

Getting to the Story: Asking the Right Questions

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Open-ended Questions	Closed Questions
Do not have one specific answer Invite the speaker to elaborate	Have one specific answer Might be yes/ no questions Do not invite elaboration
Pro:	
Provide interviewer with a lot of	Pro:
information	Might give you a response you are hoping for
Might lead to areas of interest	
previously unknown to interviewer	Con:
	Might be too leading.
Con:	
Subject might go off topic	Examples:
	When did you first find out your were
Examples:	HIV positive?
Please describe your experience	
working in the orphanage.	When did antiretroviral drugs become available in Romania?
Can you tell me what it was like to grow up in the group house?	

*Both types of questions can be effective to meet your objective. Use the next page of this worksheet to develop a list of questions you may ask each subject.



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Considering Audio Impact: Music in "After the Fall: HIV **Grow Up**"

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