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PROMISES, PROMISES?

DEAR DIARY, my son Daniel had his first interview for a part time job and he was excited, nervous and apprehensive. I said to him, son it's 50/50 when you go for an interview. It doesn't always depend on your performance as an interviewee whether or not you get the job, but do your very best and the rest will fall into place. I said to him not to be devastated if he didn't actually get the job and once the interview is over, to put it out of his mind instead of going over and over it in his head about what he could have done and what he should have done and whether or not he'll get it.

The position he applied for was a cook's assistant in an upmarket food outlet in Battersea that provide ready meals, cakes and pastries.

The woman who interviewed him said that they would write to him whether or not he was a successful candidate. That was two months ago.

I haven't got a problem with the fact that he didn't get the job because everyone gets turned down. He's young with absolutely no experience so as much as him being unsuccessful was disappointing, it didn't shock us beyond belief. My problem was this. He didn't receive a phone call or a letter to let him know that he was unsuccessful even though the woman who interviewed him said that they would definitely be in touch regardless of their decision.

It irritates me when people don't say what they mean and don't mean what they say!

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