

RÉSUMÉ CHECKLIST

Your résumé should include:

- Name, address, email address, and telephone number
- Description of work history
- Any professional licenses or certifications
- Any memberships in professional organizations
- Any publications
- Your educational background
- Honors and awards

Your résumé may include:

- Community and volunteer work
- Training: formal, technical, and on-the-job
- Military experience
- Hobbies
- The phrase “references available upon request”

Your résumé should not include:

- Your photograph
- Names of spouse or children
- Names and addresses of references
- Reasons for leaving past jobs
- Salary requirements
- Past salaries
- Date of birth

(The last four items may be requested on a job application, but do not include them on a résumé.)

Adapted from <http://www.nc-net.info/ESL/index.php>

What do you know about American resumes?

Work with a partner to answer true or false to these questions:

	True	False
1. There is more than one correct style for an American resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. You should put your date of birth on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. You don't have to tell the dates of your graduation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. You should always put your marital status on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. You should include all the schools you attended on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. You should include references on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. You should include your health status (example: health: excellent) on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. You should never include your hobbies on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. You can leave some jobs off your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. You should use a pretty color paper, such as light blue for your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Your e-mail address should be on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Your resume can be 4 pages long.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Your education must be listed first on your resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. You should write a short explanation about each job.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sample cover letter

Your Name

Your Address

Your telephone

Your e-mail address

Today's date

Human Resources Director or Name from advertisement

Company Name

Street Address of Company

City, State Zip code of Company

Dear _____ :

I am writing in response to your advertisement in *(name of newspaper or website)*. I would like to apply for the position of *(name of job)*.

I am very *(one good quality)* and *(another good quality)*. My experience includes *(tell two or more things you have done)*.

I am enclosing my resume to give you more information about my experience. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

your signature

your name (typed)