

Ways to Form Questions

Using questions places the focus on the girl scouts' thoughts and ideas and not on your thoughts on what they have done.

Questioning Strategies

Closed questions – result in short, often one word answers. Useful for emergencies when you need just the facts.

Open-ended questions – allow for thoughtful and insightful answers. Can be built from closed questions by saying: “Why?”, or “Tell me more about that.”

Question funneling – allows you to build from a specific question (closed) to a broader understanding by building toward more open-ended questions. Or from broad ideas (open-ended) to specific conclusions (closed).

Questioning Rules

Questions are best when you

- use simple words and short sentences
- ask one questions at a time
- allow time to answer
- repeat or rephrase as needed
- encourage girl scouts to speak but do not force them, it is okay to “pass” .