The internet is full of advice on how to have a good interview. Rather than overwhelming yourself with all kinds of opinions (some of them contradictory), here are five simple things to remember to get you on the right track.

1) **Appearance**: They say you never get a second chance to make a first impression! How you look when you walk into an interview is very important. Always be well groomed and presentable. Also, dress appropriate for the job you are applying for. A three-piece suit wouldn’t be appropriate for an interview as a mechanic, nor would a polo shirt be appropriate for an interview as an attorney. The best thing to do is look at yourself in the mirror and ask, “Would I hire me for this job?”

2) **Attitude**: Always sit up straight and make eye contact with the interviewer when you speak. Slouching or not making eye contact tells the interviewer that you do not respect them, and that is a sure way not to get the job. Also, it is never a good idea to be eating or chewing gum during an interview.

3) **Attentiveness**: Make sure that you listen to the interviewer or interviewers carefully. This is very helpful because at the end of the interview, most of the time, you will be asked if you have any questions. Also, if you can explain something back to them during the interview, they will be impressed.

4) **Research**: Learn about the positive aspects of the company that you are interviewing with and try to slip some of the information you leaned into the interview. This shows the interviewer that you are serious about working for the company. A good source of information about a company is their website.

5) **Preparation**: Make sure that you leave for the interview in plenty of time, it’s much better to be 20 minutes early than 2 minutes late. Make sure you have plenty of copies of your portfolio or resume just in case they are needed. Also, it is a good idea to have a pen and paper, and take notes during the interview.

And those are five simple things you can remember to have a good interview. As you get experience with interviewing, you will undoubtedly learn more, but these basics will get you on the right track.