

How to ask questions

- Watch Keira Knightley sharing her experience with dyslexia and take notes of the main ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLb6ehPPc4E>

- Work in pairs. Student A, get ready to re-tell Keira's experience based on your notes. Student B, think of some follow-up questions you would like to ask Student A about Keira's experience (see the useful phrases below).

- Student A, re-tell Keira's story. Student B, check your understanding and ask follow-up questions (see the useful phrases below).

Useful phrases for asking questions

Asking general questions

Would you mind ...?

I was wondering if you could ...?

May I ask ...?

Asking for further information

I am sorry, but could you explain in a little more detail ...?

Could you give us some details about ...?

Could you please further explain ...?

Useful phrases for clarifying

Asking for confirmation

If I've understood correctly ...

Correct me if I'm wrong, but

When you say ..., do you mean that ...?

Are you saying that ...?

Correcting misunderstandings

I am afraid there has been a misunderstanding.

That isn't quite what I meant.

Asking for repetition

I'm afraid I'm not quite clear what you mean by that.

I'm sorry, I didn't quite follow what you said about ...

I'm afraid I don't understand what you mean.

I'm afraid I didn't quite get your last point.
Can you go over it again please?

Re-phrasing

Perhaps I haven't made myself clear. What I'm trying to say is ...

Let me put it in another way.

Let me rephrase that.

Put simply, ...

(Adapted from *The Language of Meetings*, Thomson, 2007)