

Role-Play Prompts

Use your imagination and what you know about bank accounts to help do this role-play. It doesn't matter if you're not 100% factually correct!

Both: Greet each other, introduce yourselves and discuss whether or not you made an appointment.

Tip: Some banks require an appointment, some you can drop in and some you can open online; check first!

Customer: Give some information about yourself.

Bank Clerk: Ask questions to get the basic information.

Tip: The bank will need basic information about you such as your full name, age, whether you have a part-time job.

Customer: Ask how much you can save with this bank. Is there a limit? Do you need to save a certain amount every month?

Bank Clerk: Tell them about the different accounts with different rules.

Tip: Some savings accounts need a minimum to open, or a certain amount to be saved every month. Ask!

Customer: Ask about whether you can withdraw from the account. If not, think about if this affects you. Ask about the pros and cons of not being able to withdraw.

Bank Clerk: Different accounts have different rules. Tell the customer some of the pros and cons of being able to withdraw.

Tip: Some accounts won't let you access and withdraw until you turn 18.

Both: Discuss what the AER (an indication of interest rate) is on the account. The AER is the percentage extra you get on your savings, the higher the better!

Tip: AER (interest you earn) on a Junior ISA can be 4-6%, the more you save the more you'll earn!

Bank Clerk: Discuss the ID required. For example does the customer have a passport, a citizen card, a birth certificate etc.

Customer: What ID do I need? Where can I find information about what I need?

Tip: You will be required to have some form of ID. If you don't have a passport you will need a birth certificate, find the list of documents allowed on the bank's website.

Bank Clerk: Discuss the parent/guardian's support. Is the parent/guardian with them?

Customer: Ask who will be in control of the account, me or the parent/guardian? How does this affect me?

Tip: If you are under 16, a parent or guardian must open the account for you, you cannot do it by yourself.