



Interview Project: Soil Scientist

Today, we will be creating employment interviews and presenting them to the class. Not only is this great practice for future employment interview opportunities, it is also a great way to fully understand the skills and knowledge necessary for a job as a soil scientist.

Complete the following tasks in small groups:

Task #1 - In your small group, create a series of employment interview questions for a position as a soil scientist at a local environmental engineering firm (at least 5). Use the *Interview Basics* questions and *Careers That Work: Soil Scientist* as your guides.

Task #2 - Again, in your small group, answer the questions you created for the soil scientist position at a local environmental engineering firm. Make sure you answer completely and in a compelling manner; after all, you really want this job as a soil scientist!

Task #3 - Present your interview to the class. Designate one student as the Employer conducting the interview and another student as the Prospective Employee who wants the soil scientist position. This presentation will be graded using the *Interview Rubric* found below.

Interview Rubric:

- First Impressions - eye contact, firm handshake, confident, friendly, professional appearance (20 points)
- Nonverbal/Body Language - positive attitude, friendly, eye contact, positive facial expressions (20 points)
- Speech - easily understood, clear & pleasant speaking voice, appropriate volume and speed, good grammar (20 points)
- Answer Quality - complete answers, showed knowledge, positive attitude (20 points)
- Interview Conclusion - thanked interviewer, asked about timeframe for being hired, positive conclusion, firm handshake (20 points)