

## Homework - Head Chef For a Day

Interviewer: Did you enjoy being leader?

Me: Yes, it was the best thing I've done in kitchen this year! It was really fun and challenging.

Interviewer: Great! Did it give you any insights into the responsibilities a leader experiences?

Me: Yeah, I mean I am a leader in most things, but not really cooking, I guess I now know what it's like.

Interviewer: What did you find difficult or enjoyable in giving directions?

Me: I liked how my group could take my directions well, but in the last few minutes most of my directions were "Quick!"

Interviewer: How do you think your group reacted to your leadership?

Me: Like I said before, they reacted well. They really listened and did their jobs very well. I am so glad I could work with them.

Interviewer: How could you improve your leadership?

Me: Maybe it would've helped if I didn't break my arm. I also think it would be best to learn a few more things at first, like what 'saute' means.

Interviewer: What was your dish?

Me: Rice Pilaf - our herbs, celery & greens, - corn and shallots.

Interviewer: Were you happy with the result of your dish?

Me: Yes! It tasted great, and many other people thought that too.

Interviewer: Could it have been improved? How?


Me: I really think we should've used all of the rice.

Interviewer: Who was in your group?

Me: Owen, Eduardo and Teo, but Eduardo didn't turn up.

Interviewer: Well, that's all for today. Thank you!

# Chef for a day by Henry West



Last week, I was chef for a day. Including me, there were three people in my group. I was the leader and we were given the 'Perfect Salad with a Perfect Salad Dressing' recipe. I didn't really like being head chef because it was stressful and I don't really like telling people what to do. I prefer getting told what to do.

A good leader has to give out tasks to their team, answer lot's of questions, keep watch on the time, keep calm, keep everything safe and be supportive to their team.

I enjoyed getting the dish done and on the table. It tasted really nice and it looked good too. Me and my team worked really hard to get the dish finished and I stayed through my lunch to make sure everything was tidy. Next time, if I was leader again I would be a bit more confident and try to stay relaxed.

Over all, I think my team worked really well.

I think me and my team  
worked well but I wasn't  
the best leader.

I think my group did well  
but next time I'll remember  
to get the tools to serve  
the dish!



I didn't enjoy being the  
leader because it was  
hard but I kinda liked  
it.

I feel like we gave some  
people instructions and they  
understood me.

Damien

## CHEF OF THE DAY EXPERIENCE

My chef of the day experience was challenging, but I'd like to think that it was a learning experience.

I can't really say that I enjoyed it as such, but I do value the experience for its learning quality.

I learnt about coordination and preparation and that being a leader is *hard*.

Giving directions and advice to my group was very empowering and I liked that aspect of it, but otherwise I found distributing jobs effectively quite difficult. I feel like I could pick it up though.

I feel like I gave advice to my group fairly well and executing the tasks I gave myself was fairly easy.

I would change my behaviour to try and be calmer, because I think my rushing about and being unpredictable may have had an effect on my group's performance.

I feel that my group found my leadership mediocre at best, as I didn't handle it well.

I could improve my leadership by practising I guess, and trying to be more confident.

My dishes were Broad Bean Dip and Beetroot Dip, and I think the result was delicious. I could have improved it by getting it done on time.

-Simon