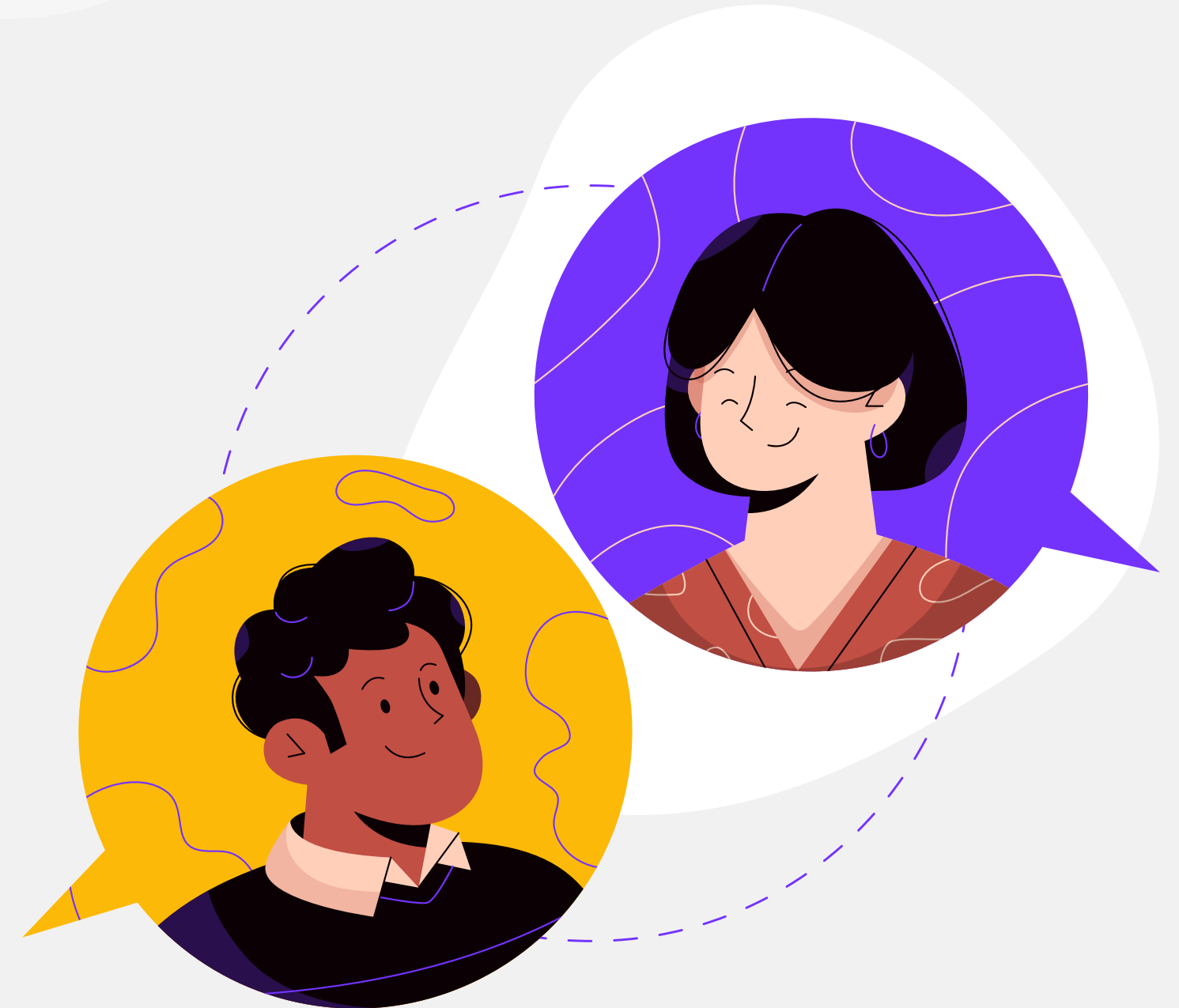


**Job Club: COVID**  
**2021 Edition**  
**Nailing the**  
**[Online]**  
**Interview**

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# Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Icebreaker
- Difficult Questions
- Top 7 tips for acing the (online) interview
- Questions and discussion





