

Tipps für Dein Gespräch mit einer Gastfamilie.

Du musst keine Angst haben, wenn du mit deiner zukünftigen Gastfamilie sprichst. Du darfst Fragen stellen, es ist immer besser, Dinge vorher in einem Gespräch zu klären. Den Familien ist bewusst, das du vieles wissen möchtest, gespannt bist, was dich erwartet und freuen sich, wenn du Interesse zeigst. Hast du etwas nicht verstanden, frage nochmals nach. Du benötigst auf jeden Fall Ruhe für ein solches Gespräch. Notiere dir vorher, was du unbedingt fragen möchtest.

Mögliche Fragen einer Gastfamilie:

- Why have you chosen to become an au-pair?
- Have you had any friends that have been au-pairs?
- What did you study at school?
- What type of job have you recently had?
- How many years have you studied English?
- What do you enjoy most about working with children?
- Do you drive? How often?
- Would you accept a family that has pets? Would you be willing to take the dog for walks or feed the dog?
- If you are vegetarian, will you cook meat for the children?
- Do you smoke? How often?
- Have you ever been her before?
- Are you familiar with our culture and family values?
- What childcare experience do you have?
- Have you baby sat for kids or worked in a camp or kindergarten?
- Have you ever bathed or cooked meals for children?
- What are the ages of the children you have cared for in the past?
- How do you discipline children?
- What type of relationship do you have with your family? How do they feel about you coming to us for (placement duration)?
- Would you be happy in the host family's community, it may be isolated, a city, suburb, or rural.
- What type of area do you currently live in?
- What type of household chores is expected of you in your home?
- Do you have to make dinner, wash the dinner plates, take out the rubbish bags etc?
- Do you cook? What type of meal could you cook the children?
- Do you have a boyfriend or girlfriend?
- How do you feel about leaving them for 6 months or over?
- Are they going to want to visit you?
- What type of hobbies do you have?
- Do you like sports, travel, swimming, the beach, etc?
- Do you understand what it's like to spend 25 – 42 hours per week with young children?
- Have you ever cared for a child for an extended period of time?

Mögliche Fragen des Au-pairs:

- Ask about the children, their ages, their friends, what they like to do.
- Ask about the climate, and what types of cultural activities are available in the area.
- Has the family ever had an au-pair before? If so, have they had an au-pair from your county?
- What type of area does the family live in?
- What type of activities does the family participate in?
- Are they active?
- What does the family do on weekends?
- Do they like sports, movies, computers, etc?
- Why has the family chosen to host an au-pair?
- Are there other au-pairs in the area?
- What type of clothes should you bring?
- What type of jobs do the parents have? Where do the parents work?
- What is a typical day like for the family?
- What are your typical working hours?
- Will you be asked to prepare meals for the kids?
- What type of food does the family eat?
- Would the family like you to prepare meals from your country?
- Are there specific recipes you can learn to cook before you arrive?
- Discuss: driving, weather conditions, how often you will need to drive.
- Will you be expected to drive the children to school and activities?
- How do the children feel about a new au-pair joining the family?
- Did the family have a good relationship with the last au-pair?