Job advertisements/ job adverts

For job seekers from recruiters/ employers

The job is a product.

It's necessary to write an effective job advertisement.

The readers of the job adverts are potential customers.

The aim of the job advertisement is

- to attract attention and interest;
- to communicate quickly and clearly the essential (appealing and relevant) points;
- to provide a clear response process and mechanism.

AIDA format

Job adverts and recruitment processes should follow the classical AIDA selling format:

- A Attention
- I Interest
- D Desire
- A Action

Good job advertisements must

- attract attention from appropriate jobseekers by establishing relevance in the minds of the ideal conditions,
- build interest to the information in an original way;
- create desire by pursuing what looks a great opportunity,
- provide a clear instruction for the next action or response.

Principles of job adverts

Avoid the following traps:

- over-designed graphics (distracts and slows reading);
- extravagantly presented layouts and words (distracts and slows reading);
 - too small or too large type-style;
- capital letters;
 - Iots of words in italics;

- printing in daft colours or tints against a coloured, patterned or picture back ground;
- clever or obscure headlines;
- coded communications;
 - too much technical details about the job or the company;
- too many words;
- boring description of roles;

too much emphasis on the job and not
enough on the person;

- weird advert box shape;
- huge half-page or whole page or double-page spreads.

Job adverts writing tips

- Use one simple headline and make it relevant and clear;
- describe (in an inspirational manner) the main purpose of the role;
- use simple language to make an advert easily to read;
- use the language that your reader uses;
- use short sentences;
- use short-sized paragraphs;

- use simple type-styles (Arial, Tahoma, New Roman Times etc.);
- use 12-20ish point-size for headings and subheadings;
- use 10, 11, 12 point-size for the main text;
- use simple black (or dark) colours on a white (or light coloured) background;
- try to incorporate something new, innovative, exciting, challenging (people are attracted to new things)

- stress what is unique;
- job advert statements and descriptions must be credible;
- remember AIDA.

Job advert items

- Job title
- Employer or recruitment agency
- Job base location
- Succinct description of business
- Organization/ location activity and market position and aims
- To whom the position reports
- Outline of job role and purpose expressed in the "second person" (you, your etc.)

- Indication of scale, size, responsibility, timescale and territory of role (full-time, part-time, permanent, contract)
- Outline of ideal candidate profile (expressed in "second person")
- Indication of qualifications and experience required
- Salary or salary guide
 - Other package details (pension, car, etc.)
- Contact details (address, phone, fax, email)

Спасибо за внимание!

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