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Suggestions for your au pair telephone interview.

Introduce yourself explain that you will tell them a little about your family and the role and then you want to find out about them. Explain you realise how difficult it is talking in another language on the telephone so if they don't understand they must ask.

Give a brief overview of your family and the role.

Some of the following questions may have been covered in the au pair application / letter but it's always good to hear it firsthand!

1. Why do you want to be an au pair?
2. What are your plans after being an au pair?
3. How do your friends describe you?
4. What is it that children like about you?
5. What childcare experience do you have?
6. How confident are you with driving? How often do you currently drive? Are you used to driving in cities / rural areas?
7. Have you been to the UK before?
8. What's the most fun thing you have done with children?
9. How would you occupy a x year old during the school holidays?
10. What would you do if a two year old cries when mummy goes to work?
11. What sort of food can you cook for a x year old?
12. Are you a tidy person (assuming your house is!)?
13. Would you go home for Christmas?
14. Will you want to attend language school / see the tourist attractions?
15. What do you think will make you a good au pair?

Discuss potential start date. How they will travel etc.

If you have pets you will want to cover this off with them and make sure they are confident around animals / happy to walk the dog etc.

If you have holidays planned with / without your au pair you need to go through this. Also if you are a busy family going away at weekends and not necessarily with the au pair you need to make sure they would be comfortable being in the house alone.