

You too can be an instant expert!

When you play the public speaking game “Expert Interviews” you become an expert, no matter the topic. You know it all!

This is an invitation to suspend truth, embellish reality and immerse yourself, your friends and family, in fun.



Game overview

“Expert Interviews” is a paired impromptu speaking game. One person takes

on the role of expert, and the other becomes the interviewer. The name of the expert and their area of expertise is randomly drawn by interviewer. It could be any one of the 100 expert names and interview ideas that you'll find if you scroll down past the instructions for playing the game. The expert learns both his/her name and their area of expertise from the interviewer's introduction.

For example:

*"We're extremely fortunate today to have with us in the studio, **Isaac Flugelhorn**. Isaac is a well-known, respected and published **expert on the benefits of teaching children to read underwater**. Isaac, I'd like to begin to by asking when you first realized your vocation?"*

The game ends when the interviewer brings it to a close after approximately 2 minutes of Question & Answer.

The aim of the game

Aside from being very entertaining there are useful goals for the players to reach for.

For the expert

The goal for the expert is to 'own' their given area of expertise realistically and wholeheartedly, regardless of how ridiculous the topic is or how little knowledge they have on the subject.

For the interviewer

The goal for the interviewer is to draw out the expert by asking open-ended questions.

Who can play?

You need a minimum of 2 people, and the game is best suited to those over 12 years old. I've used it with adults, and mixed groups of adults and children. It's been a hit every time – one those games that people ask for again, and again.

What will this game help develop?

- impromptu speaking - the ability to think, then speak fluently, with ease
- an awareness of the elements of entertaining storytelling
- the ability to ask good open ended questions
- imaginative, creative thinking
- all the aspects of vocal variety – pace, pause, pitch, volume, fluency
- use of body language
- confidence
- trust in oneself – that you can think, and that you can answer appropriately and well
- audience awareness – the ability to gauge when to change direction if the audience is not responding well, or when to finish the interview ...

How to play

1. Print off the number of expert names needed. Place them face down.
2. The players pair up and decide who is the interviewer and who is the expert.

3. The pairs decide the order they are going to follow.
4. The interviewer selects a name/topic and begins.
5. When all the pairs have had their turns, switch roles and start again.
This gives everyone an opportunity to experience being the expert and the interviewer.

Rules

There are very few!

1. Once a name/topic has been used put it aside to ensure it doesn't get picked again.
2. A name/topic can not be exchanged. Players must use what was selected.
3. Agree to keep the interviews to around 2 – 3 minutes long to keep the game moving along.
4. The audience, (namely the pairs who are listening and watching while waiting for their turn), must be positive and supportive.

Have fun with the game!

Happy holidays,

Susan

PS. There are many more games similar to this on my site. Here's a link that will give you access to them all: [public speaking games and activities](http://www.write-out-loud.com/public-speaking-games-and-activities).



100 Expert Interview Ideas ★★

Name: Andrew Smith
Expertise: Brass band tuba tuner

Name: Sally Rose
Expertise: Romance writer

Name: Sophie Carlisle
Expertise: Food presentation (stylist) for magazines

Name: Mary Kennedy
Expertise: Real estate salesperson

Name: Tony Mackin
Expertise: International finance

Name: Marigold Falls
Expertise: Teacher of the deaf

Name: Deirdre Duncan
Expertise: Home economist

Name: Fred Alexander
Expertise: Car mechanic

Name: Michael Tonks
Expertise: Ballet dancer

Name: Rosemary Fleckensparr
Expertise: Celebrity chef

Name: Bob Brickall
Expertise: Ceramic artist

Name: John Ford
Expertise: Gossip columnist



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Name: Ian Ridgeway
Expertise: Football player

Name: Angela Swift
Expertise: Hairdresser

Name: Emma Ball
Expertise: Newspaper journalist

Name: Aaron Golding
Expertise: Yoga instructor

Name: Simon Hatch
Expertise: Carpenter

Name: Sonny Wong
Expertise: Plumber

Name: Joan Thorp
Expertise: Singer in a band

Name: Stewart Wilson
Expertise: Sport's teacher

Name: Irma Trott
Expertise: Fashion Designer

Name: Raymond Harris
Expertise: Politician

Name: Ruth Songard
Expertise: Architect

Name: Lindy Jones
Expertise: Nurse



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Name: Gary Jenkins
Expertise: Environmental adviser

