

Interview Questions You Should Ask your Buyer's Agent

EXPERIENCE AND CREDENTIALS:

1. How long have you been a real estate agent? 2. Are you a full-time or part-time agent?

MARKET KNOWLEDGE:

- 1. How familiar are you with the local housing market?
- 2. Can you provide recent examples of properties you've sold in the area?
- 3. What trends are currently affecting the local real estate market?

COMMUNICATION:

- 1. What is your preferred method of communication, and how often should I expect updates?
- 2. Can I reach you outside of regular business hours in case of an emergency?

FINANCING AND COSTS:

- 1. Can you recommend trusted mortgage lenders or financial institutions?
- 2. What costs should I be aware of beyond the purchase price (e.g., closing costs, property taxes)?

PROPERTY SPECIFICS:

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- 1. What types of properties do you specialize in (e.g., single-family homes, condos)?
- 2. Can you help me identify potential issues or red flags with a property?

LOCAL AMENITIES AND SERVICES:

- 1. Can you provide information about schools, parks, public transit, and other amenities in the area?
- 2. What is the primary area where you do most of your real estate business?

OFFER AND CONTRACT PROCESS:

- 1. Can you explain the process of making an offer and what contingencies are typically included?
- 2. What assistance can you provide in understanding the terms and conditions of the contract?

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REPRESENTATION AND DUAL AGENCY:

- 1. Will I be working with you directly or a team? What does working with you look like?
- 2. How many clients are you currently working with?
- 3. Will you be representing only me in this transaction, or do you also represent the seller?
- 4. What are the implications of dual agency, and how will my interests be protected?
- 5. What is your coverage plan if you are not available due to sickness or other unforeseen emergencies?

COMMISSION:

- 1. What is the fee structure? Do I pay for your buyer's commission? If so, what do you charge for your services?
- 2. What if the seller is not offering a commission to the buyer's agent?
- 3. Can I use more than one buyer's agent to search for properties for me?
- 4. Do you require a Buyer/Broker Agreement? If so, does it have to be exclusive or will you entertain nonexclusive?
- 5. What is the minimum term you would consider in a buyer/broker agreement?

FINAL QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the best way to find what I am looking for?
- 2. Can you provide references for me to contact?
- 3. Do you have any questions for me?

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