

## Let's play a game

- The rules are very simple when you play The 5 Seconds Rule game.
- Players are tested on their ability to come up with answers on the fly.

#### **Tips for Success:**

- •Stay calm and think quickly!
- •Be clear and loud with your answers so everyone can hear.
- •Have fun and enjoy the challenge!









# Name 3 Animals





# Name 3 Fruit









# Name 3 Sports





# Name 3 Days







# Name 3 Animals











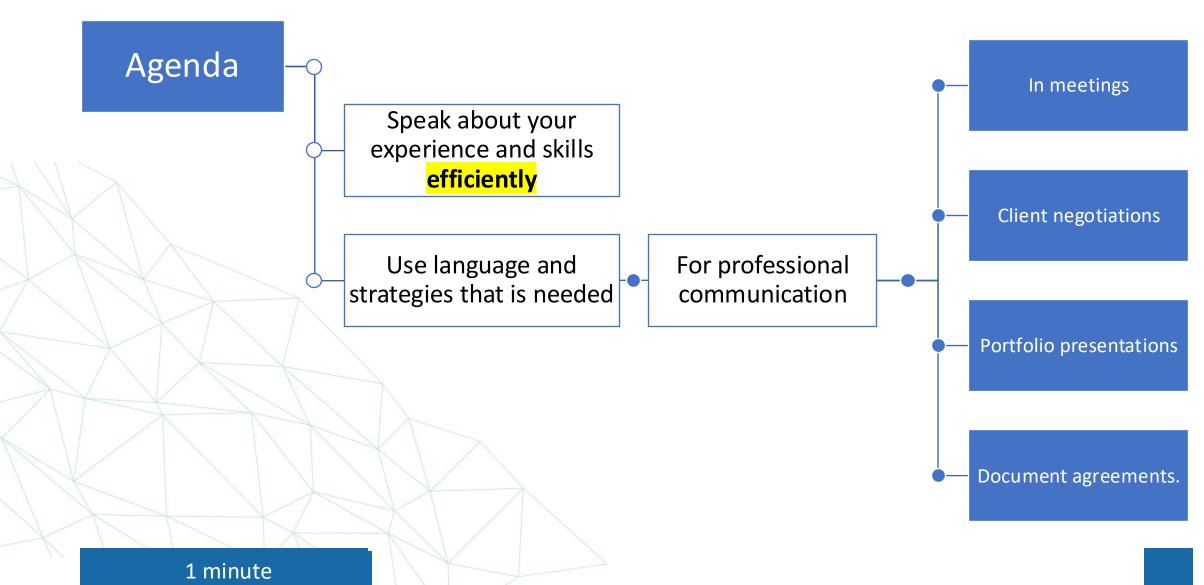


Introduce yourself professionally 30 seconds or less

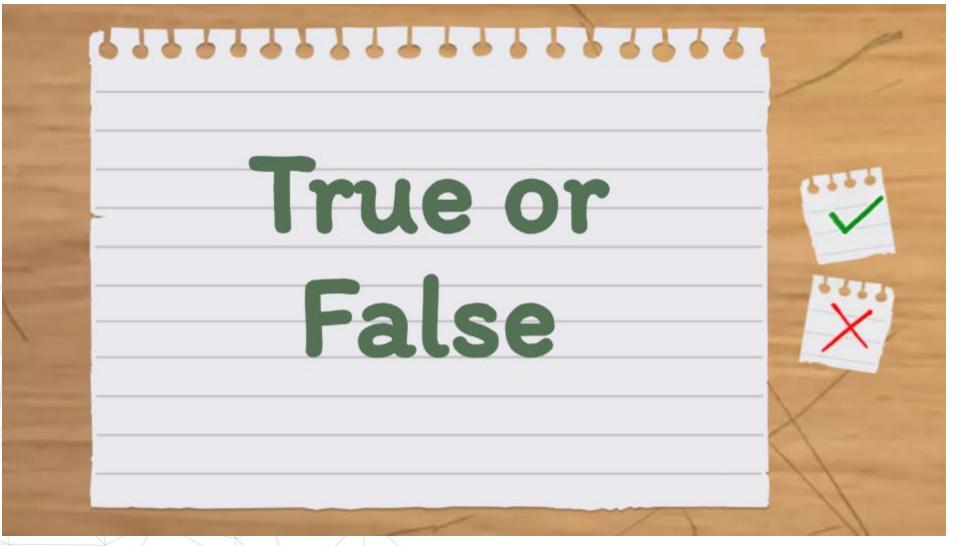
















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#### **ICEA** Method



Introduction  $\rightarrow$  Who you are and what you did.

