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Use preparation, useful questions and clear next steps to improve sales conversations.

TWO WAYS OF APPROACHING A PURCHASE

A buyer can form an immediate impression and still need time to compare facts, costs and alternatives. An email's tone, an unclear website or a rushed conversation may affect that impression before a detailed proposal is considered.

Psychological research distinguishes intuitive and deliberate thought processes. Kahneman's 2002 Nobel lecture discusses this distinction alongside judgement, choice and framing. It is a useful background perspective, not a way to read a customer's mind or predict an individual sale. The conversation practices in this guide are SalesEdge proposals, not experimentally validated closing techniques.

In practice, do not assume that more technical information will answer every concern. Ask what matters, give the buyer room to respond and provide the evidence needed for a considered decision. Feelings, constraints and facts can all be relevant; none gives the seller permission to bypass informed choice.

THE SLOW–REFLECT–REFRAME APPROACH

Use these three interventions according to the conversation. They are not a script that must be completed in order. The purpose is a clearer shared understanding, including the possibility that your offer is not a fit.

SLOW DOWN

Filling every pause with information can make it harder to hear what the buyer is actually saying. Deliberate pauses create room for a response.

Silence after a question. Ask a useful question, such as “What is your main priority right now?”, then let the person answer. A pause may feel long without signalling a problem. Do not interpret silence as agreement, and do not impose a theatrical ten-second wait when a normal conversation needs clarification.

Pause before presenting the offer. Before the numbers, check the agreed problem and scope: “Before we look at the price, have I understood what you need?” Use this to correct the proposal, not to create an emotional state that conceals the cost. Present the full price and important conditions clearly.

Match the decision process. Some buyers can decide in one conversation; others need internal review, procurement or more information. Ask who is involved and what must happen next. A convenient deadline for the seller is not evidence that the buyer should decide faster.