B-15 Handling questions in Presentation ENGLISH



Business Lesson

Pieces of Advice:

Be Polite

Listen very carefully

Keep calm.

Tell the truth (most of the time)

Don't say anything you'll regret later.

Check understanding if necessary by paraphrasing.

Agree partially before giving own opinion.

Language Checklist. Handling Questions

Understood but difficult to answer

It could be...

In my experience

I would say...

I don't think I'm the right person to answer that. Perhaps

Mr. ____ can help...

I don't have much experience in that field...

• Understood but irrelevant or impossible to answer in the time available.

I'm afraid that's outside the scope of my talk/this session. If I were you I'd discuss that with...

I'll have to come to that later, perhaps during the break since we're running out of time.

Not Understood

Sorry, I'm not sure I've understood. Could you repeat?

Are you asking if...?

Do you mean...?

I didn't catch (the last part of) your question.

If I have understood you correctly, you mean... Is that right?

Checking that your answer is sufficient

Does that answer your question?

Is that okay?

Are you satisfied?

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Real World Experience: Make use of the expressions on the first page.

- 1. Give three pieces of advice in handling question and say something about. How will each help you in handling question
- 2. You are having presentation and one of the audiences ask you a question which is irrelevant from the subject of your presentation. You say:
- 3. A question is raised by the member of the panel during your proposal. You don't understand it. You say:
- 4. You understood the question well but it is difficult to answer. You say:
- 5. You gave an answer but you want to be certain if the person is satisfied. You say: