

Vanguard TEFL – Final Prep & Classroom Edge

INTERVIEW Q&A (Tailored for TEFL)

Here are some common questions you might face in a TEFL interview, along with tips for answering:

1. Can you tell me about yourself? – Keep it professional and focused on teaching experience, education, and passion for cultural exchange.
2. How would you handle a classroom with mixed ability levels? – Show adaptability, using differentiated tasks and group work.
3. How do you keep students engaged? – Mention interactive activities, technology use, and culturally relevant examples.
4. Describe a time you handled a challenging student. – Share a calm, solution-focused approach.
5. Why do you want to teach in our country? – Research the country's culture, education system, and express genuine interest.

DRESS CODE: Online & Abroad

Online: Professional but comfortable. Solid colors, minimal patterns, no logos or distracting backgrounds.

Abroad: Dress codes vary by country:

- Japan: Conservative, neutral colors, cover tattoos.
- South Korea: Business casual, avoid overly bright colors.
- China: Formal for interviews, business casual for class.
- Middle East (UAE, Saudi Arabia): Modest attire, avoid tight clothing and sleeveless tops.
- Europe: Generally smart casual, but check with your employer.

STUDENT LEARNING STYLE TEST

Before you start teaching, understanding your students' learning styles can help you plan more effective lessons.

Use this free quiz: <https://www.learningstylequiz.com/>

Steps:

1. Have students take the quiz.
2. Review the results.
3. Adjust your teaching approach based on whether they are visual, auditory, or kinesthetic learners.

FIRST LESSON BLUEPRINT (Based on Learning Styles)

Visual learners: Use images, slides, and color-coded notes.

Auditory learners: Include discussions, audio clips, and pronunciation drills.

Kinesthetic learners: Integrate role-plays, movement, and physical activities.

Always start with an icebreaker and end with a short review.

CONFIDENCE CHECKLIST (Before Interview or First Class)

- ✓ Resume & certificates ready
- ✓ Professional attire prepared
- ✓ Internet, camera, and microphone tested
- ✓ Lesson plan reviewed
- ✓ Cultural etiquette researched
- ✓ Positive mindset – smile and engage