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Interviews can be  
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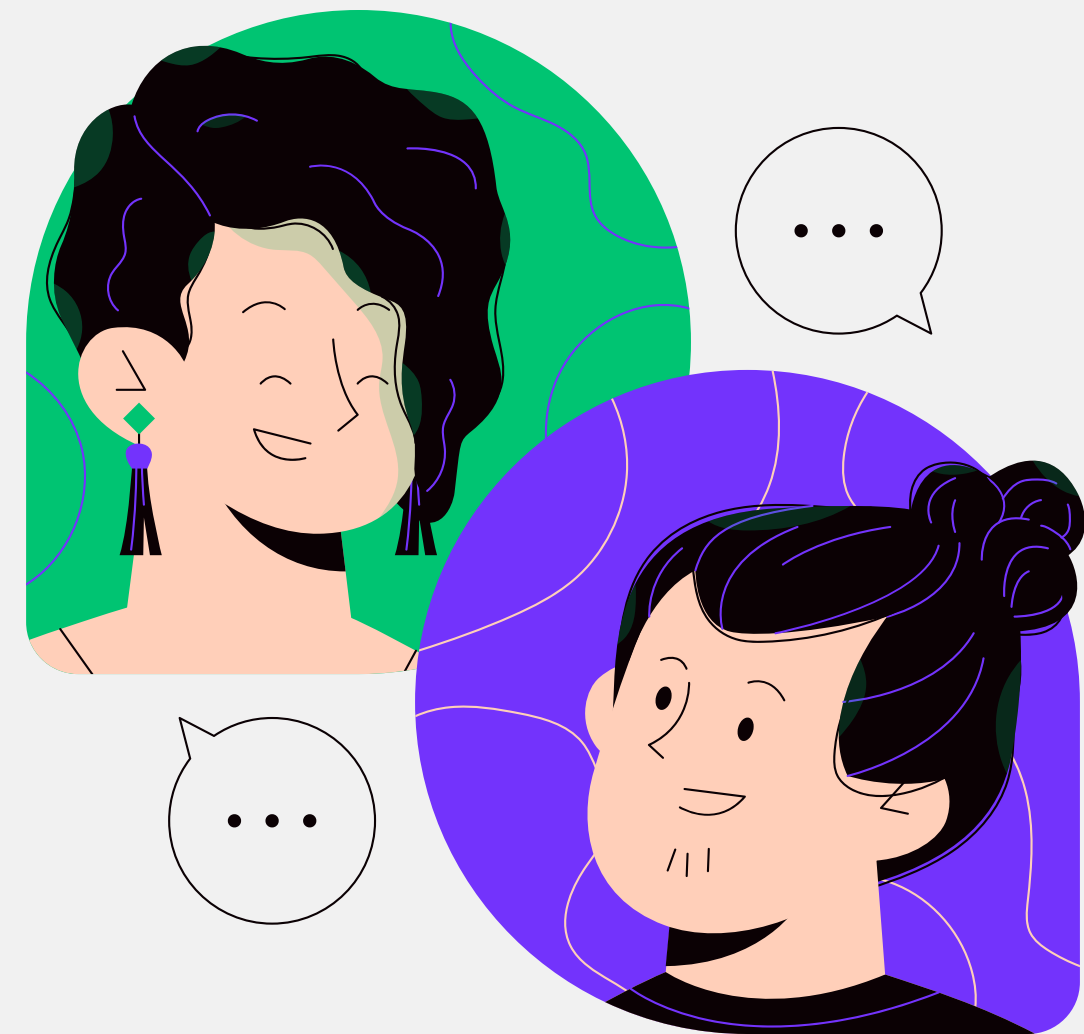
What are some strategies or techniques you've used to help ease your nerves before an interview?



