

BABYSITTER INTERVIEW CHECKLIST FROM SITTER

Babysitter Name: _____

Phone Interview Date: _____ Time: _____

In-Home Interview Date: _____ Time: _____

Did the babysitter arrive on time?

How did they greet the child? Did they get down to the child's height and introduce themselves warmly? Did they seem comfortable with the child?

How did they greet you? Were they professional and respectful?

When you left the room for your 20-minute test, how did the sitter handle that initial handoff?

When you returned from the 20-minute test, how did the sitter act?

It's possible the child may cry while you're gone, especially if you haven't left your child before. This is normal. Your sitter could be the most loving, wonderful babysitter in the world, but they still may have difficulty calming the child down in those 20 minutes. The thing to look for is how the sitter handled it when your child cried. Did they look frazzled, overwhelmed, or impatient when you returned? If they did, then it's probably not the right babysitter for your child. You're looking for someone who can maintain a calm, patient demeanor when faced with a crying child.

If you have animals, did they feel comfortable with your animals?

Overall Impressions:

