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The purpose of this guide is to give you the 10 best job search tips while you look for a job as a teenager. Every month we have over 50,000 visitors to our website and have had success helping our audience get jobs using these tips, so I'm confident that you'll be successful if you use them too.

I hope you enjoy this guide and follow the advice within, it was created with you in mind!

-Prof. Ron

1) Understand That You Have to Start Somewhere

One of the biggest issues that teenagers have once they start looking for a job is that they don't think anyone will hire them. Usually, this is because of a lack of experience, but it could be other factors as well.

The truth is that even though you don't have experience, you need to start somewhere. Every single person that works at a job, whether it be with an employer or for themselves, they had to start somewhere. It doesn't matter how old you are, what matters is that you have a desire to learn, work hard, and help the employer make money. Or, you're willing to work on your own type of business to make money for yourself.

2) Don't Think You Can Only Work in Fast Food

One of the common misconceptions that teenagers have when they start looking for work is that they have to work at a fast food place, a mall, or another place that has a physical location. While this is the most obvious option and what previous generations have done, technology has changed the way people work and making a living from the internet is a very real possibility.

We're not talking about filling our surveys or listening to music for a few bucks an hour, but providing a service to people such as web design or video editing to make more than you'd ever make at a minimum wage job. Or, if you really want to make your own websites or YouTube channel, you could support yourself just by making videos or writing about things that you like.

It sounds impossible, but this stuff happens all of the time to those that are really devoted to their work. For example, there's a [10 year old kid named Evan](#) that has a YouTube channel with his dad called "Evan Tube" that makes over \$1.3 million dollars each year. [This](#)

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[article](#) examines the stories of 20 teenagers who are making a living with websites, youtube, blogging, writing, and more.

We're not saying you're going to make \$100,000 your first year in business or anything like that, but you need to realize that there are plenty of options available using technology that will allow you to make real money.

3) Analyze Your Strengths and Weaknesses

There is no one that's going to be more true to you than yourself. One of the best things you can do prior to starting a job search is to reflect and analyze your skills to figure out what it is that you're really good at and what you're not so good at.

By doing this, you'll be able to find your best 5-10 skills and then you can use those to see where you'd best fit. The answer won't come easy, but the more you look at different job opportunities, eventually you'll find the perfect fit.

One of the better tests out there I've found for this [can be found by clicking here](#). It's 100% free and will take around 15 minutes to complete, but the result will help you determine your skills.

4) Examine Your Hobbies and Passions

The old saying goes, "Choose a job that you love and you'll never work a day in your life". This is a very true statement and one that you should absolutely follow. The beauty of your current situation is that you're likely being supported by your parents or legal guardian and that means you can take your time to find a job that you're truly passionate about.

This is why it's an excellent time to look at your hobbies and interests to determine what you really want to do for work. Do you want to work at a retail store? Would you rather focus on working in a restaurant? Do you think it would be more fun to build websites for people? Do you feel like starting a YouTube channel would be the right move?

All of these options are available to you, you just need to learn the skills to make it happen.

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This is the time in your life where you should decide exactly what it is that you want to become and focus on that goal. You've been given a rare opportunity that most people never get. Understand that often times people get into a job to make money and if that's the only reason you are doing it, it isn't something you're passionate about.

5) Create Your Resume

If you don't want to work for yourself on the internet and would rather work at an actual company, this one goes without saying. A lot of teens overthink this and get stuck here because they don't understand exactly what they should put on the resume considering they don't have much experience.

In terms of recommendations for your resume, there are two things that really matter;

First, you need to have a resume that looks good. Of course, for many this is much easier said than done. But the good news is that I have a resource for you that's going to make this process really simple.

The [resource is called Perfect Resume](#) and it's 100% free to create a VERY good looking resume that will differentiate you from other candidates. After you've created the resume, you can download it by paying \$1.95 (ask your parents for help with this) and then you're all set.

The second thing about your resume that really matters is that you showcase the success that you've already had in your life. If you have really good grades, volunteer after school, help with your family business, or do something else that isn't typical for your age, it's worth mentioning them on your resume. Odds are that you have some type of work experience; the key is that you need to make sure the potential employer realizes it.

6) Use The Right Job Search Tools

Something that can become very overwhelming right when you begin a job search is trying to understand where jobs actually are. After all, there are so many different job search engines out there and each of them claims to be the best.

But which job search engines are the best for teens?

