

TOP TIPS

BEFORE THE AUDITION:

1. Carefully read all instructions that have been sent. Note anything specific you need to wear and if you need to prepare any material.
2. Get a good nights sleep the night before and wake up early! Give yourself plenty of time to have breakfast and travel to the venue. There is NO excuse for being late and this may even work against you.
3. On time is late! Plan to arrive 10 minutes before your audition and even earlier if you haven't warmed up yet.
4. Warm up your voice and your body before the audition. Even simple voice exercises at home or in the car will make a big difference, especially if you have a morning audition.
5. Wear something comfortable that you can easily move in.
6. Make sure your hair is neatly off your face.
7. Remember to take water and a snack or lunch if you are going to be there all day.
8. When you arrive DON'T WORRY about what anyone else is doing. Don't be distracted or put off by others. Breathe and relax!

DURING THE AUDITION:

1. LISTEN. It is very important that you listen carefully to the instructions you are being given, especially if you get a correction or get asked to do something in a different way.
2. Don't ask silly or unnecessary questions! This is an indicator to the person auditioning you that you may be unprofessional and difficult to work with.
3. At all times you are auditioning! Make sure you are performing, even if you are just learning a song in a group.
4. DON'T mess around or chat to your friends. They are watching you all the time throughout the audition, even when you are not performing. Messing around might lose you the job! If you are given a dance to perform in groups make sure you are practicing at the side when it is not your turn.

5. **ENJOY and SMILE!** Present yourself in a friendly, keen and confident way, especially if you are asked a question. Speak loudly and clearly.
6. If you forget what you are doing during a song or dance just keep going, stay in character and smile!
7. If the person auditioning you says 'NEXT' or cuts you off in the middle of your singing, acting or dancing, that means that they have seen enough, so don't be offended. Also don't worry if the person auditioning you doesn't respond much. This is not necessarily a bad thing! They are usually running on a very tight time schedule during auditions with lots of people to see in a short space of time.
8. Understand that the people casting want you to be good! They are on your side and not against you.
9. Have the mindset and attitude of 'This is me and this is what I can do!'
10. Don't overthink any of the acting, singing or dancing you are given to do. If it's not your style or different to what you usually do just give it a go and try your best!

AFTER THE AUDITION:

1. If you don't get the job, understand that it may be because you didn't look right for the part or weren't the right height. There are many reasons for not getting a part so don't think that it's because you weren't good enough.
2. Don't be bitter, be better! Take the time to reflect on the audition and areas which you think you could improve for next time.



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