## Reflection time....

What are some difficult questions you've been asked in an interview?

How have you responded?



# Examples of **Difficult** Questions:



What is your greatest weakness/strength?

Tell me about a time you dealt with conflict?

Tell me about yourself?

Why should we hire you?

# Top 7 tips for acing the [online] interview



# Preparation **still** applies

Research the organization

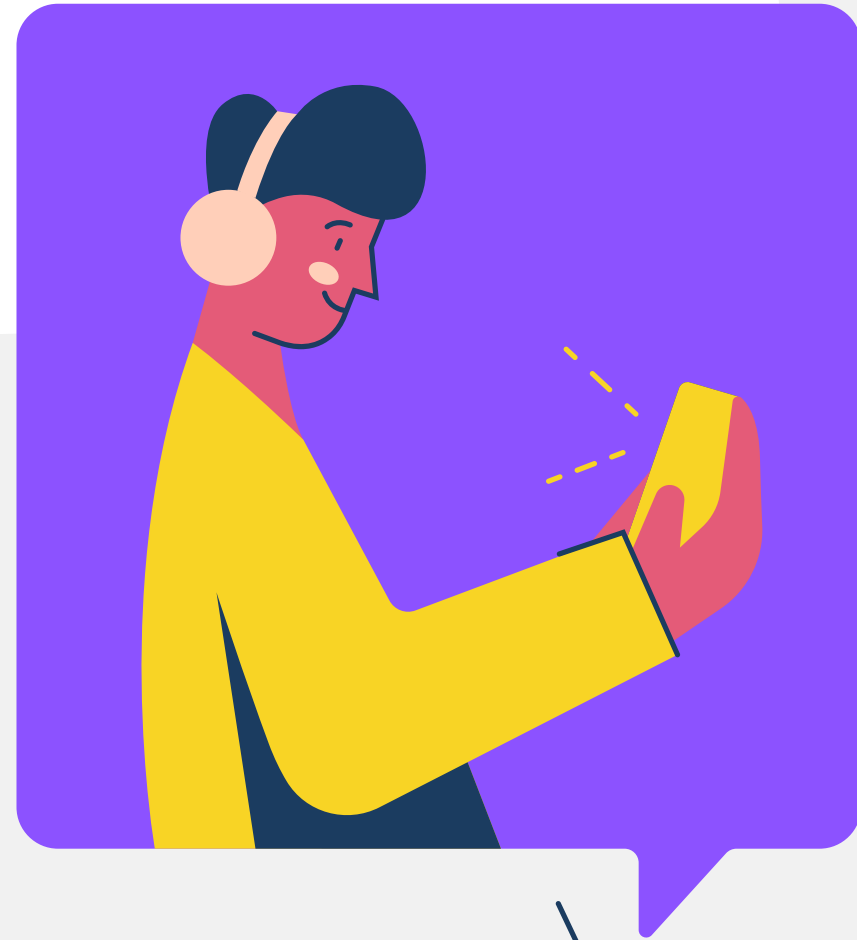
Check interview details, including time zone

