

Interviewing

When interviewing people, you get their perspective and lived experiences. You get facts on the story, opinions, and their authentic reaction to particular developments. The mobile phone enables you to carry out interviews in your community and give people an opportunity to reach out to others.



Know the issue

Do some research on the issue and know the details of the story.



Know the subject

How is the person you want to talk to connected to the story?



Your questions!

Make sure you are prepared for the interview. What do you want to know from the person? Note the issues you want to ask.



Open questions

To get more from your interviewee ask questions that allow them to express themselves. Rather than - did you feel sad about it? You can phrase it as - how did you feel about it?



You are recording!

When the person you are speaking to is responding to your questions, just nod. Don't voice it when you are encouraging them to go on. Allow their voice to be recorded. Nodding is enough to communicate that you are listening

Power!

Check your battery power before you start the interview.

Space!

Do you have enough memory space? Card full! That must be avoided.

Your mouthpiece

Know where your mouthpiece is - that is your microphone. When you record with your fingers placed over it, you are muted.

Get close!

You need the sound to be as clear as possible. Get close to your subject and make sure they are properly framed and audible.

Check the background

Is there anything behind your interviewee that may distract us as we watch the interview? Figure your way around it.

Press record!

Don't forget to press record. Make sure your timer is moving before you ask the first question.