



CUSTOMER INSIGHT PDF GUIDE

Customer Insight Survey Starter Guide

A practical PDF workbook for understanding customers with surveys, segmentation, buyer personas, and open-ended feedback.

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INSIDE THIS GUIDE

- A clear customer insight definition you can use with your team.
- Question prompts for buyer personas, segmentation, and open-ended feedback.
- AI prompt ideas for research planning, question writing, and response analysis.
- A simple workflow for turning survey answers into decisions.
- A checklist for avoiding shallow, biased, or hard-to-use survey data.

What customer insight means

Customer insight is the practice of turning feedback, behavior, and research data into a clearer understanding of what customers need, expect, value, and struggle with.

GOOD CUSTOMER INSIGHT HELPS ANSWER

- Who are our most important customer groups?
- What motivates customers to choose, stay with, or leave us?
- Which words do customers use when describing their needs or objections?
- What should we improve, test, or explain more clearly?

COMMON EVIDENCE SOURCES

Surveys, interviews, customer support notes, product usage patterns, NPS comments, churn reasons, buying objections, and open-ended responses all become stronger when they are compared and interpreted together.

Starter survey questions

BUYER PERSONA PROMPTS

- What problem were you trying to solve before you found us?
- Which alternatives did you compare before choosing a solution?
- What almost stopped you from buying or signing up?

SEGMENTATION PROMPTS

- Which best describes your role, company size, or use case?
- How often do you need to collect feedback or research data?
- What is your main goal when creating a survey?

OPEN-ENDED PROMPTS

- What would make this product or experience more useful for you?
- If you could change one thing, what would it be and why?
- What should we understand better about people like you?

AI prompt ideas for customer insight

Use these with your preferred AI tool to create a first draft, then edit the output for your audience, brand voice, privacy needs, and the business question your research should answer.

BEFORE YOU USE THEM

- Replace bracketed details with your audience segment, product, market, or research goal.
- Ask for neutral wording and a useful mix of rating, multiple-choice, segmentation, and open-ended questions.
- Review every output before publishing so the survey respects privacy and feels human.

COPY-READY PROMPT IDEAS

- Create a buyer persona survey for [audience] considering [product or service]. Include questions about goals, pain points, alternatives, objections, and decision criteria.
- Create customer segmentation survey questions for [market]. Help us understand needs, behaviors, budget, use case, and preferred communication style.
- Review this customer insight survey draft: [paste survey]. Find biased wording, unclear questions, missing answer options, and questions that may not lead to action.
- Summarize these anonymized customer responses: [paste responses]. Group themes by goals, objections, needs, language customers use, and recommended next steps.

From survey answers to insight

FIVE-STEP WORKFLOW

- Start with one business question, not a list of random questions.
- Choose the audience segment that can actually answer that question.
- Mix closed questions for comparison with open-ended questions for language and context.
- Group answers by patterns such as goals, objections, needs, and customer type.
- Turn the strongest pattern into a decision, experiment, message, or follow-up survey.

INSIGHT QUALITY CHECKLIST

- Can someone act on the finding without reading every raw response?
- Does the finding explain why customers behave a certain way?
- Do you know which audience group the finding applies to?

Recommended reading

Use these SurveyLegend articles when you want to go deeper into a specific part of customer insight research.

[How to Create a Buyer Persona Survey](#)

[Market Segmentation Examples and How To Segment Markets](#)

[How to Use Open-Ended Survey Questions and 25 Examples](#)

[7 Reasons to Conduct a Product Experience Survey + Sample Questions](#)

READY TO BUILD YOUR SURVEY?

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