

Writing an Interview

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Structure

- Brief introduction (see next slide). It makes it easier to abbreviate the names later on if you have given them in full in the introduction.
- The interviewer's questions should be quite short and the interviewer's answers much longer.
- Show that the interview has come to an end.



Sample Introduction

- In this month's episode of 'Before They Were Famous', Colm Dennehy talks to recent Nobel Prize winner Rory Kennedy about his formative years.
- CD: Good morning, Rory, and thank you for taking the time to come into the studio this morning...
- (The rest of this sample interview is on the educateplus.ie website under Higher Level Leaving Cert English Exam Solutions.)

Tip

- Try to link the questions in some way if you can. Show that the interviewer has done some research and is listening and responding to the answers. Here are some sample openings of questions.
- 'That's very interesting. Did it have any bearing on your decision to...'
- 'Was that the main reason you decided to pursue a career in science?'
- 'You said earlier...'
- 'You mentioned your father's influence...'
- 'You have been quoted as saying...'
- 'You are on record as an opponent of...' Etc.

Anecdotes

- An anecdote (short amusing or interesting story about an incident or person) can help to bring the piece to life and make it seem more natural and believable.

