



OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS



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Family & Friends

Asking open-ended questions invites elaboration and thinking more deeply about an issue. It is a helpful skill for gaining insight into your Loved One's point of view.

Open-ended questions cannot be answered with a single word (yes/no) or short phrase.

Examples of Open and Closed Questions

Would you like pasta for dinner? (Closed)

Won't you tell me about your trip? (Open)

Change the following questions from close-ended to open-ended questions:

Closed Question: "So you didn't like that, huh?"

Your open-ended version: _____

Closed Question: "Nice weather we're having, isn't it?"

Your open-ended version: _____

Closed Question: "Did you have a good day?"

Your open-ended version: _____

Closed Question: "Are you tired?"

Your open-ended version: _____

Closed Question: "Don't you think it would be better if you did your homework first?"

Your open-ended version: _____