Client-Centric Approach → How collaborative you will be

Engaging Through Questions → Showing interest

Active Listening → Summarizing and clarifying





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#### (innovative - proficient - collaborative - insightful - objective - expertise - ensuring alignment)

1.	"I am	in software develop	ment, particularly in Java and Python."
2.	"My	lies in user experience	design, which is crucial for your project."
3.	"I follow a	approach to	ensure all stakeholders are working together."
4.	"My main	is to deliver solu	itions that meet your specific needs."
5.	"I pride mysel	f on developing	strategies that drive new creative results.
6.	"My	analysis of market trer	ds can enhance your strategy."
7.	"	between our goals w	vill lead to successful outcomes."



### Now it's your turn!



Say a short introduction about yourself using the ICEA method. Include:

- 1.Introduction.
- 2. Client-Centric part.
- 3. Engaging Question
- 4.Active Listening (Question and clarification)







## **Asking Questions Professionally**





#### What questions can you ask the client \_\_\_\_

at the beginning to get better understanding of the project?





#### What questions can you ask the client \_\_\_\_

in the middle while providing updates and getting feedback?





#### What questions can you ask the client \_\_\_\_

by the end when the project is completed?





#### Professional ways to introduce your question:

- "I'd like to ask a question concerning \_\_\_\_\_"
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#### First Meeting: Understanding the Project

- 1. What do you want to achieve with this project?
- 2. Who is the target audience for the final product?
- 3. Are there any specific features you envision?
- 4. What is the desired timeline?
- 5.Do you have similar projects that you admire?

#### Second Meeting: Providing Updates and Feedback

- 1. How do you feel about the progress made so far?
- 2. Are there any changes you would like to suggest?
- 3. What would you like me to focus on next?

#### **Final Meeting: Project Completion**

- 1. Are you satisfied with the final outcome?
- 2.Is there anything you would like to modify?
- 3. Would you be open to providing a testimonial based on your experience?

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## **Clarifying and Understanding**





#### Confirming Understanding / Rephrasing / Seeking Clarification

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## **Role Play**

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## What can you say in the following scenarios?

Scenario 1: You are a freelance designer updating a client on the progress of their logo design project.

Scenario 2: You are a freelance writer who has finished a report for the client and now seeks feedback.

Scenario 3: You are a freelance social media manager responding to client feedback on a campaign you created.

Scenario 4: You are a freelance photographer updating a client on their photoshoot project.









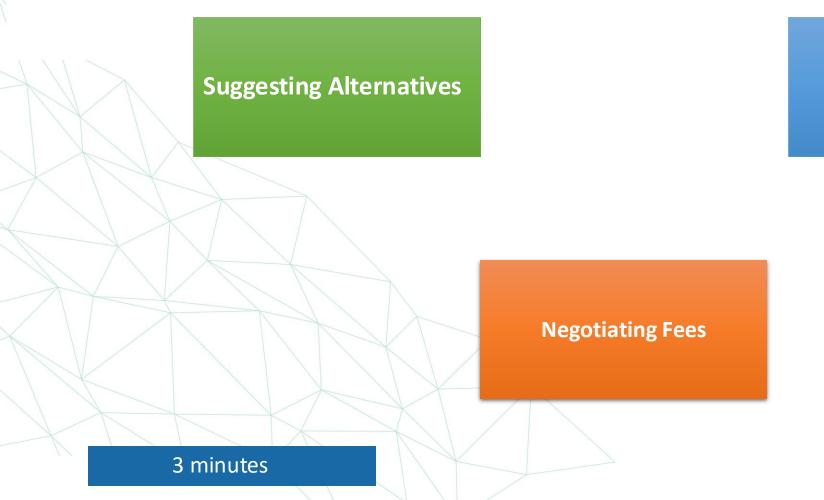


What points / aspects would you expect to negotiate with your client during the project?





# Here are some aspects we might negotiate with our clients



**Negotiating a Point of View** 





# **Suggesting Alternatives**





# Scenario 1: Client needs a simple logo design.

•Client's Need: "I need a simple logo for my new business."

•Freelancer's Need: The freelancer knows that a more complete branding package (including logo, color palette, and fonts) will help the client's business more in the long term.

How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

"While I can certainly do \_\_\_\_\_, I was thinking that \_\_\_\_\_ might be more aligned with your overall goals."





