



RECIPES FOR SUCCESS ON INTERVIEW DAY

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Now that you know how to use the app and write great titles, summaries, and keywords, you're almost ready to record! Prepare your questions and read through the checklist below before the big day so that you know what to expect.

The app has a built-in timer and question selection mechanism. You can follow the prompts in the app or use your worksheets as a guide during your conversation.

- Prepare your questions in advance, but be ready to ask follow-up questions and go “off script” if you hear something interesting.
- Try to find a quiet place to conduct your interview.
- Ask your partner for permission to record them before you start.
- Begin your recording by introducing yourself, and ask your partner to introduce themselves. State the location, date, and year where and when you are conducting the interview (e.g., *Today is November 24, 2019, and we are in Grandpa's living room in Lexington, KY.*).
- The app will prompt you to take a picture with your partner. If you'd prefer, you can take a picture of an old photograph of your partner or a piece of paper with the interview date on it.



Pro Tip: If you are using your phone to record an interview, put it in airplane mode and close any other apps you may have open.

PRIVACY & CONSENT TO BE RECORDED

- After your interview, discuss these privacy setting options with your partner:

(1) Choose to publish the interview and photo. Both will appear on the StoryCorps website and be transmitted to the Library of Congress. There are three privacy options when publishing your interview:

Everyone: Your interview and related information are available to anyone on the web.

Archive Users: Your interview and related information are available to anyone with an account on the StoryCorps Archive.



Only You: Your interview and related information are private.

(2) Choose NOT to publish the interview. The audio file and photo will remain saved locally on the device. It will not be uploaded to the Library of Congress.



Pro Tip: If you have trouble publishing over Wi-Fi (don't worry, it happens sometimes!), check out our Help Center at storycorps.org for step-by-step guidance on extracting the audio file from your device and manually uploading it from a desktop or laptop computer.

- For students who publish: After uploading, visit archive.storycorps.org and log in to your account from a desktop or your mobile device. You can edit your title, summary, and keywords and email your teacher a link to the interview.
- For students who choose not to publish: If you decide to keep your interview private (or participated using a digital recorder), email your teacher with the interview duration and provide a sample title, summary, and keywords.
- Remember to thank your recording partner and send them a link to your published interview.



Pro Tip: You are welcome to conduct as many interviews as you like.



Pro Tip: If you change your mind after recording, you can remove your interview from public view by logging in to your account at archive.storycorps.org and changing your setting to private.

QUESTIONS

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- If you have questions, please visit our Help Center at thegreatlisten.org. You will find the answers to most of your questions there.
- If you have any trouble, we invite you to reach out to us via email at contactus@storycorps.org. You will receive a receipt for your email that you can provide to your teacher while you wait for us to respond promptly.
- We do not provide phone support for The Great Thanksgiving Listen, but we will do our best to respond promptly to every email inquiry.