'll be a refreshing departure from the string of dull interviews they're probably used to.

DRESS TO DOMINATE

You don't get a second chance to make first impressions, and your attire is paramount in this regard. Use this chance to establish your dominance in the competition.

Real men don't hesitate to pair bold prints with neon pants. As for the women, all those years you spent hoarding unnecessarily expensive makeup will pay off. Looking like Komolika from *Kasautii Zindagii Kay* is guaranteed to turn heads. Finally, remember to marinate yourself in perfume. If the interviewer can't smell you from the third floor, you're doing something wrong.

UP YOUR GAME

Now that you're over the basics, here are some advanced tips for the high achievers out there:

1. Argue why soccer shouldn't be called football.
2. Give unsolicited *Game of Thrones* spoilers to seem cool.
3. Explain why your favourite *Harry Potter* character is Gandalf.
4. Talk to them about how the world actually ended in 2012 and we're all in the Matrix.

Go out and conquer the world, young grasshopper.

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Leicester City: A script only football can write

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From getting relegated to League One (third tier of English football) in 2008 to gaining promotion to the Premier League in 2014 to becoming the champions of England in 2016, Leicester City's rise to the top is one of the greatest stories football could ever write.

On the 2nd of May as the ball rolled in Stamford Bridge, football fans across the globe kept their eyes glued to the game between Chelsea and Tottenham. When the latter took a two goal lead, spectators had their hands on their heads in disappointment. Afterwards, when Eden Hazard curled in Chelsea's equalizer, they erupted with joy. That day the impossible happened, supporters of different teams came together to cheer for a common interest: Leicester City.

I am finding it hard to put down to words the emotions that Leicester's campaign generated. Their rise to the top was driven by passion, hunger, fearless temperament and an unfaltering attitude that the biggest of clubs at times lack. They played with nothing to lose and enjoyed themselves to the fullest. Wes Morgan's leadership, Robert Huth's commitment in defense, Riyad Mahrez's skill on the wings



and Jamie Vardy's clinical finishing are all to praise for and most importantly, the presence of Claudio Ranieri, a humble personality and a passionate guide, on the sidelines was as important as Vardy and

Mahrez's goals. Not only did they dismantle the best of the league, they picked up important wins against the dangerous sides from the lower half of the table and as the reality of the outcome was beckon-

ing, they kept their nerves to seal the deal. Right from the start, Leicester were the deserving winners.

As they got closer and closer to getting there, the world of football held its breath, and when it happened, we all celebrated it like the victory was our own. It's because a season like this comes by once in decades and Leicester's march to the title shows that money is not what a football club needs to thrive at times, often you need a player as hungry as Mahrez, a striker like Vardy who will get the decisive goals and a guardian like Ranieri who will watch over you as you set off to your mission. Leicester were the perfect blend that you need to create a title winning team and their success redefines the beauty of this game.

It's still too early to predict where this club will stand in the years to come and it's difficult to wonder if they will repeat this season's trick but for the time being, let's commemorate one of the most glorious seasons one could ever have witnessed and let's celebrate Leicester City!

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