# Scenario 2: Client asks for more revisions while the freelancer is working on multiple projects.

- •Client's Need: "Can you make more changes to the report you gave me last week?"
- •Freelancer's Need: The freelancer is already working on two other tasks and needs to adjust the schedule.

How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

"I'm happy to take on \_\_\_\_\_, but given the current workload, we need to adjusted the deadline for [other tasks]."





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# Negotiating a Point of View





# Scenario 3: Client wants to use a bright color scheme for their brand.

- •Client's Need: "I think we should use bright colors like yellow and red for the logo. It will attract attention."
- •Freelancer's Need: The freelancer believes a more neutral color palette will work better for the brand's professional image.

### How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

#### **Respectful Disagreement:**

"I understand your perspective. However, I have a slightly different viewpoint."

"While that's certainly a valid approach, I've also been considering \_\_\_\_\_\_.





# Scenario 4: Client is asking for a low price on a large project.

- •Client's Need: "I want to reduce the cost of the project. Can you give me a discount?"
- •Freelancer's Need: The freelancer wants to explain why the project's price is fair.

How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

#### **Presenting Your Case:**

"My reasoning behind this is \_\_\_\_\_\_."

"Based on my experience with \_\_\_\_\_\_, I believe that \_\_\_\_\_ would be more

effective."





# Scenario 5: Client wants too many revisions on a project, making the timeline longer.

- •Client's Need: "I want to add more revisions to the project. Can we do that?"
- •Freelancer's Need: The freelancer believes that too many revisions will push the project's completion time too far.

### How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

#### **Finding Common Ground:**

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# **Negotiating Fees**





# Scenario 6: Client asks about the freelancer's rate and wonders why it's higher than others.

•Client's Need: "I've found other freelancers who offer lower rates for this type of work. Why is your rate higher?"

### How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

#### **Justifying Your Rate:**

"My rate for this type of work is [amount] because it reflects my expertise and the value I bring to the project."

"Given the complexity and scope of this project, I believe that [amount] is a fair and competitive rate."

"I've researched industry standards for similar projects, and my rate is in line with the market value."





# Scenario 7: Client wants to stick to their budget but needs additional services added.

- •Client's Need: "I'd like to add some additional features to the project, but we need to stick to the budget. Is that possible?"
- •Freelancer's Need: The freelancer needs to offer options to include the extra features without exceeding the budget.

How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

#### **Offering Options:**

"I can offer you a few different pricing options, such as [option 1], [option 2], and [option 3], but we will have to change \_\_\_\_\_."

"If budget is a concern, we could potentially adjust the scope of the project to fit within your budget."





# Scenario 8: Client is comparing freelancers and wants to know why they should choose this freelancer over others.

- •Client's Need: "Why should we choose you over other freelancers offering lower rates?"
- •Freelancer's Need: The freelancer needs to explain the value they offer in terms of quality and long-term savings.

### How would you respond as a freelancer to that?

#### Focusing on Value:

"While the initial investment might seem like [amount], the return on investment will be [explain the benefits]."

"I'm confident that my work will save you [time/money/resources] in the long run."

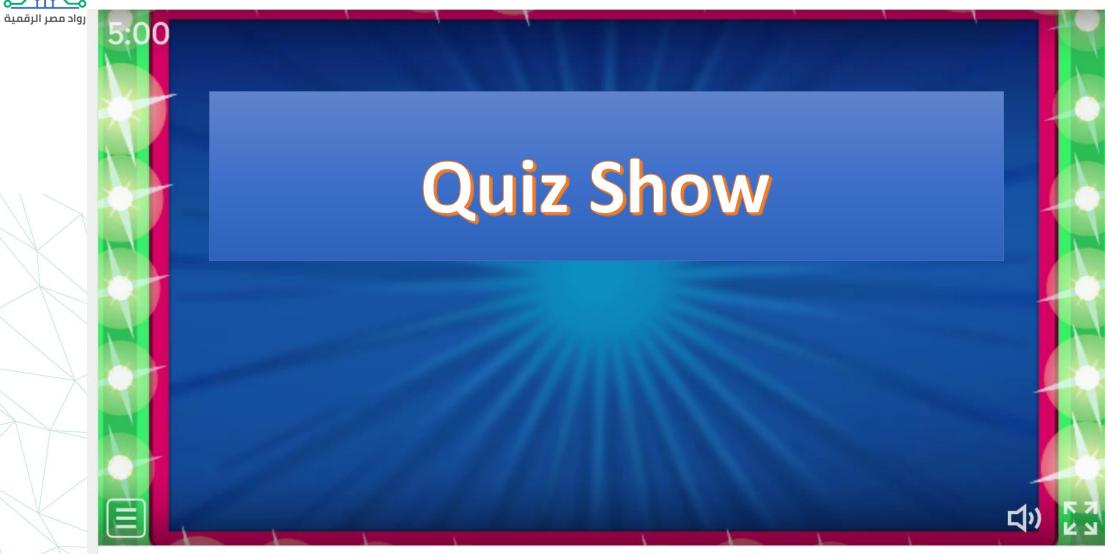
"I'm committed to delivering high-quality work that will exceed your expectations."





