This activity can be done two different ways:

o1.) Charades:

Set your classroom up with the desks in a circle.

Cut out each action that should be avoided at a job interview

As students enter the classroom, allow them to choose an action out of a hat or cup (or whatever you have)!

Explain to your students that everyone has a different action that should be avoided during a professional interview setting.

Give them about 2 minutes to figure out how they would act out their action.

Have 2 chairs in the middle. One for you and one for the student acting out their trait. Then, starting at one end of the circle, have each student enter the circle one at a time and allow the students on the outside of the circle to guess what the action is.

Ask the student in the center WHY this should be avoided during a professional interview and then move on to the next student. Have fun!

o2.) Discussion

Set your classroom up with the desks in a circle.

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As students enter the classroom, allow them to choose an action out of a hat or cup (or whatever you have)!

Explain to your students that everyone has a different action that should be avoided during a professional interview setting.

On a notecard, have the students write a detailed paragraph about WHY their action would be inappropriate during an interview. (Be sure to have them add examples)

Go around the circle and have each student announce what action they had and WHY it would be inappropriate. Have fun!

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| BLAME ALL OF YOURPROBLEMS ON YOURCO WORKERS | GIVE TOO MANYPERSONAL DETAILS | BITE YOUR NAILS,FIDGET, OR SHOWNERVOUSNESS | CHEWGUM |
| Bring yourbreakfast, lunch,or dinner | Talk on your cellphone or readtext messages | Showuplate | Discuss money,time off, orbenefits |
| Forget to askquestions at theend of theinterview | Brush hair, filenails, put onlipstick | Hit on thereceptionist asyou pass by | Fail to follow upand send thankyou note |