Rehearse questions

Review job posting and charge your computer/earbuds



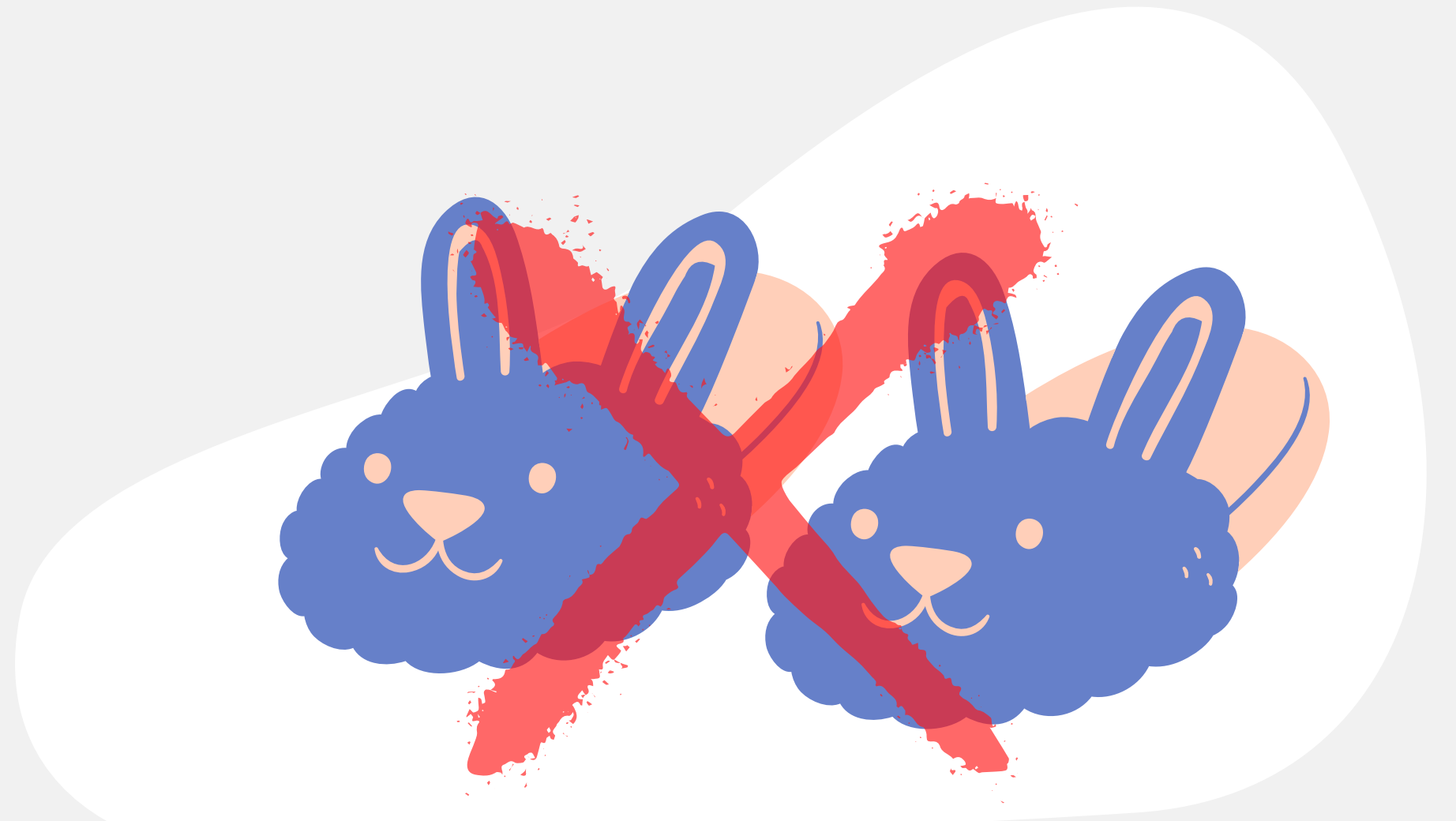




Test and  
familiarize  
yourself with  
the **technology**



Dress for the  
success





Consider your  
environment  
and non-verbal  
communication

# Ask about a plan B

Even when you have done the preparation, things can sometimes still go awry with technology