# Project completion meeting







#### **Concluding the Meeting & Thanking the Customer:**



- "Thank you so much for your time and valuable feedback. It's been a pleasure working with you on this project."
- "Thank you for your trust in me/us. We're so pleased with how the project turned out, and we couldn't have done it without your partnership."
- "It's been a fantastic experience collaborating with you. Thank you for choosing me/us for this project."

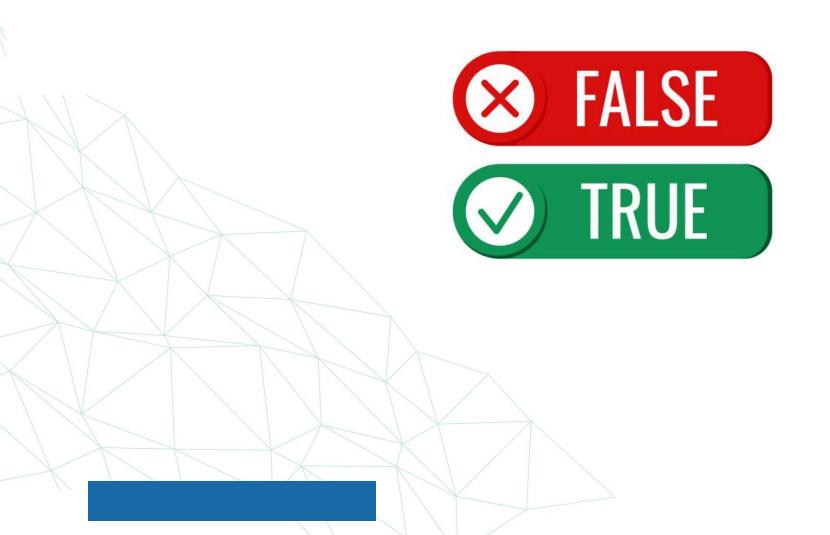
#### **Looking Forward to Future Collaborations:**

- "I'm really looking forward to collaborating with you again on future projects."
- "I hope we have the opportunity to work together again soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any other projects in mind."
- "We value our relationship with you and look forward to a continued partnership."

#### Asking for a Testimonial:

- "Now that the project is complete, I was wondering if you'd be willing to share your experience working with me/us in a short testimonial? It would be incredibly helpful for other potential clients."
- "Would you be comfortable writing a sentence or two about your experience? Even a short testimonial would be fantastic."
- "If you're satisfied with the outcome, we'd be thrilled if you could leave us a review/testimonial on [platform e.g., LinkedIn, website]."









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## (False)

Don't ask for a testimonial too early. Wait until the project is fully completed and the client has had a chance to experience the results.





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Provide a link to where they can leave the testimonial or offer to draft something for them to review and approve.





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If they decline, thank them for their time and understanding.





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Tailor these phrases to your specific client and project. A personalized thank you goes a long way.



### Assignment



#### **Online Meetings AI Prompt**

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Write a complete dialogue between a client and a freelancer including the following situations:
- 2. Introducing yourself.
- 3. Asking questions to know more about the project.
- 4. Negotiating the fees.
- 5. Concluding the meeting positively.
- **6.** Save the document.
- 7. Copy and paste the prompt on any AI tool.
- 8. Attach the dialogue document to the prompt.
- **9.** Check the corrected parts in your dialogue.
- 10.Copy and paste the dialogue after correction in a new document
- 11.Upload both documents on the drive.

#### **The Prompt:**

After viewing the attached dialogue between a freelancer and a client about a project, rewrite the dialogue after correcting all grammar, spelling and punctuation mistakes. Also give a list of one advice up to 5 pieces of advice on the grammar mistakes and another list of one advice up to 10 pieces of advice on the vocabulary relevance mentioning better alternatives.





