

Sample interview station 1 transcript: A very high scoring answer

Dr Eneko Larrañeta: 'Hello my name is Dr Eneko Larrañeta, and I will be your assessor for this station.'

John Murphy: 'Hi there.'

Dr Eneko Larrañeta: 'Am I speaking to John Murphy?'

John Murphy: 'Yes, I'm John.'

Dr Eneko Larrañeta: 'Can I check your ID please?'

John Murphy: 'Yes, here it is.'

Dr Eneko Larrañeta: 'That's great. Thanks.'

Dr Eneko Larrañeta: 'Here is the question for this station. Pharmacists often come across new situations with patients and their medications. Give me an example of a time when you had to deal with something that made you feel uncomfortable or was new to you. How did you approach it and what would you do differently the next time something similar happens?'

John Murphy: 'I am going to tell you about a time that I was asked to give a presentation in front of all the people in my year at school. I felt very nervous about giving the presentation and I felt that this might make me give a bad presentation or make me forget what I wanted to say. In preparation for the presentation, I thought it would be good to speak to someone who is more experienced or try and get some information online about giving a good presentation and I hoped that this would make me less nervous. I asked my teacher for some advice because they speak in front of big groups of students all the time. She told me that I didn't have to be perfect and that feeling nervous was normal. My teacher also suggested some videos that I could watch online about delivering oral presentations effectively and this was really helpful. I learnt about using good body language and eye contact to appear more confident. When I was practising my presentation, I said it out loud to myself. However, if I was asked to give a presentation in front of a big audience again, I would definitely practice my presentation in front of someone who would give me honest feedback so that I could improve my presentation skills further.'

Dr Eneko Larrañeta: 'Thanks for your answer and good luck on your next station.'

John Murphy: 'Thanks. Have a good day.'