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If you are looking for work, your best bet is to use Indeed.com (We've partnered with this search engine, there is a good job search by location on [this page of our website](#)) and if you want to work online, you should use Fiverr.com or Upwork.com.

Indeed.com is by far the largest job search engine out there and does a very unique thing in that it aggregates information from across thousands of websites on the Internet. Because of this, they have a much larger job bank than anybody else and they continue to grow month after month.

Fiverr is great because it allows you to offer a "gig" for as little as \$5. Plus, if you look on their marketplace you'll see that you can make money for just about anything. For instance, [this guy says messages as a pirate](#) and makes decent money doing it.

Upwork.com is the largest online marketplace for internet based jobs that exist. It's great if you've been trained in a skill and are looking for clients. Good at web design? Have a fun and engaging personality that would work well on social media? Like writing? Enjoy changing your voice and have an interest in voiceover work? This website is exactly where you want to start to find jobs.

Oh, and if you don't have the skills you need yet you can always get some awesome training on Lynda.com.

7) Make a Goal Everyday

I'm not necessarily a "rah-rah" type of guy, but I've had my share of job searches in my time. One of the absolute best things you can do while looking for a job is to make a goal that you need to achieve each and every day no matter what. It's really common for people to get frustrated when they start their job search because they submit a ton of resumes and cover letters on one day and then they sit and wait.

When they don't hear back from anybody, they become very negative about their job search. One of the best ways that I've found to combat this is to make a goal of how many jobs that you apply to every single day.

The goal could be 50 companies, 25 companies, or 10 companies, the point is that you need to do this every single day Monday through Sunday until you have a job. As of right now, your job is to find a job, so if you focus on applying to "X" amount of companies every single day, it's going to happen eventually.

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If you want to create your own website or business instead, then the same rule still applies. Do one thing every single day after school and on the weekends. Eventually, all of those small things will create something big!

8) Consider Blogging to Showcase Your Expertise:

I don't want to go too much into my own background here, but I began blogging while I was working professionally and that led me on a career path where I get to work from home. While you may not ever want to be an entrepreneur, one of the best things that you can do to showcase your expertise and writing skills is to start a blog on a topic that you're passionate about.

For instance, let's say that you really enjoy video games or fashion. In both cases, you can create a blog that focuses specifically on the topic and in time, you'll end up having people from all over the world come and read your blog posts. The reason for this is because of Google, Yahoo, and other search engines that will "index" your website and make it visible to everyone across the internet.

Beyond that, if you really want to work at a specific company and they won't hire you because you "don't have enough experience", blogging about a topic that relates to their business will show them how knowledgeable you are and differentiate you from other job candidates.

If you'd like to get started and create your own blog, it's much easier than you think. I created a [three step guide](#) on another website of mine to help you through the process. All in all, you're looking at spending around \$60 per year to have your own blog. Make sure you talk to your parents about it, but with their support you can start today.

9) Take Any Interviews You Can Get

I recommend that you take every single interview from every single person that contacts you. Even if you have no interest in that job whatsoever, it's a great idea to take the interviews for practice.

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Just like any other skill out there, interviewing is something that takes time to master and the worst thing you could do to yourself is walk into your dream job interview without practicing beforehand. It may seem like a waste of time to take interviews from companies you don't want to work at, but I assure you that taking these interviews now and practicing is going to increase the chances of you getting hired when that dream job comes along.

10) Be Prepared For Your Interviews

Teens often think that to be prepared for an interview you just need to bring along a resume and dress nicely. Obviously, those are good ideas, but the real way to show that you're prepared for an interview is to ask questions that show you've done research.

For example, when doing your company research prior to an interview you may notice that the company recently purchased another company. It's a good idea to bring this up in the interview and ask how the company plans to integrate the company that they purchased with their own.

I've always been a big fan of typing questions out on a piece of paper prior to the interview and then reading from that piece of paper during the interview. I do this because the interviewee sees that I've typed out different questions to ask them and it's going to impress them that I was prepared.

The last piece of interview advice that I can give you is that you need to talk to the position of the interviewee with the company.

For example, if you're becoming a retail store associate and speaking with a retail store associate during your interview, it makes sense to ask what the typical work day looks like as well as how the manager is for the team.

When you ask questions like this, you're going to speak to the position of the person, not just ask a bunch of generic questions that everyone else has already asked. By doing that, you'll be able to stand out from competitors and make yourself look like a great candidate.

I hope that you've enjoyed this guide and it helps you in your job search. If you have any questions, please don't be afraid to reply to an email we've sent you and ask away. - Prof. Ron