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14 WAYS TO SCREW UP YOUR COLLEGE INTERVIEW

JESSICA, 17, Female

INTERVIEWER, 20's, N/A

Jessica enters Interviewer 1's office.

INTERVIEWER 1
Jessica, thanks for coming in.

JESSICA
Hey, thanks for having me, great,
sure.

INTERVIEWER 1
...right. So, shall we -

JESSICA
Walk and talk? If you need to go
some where I could totally do this
while walking.

INTERVIEWER 1
No. I don't want to go anywhere.
I was just going to say...

JESSICA
That there's no smoking. No
problem. I never smoke. My mom
caught me smoking once and
threatened to disown me and, boy, I
don't want that.

INTERVIEWER 1
No, can you just let me finish my -

JESSICA
Sandwich.

INTERVIEWER 1
Sentence! Your not letting me
complete any of my sentences.

JESSICA

I'm sorry. I am, I just...(exhale)...I just get so nervous when I...go in for interviews that I...jump the gun sometimes.

INTERVIEWER 1

Well there's nothing to be nervous about, this is just -

JESSICA

The most important meeting of my life, and if it doesn't go well I might as well -

INTERVIEWER 1

No! That's not what I was going to say. This is just an interview. That's all.

JESSICA

Oh, right.

INTERVIEWER 1

No need to get over excited. Most of our decision will be based on your grades, SAT's, and -

JESSICA

BMI.

INTERVIEWER 1

What?

JESSICA

Body Mass index.

INTERVIEWER 1

No.

JESSICA

How many girls I've kissed since the seventh grade.

INTERVIEWER 1

No! Why would that matter?

JESSICA

I don't know. Nervous tick. Oh, God, I'm ruining it aren't I?

INTERVIEWER 1
No, just. Okay, lets take a deep
breath, and try not to answer until
I've finished my -

JESSICA
Novel?

INTERVIEWER 1
Until I've finished talking! Okay?
Don't just guess at what the
question *might* be, just wait until
I'm finished.

JESSICA
Right, yeah, of course.

Interviewer 1 takes a deep breath.

Jessica covers his mouth.

INTERVIEWER 1
What is it...about this
school...that makes you think...you
make a good addition to our student
body?

Jessica takes a minute, uncovers his mouth.

JESSICA
Okay. Right. Well that's easy. I
would make a good addition to the
student body because I'm energetic,
I'm a hard worker, and...uh...

INTERVIEWER 1
Well, that's fine. You don't need
to -

JESSICA
Speak anymore.

INTERVIEWER 1
No, you -

JESSICA
Have already been accepted. Really
my grades are good enough?!?

INTERVIEWER 1
No, stop -

JESSICA
In the name of love. Stop or my
mom will shoot.

INTERVIEWER 1
N-

JESSICA
No, I swear, I know what you're
going to say this time. Stop sign.
Stop til you get enough. Stop drop
and roll.

Beat.

INTERVIEWER 1
Yep, that's what I was going to
say. Stop drop and roll. You got
it.

JESSICA
Yes. I knew I was getting close.

INTERVIEWER 1
Yep, you really...

JESSICA
Should go now.

INTERVIEWER 1
N...yes. You really should go now.

JESSICA
Two for two.

INTERVIEWER 1
Uh-huh.

Beat.

JESSICA
Oh, I should go.

INTERVIEWER 1
You said it, not me.

JESSICA
Right. Well, thank you for taking
the time to talk to me.

INTERVIEWER 1
Thank -

JESSICA
The lord! Hallelujah!

Beat.

INTERVIEWER 1
Yep. You got me again.

JESSICA
Three for three. Nice!

Jessica leaves.