

Lesson 6

READ THIS STORY #1, Advanced

André

When André prepared his resumé, he gave a lot of thought as to how he should present himself on paper. The employment agency warned him that a poor resumé would be thrown into the wastebasket. If that happened, he wouldn't get an interview with a potential employer.

André was faced with an ethical dilemma. He feared that if he was entirely truthful on his resumé, he wouldn't have a chance of being hired.

It is a well-known fact that many applicants falsify information on their resúmes. They enhance job titles, list non-existent degrees, or create fictitious awards or honors.

Companies compound the problem. They seldom check information on a resumé for accuracy. And they often require a college degree for positions that do not need that level of education.

André knows he has the skills necessary to be successful at the job for which he is applying. He has the experience, is willing to work hard, and is conscientious. If he can just get an interview, André is certain he will get offered the job.

But he doesn't have the degree that the job description says is required. Should he lie about that on his resumé?