Possible responses

* Open-ended. A question that can’t just be answered with a yes/no or just a few words.
* Brings about or leads to other questions
* Makes the interviewee stop and think – thought provoking
* Elicits interesting and relevant information from the interviewee
* Asks about his or her past
* Asks about his or her plans/hopes/dreams of the future -- reflective
* Requires upper-level thinking
* Short and easy for interviewee to understand
* Hypothetical – “What if…” questions
* “Man from Mars question – Pretend you just landed on Earth. Ask the person to explain something to you as if you had no knowledge of it

Possible resources

[Y-Press question sheet](http://www.ypress.org/news/types_of_questions): For over 20 years, Y-Press has been training young people to think about different types of questions. Y-Press’s handout and question samples.

[Open, neutral and lean](http://www.ypress.org/news/_215): ESPN’s question man, John Sawatsky shares insights on open-ended questions with Y-Press journalists.