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**Idea 94: Ridiculous excuses**

*Ideas for job interviews*

**The Office Clerk**

The excuses could include:

1. I get confused when there is artificial lighting.
2. Computers are a mystery to me.
3. I hate forms of any description.
4. The sound of a stapler grates on my nerves.
5. The sight of a paper shredder worries me.
6. I don’t like starting early.
7. I don’t like being told what to do.
8. The tea breaks aren’t long enough.
9. The company food canteen is probably not what I like.
10. I don’t like small talk with colleagues.

**Photographer’s Assistant**

1. I don’t like assisting, I’d rather be the one taking the pictures.
2. How do I know if I’ll get on with the photographer?
3. I would only do it if we could split the money 50/50.
4. I would only do it if I could choose the subjects.
5. I only like black and white pictures; colour annoys me.
6. Cameras are too complicated these days.
7. I have no imagination.
8. I wouldn’t like going to different places all the time, as that would be irritating.
9. I hate wedding ceremonies.
10. My hand shakes so the pictures would be fuzzy.

**Working in a Sweetshop**

1. I’d eat all the sweets.
2. I don’t like kids.
3. Being surrounded by shelves will not be good for me.
4. I’m no good at maths.
5. If I keep saying words like ‘fudge, chocolate or coconut ice’ I will end up feeling sick most of the time.
6. Those funny little brown paper bags will be a problem. I’ll want to blow them up and burst them each time.
7. All the different colours of the jars will make me dizzy.
8. If the customer asks what I recommend I’ll get him to sample everything and that will cut into our profits.
9. If I weigh out the sweets on the scales I’d probably feel sorry for the child and pop in an extra sweet. This too will lose us money.
10. I don’t want dentists coming up to me and telling me off for selling sweets which rot teeth.