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Directions:

Using the article "How to Follow Up After an Interview" (<https://www.agcareers.com/ag-and-food-career-guide/2025/US/28/>), complete the activity below.

Pre-Reading

Answer these questions before reading the article.

1. Describe a time when you didn't get something you wanted (winning a competition, an officer role, making a sports team, etc.).

2. How did you handle the rejection?

3. What is one positive takeaway you gained from the rejection?

Post-Reading

Answer these questions after reading the article.

1. In your own words, what does the following quote mean to you? "Every rejection is a redirection." —Mel Robbins

2. What is the first step you should take after a job interview?

3. What should be included in a personalized note after the job interview?

4. What is another way to show interest in the role you have interviewed for?

5. You recently interviewed for a job with your local farm supply store. They mentioned that you would hear something, one way or another, within two weeks. It's been a little over two weeks, and you still have not heard back from the store manager. Based on the article, what should you do if you haven't heard back from the company within the timeline they provided?

6. Summarize the advice that is given for handling rejection from a job position.

7. What is a good way to learn from the interview experience? Explain.

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8. Why is it important to remain professional with the company, even after being rejected for the position?

Dig Deeper

Below is a poorly written follow-up email that someone might send after a job interview. Your job is to edit and rewrite the letter so that it is professional, polite and aligned with the strategies shared in the article.

Bad Letter Example

what's up,

thanks for talking to me yesterday. i think id be really good at this job because its something im interested in. i hope you will hire me. also, can you tell me how much money i would be making?

plz let me know soon because i have another job i might take if this one does not work out.

thx so much!

J. smith

1. Identify three problems in this email.

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2. Rewrite the email so that it is more professional and appropriate for a real employer. You are welcome to make up or embellish details.

3. How do you think handling rejection will actually help your long-term career success?

4. What is one concrete way you can apply the article's advice in your FFA, SAE or future job search?