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#### By the end of the Power Hour you will be able to:

✓ Describe the different buying motives that customers have and how this affects your sales approach

✓ Use appropriate questioning and listening techniques to

fully understand the customer's needs

✓ Gain permission to move forward to the next part of the sale



## **Buying Motives**

- Economy/Value
- Durability
- Performance
- Labour-saving
- Time-saving
- Simple operation
- Space-saving
- Availability
- Quality
- Low maintenance

Rational



- Pride of ownership
- Desire for prestige/recognition
- Desire to 'fit in'/fashion
- Safety
- Fear
- Desire for security
- Convenience
- Desire to be unique/the first
- Curiosity

**Emotional** 





### **Ask Questions**

#### **Open Questions**

- Open up a conversation
- Encourage the other person to speak freely
- For example
  "What will you
  use this for?"
  or "Who will be
  using this?"

#### Probing Questions

- Dig deeper into answers already provided
- Seek reasons, consequences and motives
- For example
  "What do you
  use now ..?" or
  "What
  research have
  you done so
  far?"

### **Specific Questions**

- Look for specific issues or examples
- Provide clarity and aid understanding, and can uncover 'excuses' or assumptions
- For example "Have you considered X?" or "What do you find most annoying?"

### **Hypothetical Questions**

- 'What if?' questions
- Help the other person to look at a situation differently and see other options
- For example
  "If you could
  only have 3
  functions,
  what would
  they be ....?"

### **Closed Questions**

- Useful as long as they are not over-used
- Especially useful for clarifying points, concluding a discussion and agreeing action
- For example
  "Can I show
  you..?" or "So
  you are not
  interested
  in...?"



#### Listen!!

#### A good salesperson will:

- ✓ Form their next question based on the answer to the previous question.
- Ask for clarification and examples if necessary
- ✓ Let the customer do the majority of the talking



## **Buying Signals**

- Asking technical or specific questions
- Asking about availability
- Asking about payment options
- Raising objections
- Asking about delivery
- Asking "What if?" questions
- Saying 'yes', 'OK' or 'I see'
- Asking you to repeat things

Verbal



- Making notes
- Touching the product
- Referring back to the brochure/information
- Continues to look at the product/ information even when you are talking
- Smiling
- Nodding
- Looking thoughtful (perhaps they are imagining owning the product, or wondering whether they can afford it)
- Getting comfortable

Non-Verbal





## Reviewing

#### **Summarising**

- Repeat back to the customer what u heard.
- Refer to any notes you have made.

#### **Paraphrasing**

- Reflect back what the customer has told you, but using your own words.
- Helps to check that you both have the same understanding.

#### **Signposting**

 When you signpost, you relive what has happened so far, and what will happen next.



### Make it Work at Work

What are you going to **DO** as a result of this Power Hour Session?







Thank You & Good Luck