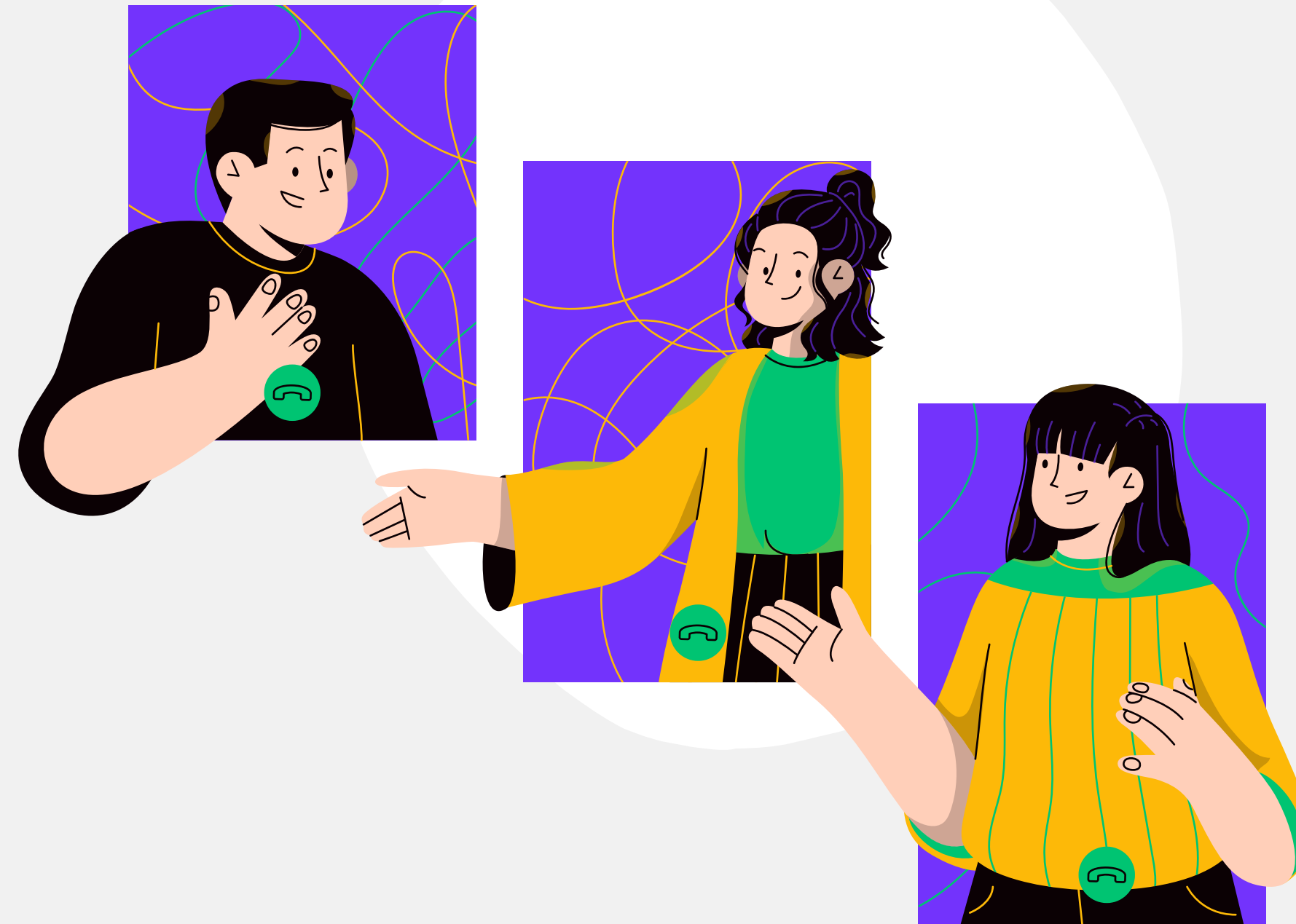


# Prepare questions

Suggest having at least three questions prepared

“What do you enjoy most about your role?”

