

30 Open-ended questions to ask when researching a single

Choose the questions that pertain to your 5 Dealbreakers. Take note of their very first reaction to each question.

FIRST THING: What is the first thing that comes to mind when I mention his/her name?

STRENGTHS: What are his/her greatest strengths?

PASSION: What are they most passionate about?

TIME: How does he/she value time? Are they punctual and structured or more fluid? Can you give an example to illustrate?

MONEY: What is his/her attitude towards money? Are they financially savvy?

RESPECT: Are they respectful, accepting, and non-judgmental towards people? What is their reputation?

SELF-RESPECT: Do they hold themselves with respect and dignity? Would you describe them as put together?

VULNERABLE: Are they sensitive to feelings? Would you describe them as vulnerable and transparent or emotionally blocked off?

SENSE OF HUMOUR: Does he/she have a good sense of humour? Do they find the humour in everyday life? Are they witty and light?

LEADER: Were they ever in a leadership role or in some sort of management? Do they find themselves taking lead or following others?

LIKABLE: Is this person likable? Do they have a lot of friends? What type of friends? Is it easy to get to know them? Can you explain how they interact socially?

POSITIVE/NEGATIVE: Would you describe them as more of an optimist or pessimist? Were there any situations you experienced with them that demonstrated their attitude?

HOBBIES: What are their favourite hobbies? Are they fun and adventurous? Where would they go to chill, and with whom? What does he/she do in their spare time?

INTELLECT: How would you describe them in terms of being street smart, book smart, wise, educated, knowledgeable or intellectual? Are they intellectually stimulating?

GROWTH ORIENTED: Are they growth-oriented and constantly learning and trying new things? Would you describe them as being interested in self-development?

SPOUSE: Describe what you think are the most important qualities they would seek in a spouse?

INTROVERT/EXTROVERT: Is he/she an extrovert or introvert? Please explain how they behave in typical social settings.

RESPONSIBLE: Are they reliable? Do they take on responsibilities? Please provide a few examples of them demonstrating their responsibility.

FAMILY: Are they family-oriented? Can you describe your impression of their family dynamic? How is their relationship with their siblings and parents?

FUTURE FAMILY: Is having a family an important aspect of their future life? Do you find them talking about their future family often? How do they interact with children?

PATIENCE: Are they patient, cool calm and collected? Or on edge and high strung? Please elaborate?

EDUCATION: Is he/she well-educated? Do they appreciate academia? Are they currently pursuing formal education?

ENERGY: Would you describe them as high or low energy? Are they high or low maintenance?

KINDNESS: Is he/she innately kind? Do they go out of their way to help people? Are they generous with their time and money? Are they in tune with people's feelings? Do any instances come to mind?

FLEXIBLE: How would you describe their nature, flexible and easy going, or rigid and stuck in their ways? Any examples?

CONFLICT: Do they fall into arguments often or are they more peace-oriented, avoiding conflict at all costs?

EQ: Are they emotionally intelligent? Do they have a healthy self-esteem? Would you describe them as emotionally balanced or perhaps more anxious or sporadic? How do they control their anger?

HONESTY: Are they honest and loyal? Are they genuine and true to themselves? Do they have integrity? Please give an example.

TALENT: Do they have any unique talents? How do they use them?

INITIATIVE: Are they ambitious and goal-oriented? Do they take initiative and make things happen?