Name: Anthony Andrews
Expertise: Doctor

Name: Jake Brown
Expertise: Winemaker

Name: Mark Henry
Expertise: Computer specialist

Name: Simon Rouse
Expertise: Advertising copy writer

Name: Helene Walls
Expertise: Social worker

Name: Josh Walker
Expertise: Map maker

Name: Joe Cows
Expertise: Deep-sea fisherman

Name: Enid Wasserman
Expertise: Research scientist

Name: Ruby Rawlings
Expertise: Child psychologist

Name: Bill Ward
Expertise: Park Ranger

Name: Eunice Berry
Expertise: Courier driver



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Name: Isobel Drew
Expertise: Internet marketer

Name: Lance Merryman
Expertise: House painter

Name: Scott Graham
Expertise: Preacher

Name: Betty Climo
Expertise: Environmental spokesperson

Name: James Vincent
Expertise: Tourism operator

Name: Shona Phelps
Expertise: Shop window designer

Name: Phillip Howard
Expertise: Bus driver

Name: Peter Little
Expertise: Market gardener

Name: Gerard Homes
Expertise: Weather man

Name: Molly McDonald
Expertise: Front of house for theater

Name: Billy Ward
Expertise: Boat builder

Name: Adam Brown
Expertise: Life saver



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Name: Susie Tindell

Expertise: Color matcher for paint shop

Name: Jill Streeter

Expertise: Language teacher

Name: Josie Black

Expertise: Violin maker

Name: Edith O'Neill

Expertise: Illustrator of children's books

Name: Bob Dodds

Expertise: Building demolitions

Name: Cyril Coates

Expertise: Bespoke tailor

Name: Robert Clough

Expertise: Guitar player

Name: John Player

Expertise: International relations

Name: Gwen Fisk

Expertise: Car seat designer

Name: Marnie Small

Expertise: Home ware salesperson

Name: Cheryl Sommers

Expertise: Web writer

Name: Amy Summers

Expertise: Play therapist



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Name: Sidney Glass
Expertise: Story teller

Name: Mary Mackenzie
Expertise: Garden designer

Name: Bob Clough
Expertise: Horse whisperer

Name: Gary Falls
Expertise: Public relations

Name: Harold Wells
Expertise: Doctor

Name: Isobel Watkins
Expertise: Wedding photographer

Name: Betty Salinger
Expertise: Voice over for radio ads

Name: John Spurling
Expertise: Policy analyst

Name: Chris Smythe
Expertise: Insurance salesperson

Name: Larry Larkin
Expertise: Playwright

Name: Tom Bloor
Expertise: Marine biologist

Name: Cindy Merriman
Expertise: Playground designer



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Name: Lisa Chute
Expertise: Cartoonist

Name: Jason Withers
Expertise: Prison psychologist

Name: Duncan Grice
Expertise: Motorbike salesperson

Name: Amanda Howell
Expertise: Dentist

Name: Sunny Prowse
Expertise: Fabric designer

Name: Cheryl King
Expertise: Cafe owner

Name: Suzanne Petch
Expertise: Yoga teacher

Name: Michael Young
Expertise: Manufacturer

Name: Dennis McSmall
Expertise: Lawyer

Name: Fiona Harris
Expertise : Florist

Name: Susie Grant
Expertise: Hat maker

Name: Gloria Taylor
Expertise: TV advertising



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Name: Shanti Liddings
Expertise: Political commentator

Name: Rose Lions
Expertise: Bar owner

Name: Daisy Watkins
Expertise: Make-up artist

Name: Sally Rawlings
Expertise: Librarian

Name: Sophie Brown
Expertise: Interior designer

Name: Carol Winger
Expertise: Travel consultant

Name: Harry Hysipp
Expertise: Clown

Name: Barry Golding
Expertise: Youth adviser

Name: Crystal McQueen
Expertise: Adoption services

Name: Lance Truman
Expertise: Taxi driver

Name: Ralph Grice
Expertise: Event management

Name: Patrick King
Expertise: Body builder



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Name: Richard Dodds

Expertise: Property management

Name: June Clifford

Expertise: Speech therapy

Name: Theresa Platt

Expertise: Fund raiser

Name: Fred Phillips

Expertise: Rights activist