



Character Interviews on NaNo-TV

One of the best ways to *really* get to know your characters is to step inside their shoes for a little while, that is, to pretend that you are your characters! And guess what? We've given you the perfect opportunity to do just that, because your characters have been invited to be interviewed on the local NaNo-TV station.

With a friend or by yourself, answer the interview questions as your characters would answer them. If it helps you to get into the roles before you start, try closing your eyes and imagining how your characters speak and move. Maybe slink around the room like your protagonist would, or talk in a French accent if your supporting character is French.

PROTAGONIST INTERVIEW

Host: Hello, _____, and welcome to *NaNo-TV*, the best TV-show ever.
(your protagonist's name),
We're really excited about _____ novel, and are honored to have you
(your name)'s
on the show. Why don't you tell us a little about your journey so far? What exactly are you setting out to achieve?

Protagonist:

Host: Wow! Sounds like quite a goal. Rumor has it, though, that someone is out to get you. We've heard you've been having some trouble with a particular antagonist. Can you tell us a little about what this person has been up to lately?

Protagonist:

Host: Man, sounds pretty wild! Now, we all know that you are a fictional character, but we've heard that you have quite a mind of your own. Have you done anything unexpected this November to surprise the person writing about you?

Protagonist:

Host: Real quick, a question that's been weighing on everyone's minds—What would you rather do: live without music or live without TV? Why?

Protagonist:

Host: How do you feel now about the rest of your adventure? Is there anything you're anxious about?

Host: Well, we wish you the best of luck! We're confident you will succeed! Do you have any secret plans for defeating your antagonist?

Protagonist:



Okay, now it's time for one of your supporting characters to be interviewed! Choose your favorite supporting character, or one you want to get to know better, and take a few minutes to get into character.

SUPPORTING CHARACTER INTERVIEW

Host: Hello, _____, and welcome to the show! We just talked
(your supporting character's name)
to _____ and learned all about _____. We
(your protagonist's name) (your antagonist's name)
just heard about the protagonist's plans for defeating the antagonist. Do you have any other tricks up your sleeve that we don't know about?

Supporting Character:

Host: Wow, tricky indeed. What special challenges have you faced while helping the protagonist?

Supporting Character:

Host: We all know that you've been a big help to the protagonist, but we're also wondering: Is there anything or anyone that's been a big help to you along the way?

Supporting Character:

Host: Very interesting. Hey, it looks like we've got a call coming through. Hello, you're on *NaNo-TV*, the best TV show ever. What's your question?

Caller: Yes, hi. Wow, I've never called into a TV-show before! Hi Mom! Anyway, my question is: If you could only three foods for the rest of your life, what three foods would you choose?

Supporting Character:

Host: Good answer. Moving on, is there anything in particular that you're excited or nervous about for the upcoming adventures you face?

Supporting Character:

Host: Well, we wish you all the best of luck in supporting _____ , and
(protagonist)
we look forward to hearing how things pan out for you. One last thing, before you go: What do you plan on doing after this novel is over?

Supporting Character:

Host: Wow! Wish I could join you! Thank you so much for your time. We hope you'll join us again soon. Up next, the character you've all been waiting for... the antagonist, just after this commercial break!



All right, now it's time to get antagonistic! Whatever you need to do, take a few minutes to get into character—then, let your antagonist take center stage.

ANTAGONIST INTERVIEW

Host: Hi, _____, and welcome to the show! Why don't you tell us a little about yourself? Like, what has made you so unpleasant?
(your antagonist's name)

Antagonist:

Host: I can see why your reputation precedes you. We've just spoken to _____ and _____, and they've told us a little about the conflict you all are having. Would you like to give your side of the story?
(your protagonist's name) (your supporting character's name)

Antagonist:

Host: Fascinating. Is there a certain reason why you and the protagonist are enemies? Were you ever friends?

Antagonist:

Host: Is there anything you plan to do in the novel that you haven't done so far? Any nasty tricks up your sleeve you'd like to tell us about?

Antagonist:

Host: That is *messed up!* You really are an antagonist, in every way. Oh, it looks like we've got another call coming through! Caller, welcome to the show. What's your question?

Caller: *Yes, hello. I'm a research scientist and I'm doing a study on antagonists. I was wondering if there are any ways in which things might be different if this was your novel, instead of the protagonist's?*

Antagonist:

Host: Fascinating. It looks like we're running out of time. Well, antagonist, we can't say we wish you luck, but we do look forward to hearing how things turn out. We hope you'll come back again and join us when November is over. And to all our viewers out there in TV land, be sure to join us tomorrow, when I'll be arm wrestling a ravenous koala bear, blind-folded. See you then!



Bonus Challenge!

If you are doing this with a friend, and you two are having a good time interviewing and getting interviewed, keep going! Make up your own questions to ask each other, and do interviews as all your supporting characters.