

Types of Questions

Closed Encourages a yes or no answer. Have you quit your job?

Loaded

Contains a premise...How much damage has this done to your position?

Baited

Contains an accusation...Don't you think this will kill the chances of a fair election?

Asks for opinion.....What do you personally think?

Two options

Contains a choice between alternatives..should the PM call an election in April or May?

Makes an assertion you expect the interviewee to agree with.....What can be done about the government's hostility to asylum seekers?

Contains an assumption.....(possibly false).. What has caused the crisis of confidence in the Prime Minister's leadership of the party?

Persistent.....badgering... Repeat the question in same or different way..... Why are you refusing to say?

Hostile question.....Surely if you had acted this would never have happened?

Exercise - plan a 15 minute interview on the issue of corruption or accountability using as many different question styles as you can.