“The Interview”

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.

**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.