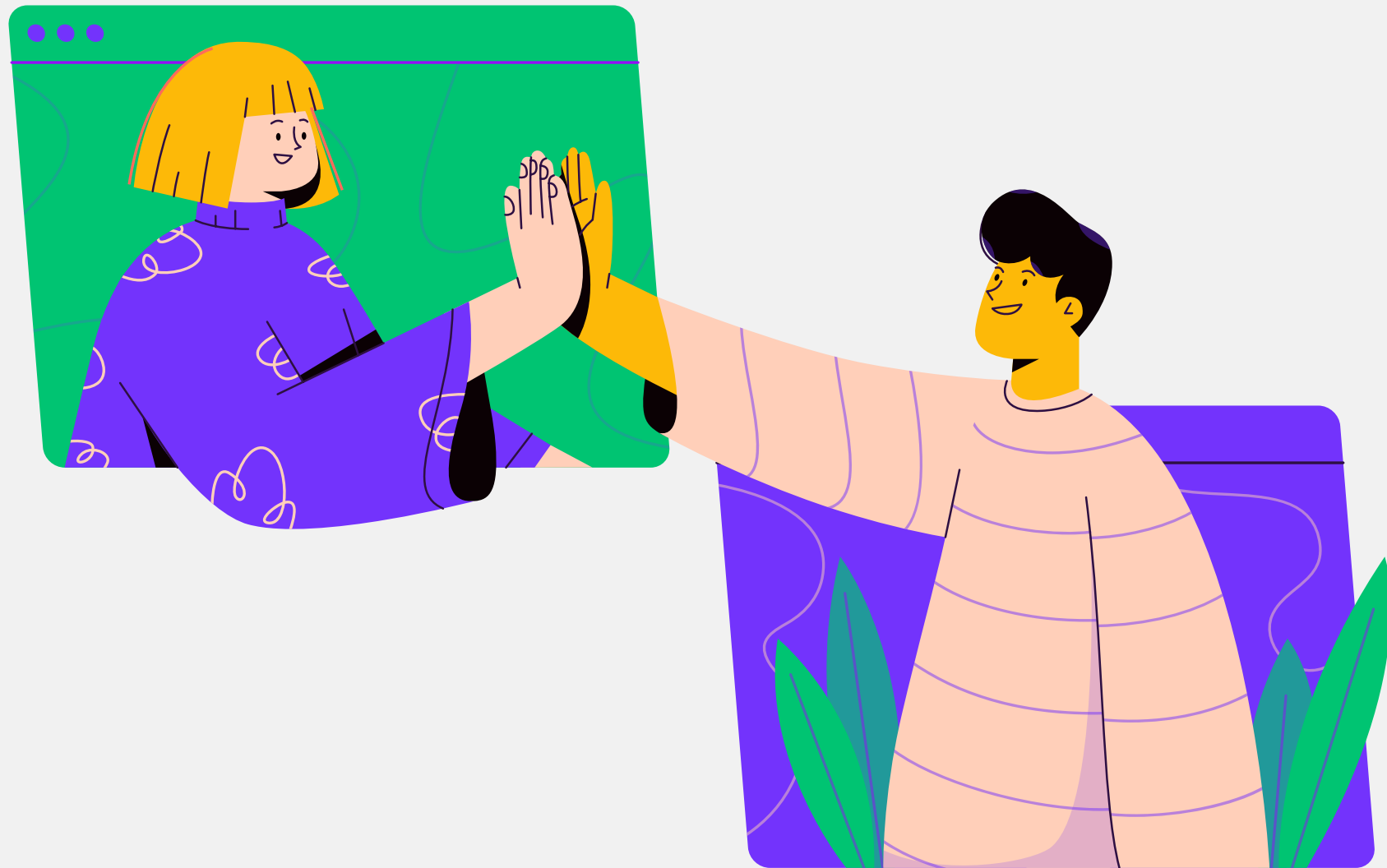
Can you tell me more about the environment at the office/how the team works together?”



