

*Recently, your friend, Chris, has been laid off from his job and is unemployed. Chris is becoming more depressed each day as he feels that he has lost control of his future and his self-confidence is beginning to erode as a result. Write a letter to Chris to comfort him and to offer him practical advice on job-hunting.*

Dear Chris,

How are you? I'm sorry to hear that you have been laid off from your job. You have been a chef at that restaurant for five years. Also, you enjoy this job very much. You must be depressed because of being laid off. However, don't be frustrated now. Let me give you some advice on job-hunting.

If I were you, I would find the job I am interested in. If I remember correctly, you enjoy cooking. You said that cooking can give you a huge amount of satisfaction, so you should find the job in the catering industry. If you are enthusiastic about your job, your boss will be appreciative of your attitude and you won't feel the pressure in your job. Some people may focus on the salary. They think the money is very important. However, if they don't enjoy the job, they can't perform very well. They have been waiting for getting off duty since they began their work. It is meaningless for them to keep on their job. They don't feel hopeful in their future. So, you should select the job you favour.

Why don't you choose the job which is suitable for your ability? There are some employment advertisements in which the job requirements are displayed. You need to read the requirements carefully. For instance, some restaurants want the chef who speaks several languages especially international restaurants. The chef needs to communicate with other master chefs who may come from Spain or France. In the employment advertisement, you need to pay attention to the duty of the employment. For example, you may need to buy or prepare some ingredients for being an assistant chef.

Also, you don't need to really mind the position of the restaurant. This is because we can't compare the same position in different restaurants. Perhaps, you can get the higher salary for being an assistant chef than being a chef in another restaurant. Moreover, you have been a chef before. Perhaps, you don't want to find the job which is an assistant chef or other lower position. But I think you should try to apply for all the positions you are interested in. Don't worry that you gain a lower position. If you work hard in being an assistant chef, you will be a chef or even a master chef in a few years.

Here's a food tip for your interview. Many companies hold the interview to consider whether the applicant is suitable for the job or not. These tips are useful for you to have the interview. Before you have an interview, you need to search about the restaurant's history and their mission. In the interview, the interviewer may ask if you agree with their mission or not. Also, you need to think about what questions they could ask. When you are in the interview, the manner is very vital. When you can be confident enough to attend the interview, the interviewer can feel that your enthusiasm. It can enhance your chance.

Don't worry too much. I hope this advice can help you. Please write again and let me know how things turn out.

Best wishes,

Chris