# Follow-up and self-reflect

Follow-up with an email of thanks and look forward to hearing next steps

Be gentle with yourself and take a pause moment to reflect on how things went





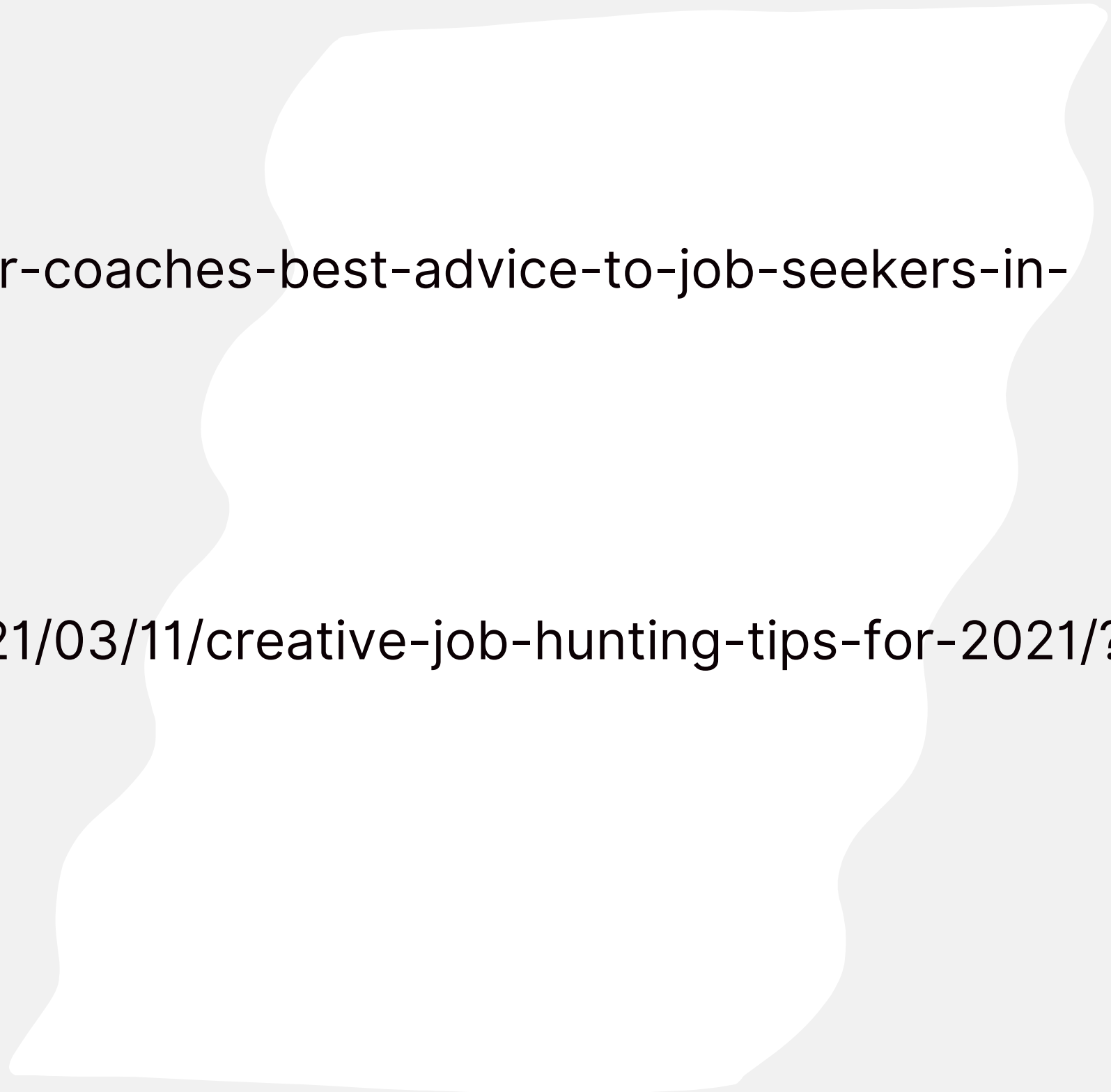
# Resources

## **Job Hunting in a pandemic:**

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/02/04/career-coaches-best-advice-to-job-seekers-in-2021.html>

## **Tips for job searchers in COVID-19:**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/theyec/2021/03/11/creative-job-hunting-tips-for-2021/?sh=24277aff34db>





Thank you!

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