Lesson 1 Test: What Is Sales? Shifting Your Mindset

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess understanding of sales as problem-solving, mindset principles, and overcoming fears.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Use examples where requested. Submit to your instructor or review with the answer key.

1. **Multiple Choice**: What is the primary goal of sales?
   a) Convincing people to buy anything
   b) Solving customer problems and building relationships
   c) Making as many calls as possible
   d) Closing deals quickly
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: Which is a common myth about sales?
   a) Sales requires listening to customers
   b) Sales is only for extroverts
   c) Sales involves understanding needs
   d) Sales can be learned
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: How can a growth mindset help a new salesperson overcome fear of rejection? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Reframe this fear: "I'm afraid I'll sound pushy." Write a positive reframe.
   Reframe: _____
   Example: "By focusing on customer needs, I'll sound helpful."

5. **Practical Application**: Write a one-sentence affirmation to use before a sales conversation.
   Affirmation: _____
   Example: "I'm here to help customers solve problems."

Grading Rubric:
- Multiple Choice: 2 points each (4 total).
- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for specificity and alignment with lesson).
- **Total**: 13 points.

Lesson 1

Answer Key:
1. b
2. b
3. Example: A growth mindset sees rejection as a learning opportunity, not failure, helping salespeople persist and improve.
4. Example: "By listening to customers, I'll sound genuine."
5. Example: "I'm confident in helping customers find solutions."

Lesson 2 Test: Understanding Your Customer

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess ability to identify customer needs, apply buyer psychology, and use active listening.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Provide examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: According to Maslow's hierarchy, what might motivate a customer to buy a security system?
   a) Self-actualization
   b) Safety needs
   c) Social belonging
   d) Esteem
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: Which customer type prefers data-driven pitches?
   a) Emotional
   b) Analytical
   c) Collaborative
   d) Decisive
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: Why is active listening important in understanding customer needs? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Write an open-ended question to uncover a customer's needs for a fitness app.
   Question: _____
   Example: "What challenges do you face in staying active?"

5. **Practical Application**: Create a brief customer persona for a laptop buyer (name, need, pain point).
   Persona: _____
   Example: Name: Alex. Need: Reliable laptop for work. Pain Point: Slow performance.

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Lesson 2

Answer Key:

1. b

2. b

3. Example: Active listening helps uncover specific needs by showing empathy and clarifying concerns, building trust.

4. Example: "What's your biggest goal for fitness this year?"

5. Example: Name: Sarah. Need: Portable laptop. Pain Point: Heavy equipment.

Lesson 3 Test: Finding and Connecting with Prospects

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess understanding of prospecting methods, lead qualification, and outreach strategies.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Use examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: Which prospecting method relies on existing relationships?
   a) Cold outreach
   b) Social media
   c) Referrals
   d) Networking events
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: What does the "N" in BANT stand for?
   a) Negotiation
   b) Need
   c) Network
   d) Notice
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: Why is personalizing outreach important for prospecting? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Write a 2-3 sentence outreach email for a coffee shop owner about a new espresso machine.
   Email: _____
   Example: "Hi Jane, I noticed your shop's focus on quality coffee. Our espresso machine ensures consistent brews, saving time. Can we chat?"

5. **Practical Application**: List one prospect for a product and explain why they're a good fit using BANT.
   Prospect: _____
   Example: Name: Tom, cafe manager. Fit: Has budget, authority, needs reliable equipment, plans to upgrade soon.

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- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for specificity).
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Lesson 3

Answer Key:

1. c

2. b

3. Example: Personalizing outreach shows you understand the prospect's needs, increasing response rates and building trust.

4. Example: "Hi Sam, your shop's reputation for great coffee stands out. Our machine boosts efficiency. Interested in a demo?"

5. Example: Name: Lisa, restaurant owner. Fit: Can afford, decides purchases, needs faster machines, upgrading this quarter.

Lesson 4 Test: Building Rapport and Trust

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess ability to build rapport, establish trust, and address related fears.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Provide examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: Which technique builds rapport by matching a customer's tone?
   a) Storytelling
   b) Mirroring
   c) Active listening
   d) Finding common ground
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: How can you build trust with a customer?
   a) Avoid eye contact
   b) Be transparent about limitations
   c) Use complex jargon
   d) Ignore their questions
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: How does storytelling help build rapport? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Write a 2-3 sentence story to build rapport with a customer buying a fitness tracker.
   Story: _____
   Example: "A client like you wanted to stay active but lacked motivation. Our tracker's reminders helped them hit their goals."

5. **Practical Application**: Write an open-ended question to find common ground with a customer.
   Question: _____
   Example: "What's your favorite way to stay active?"

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- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for relevance).
- **Total**: 13 points.

Lesson 4
Answer Key:
1. b
2. b
3. Example: Storytelling builds rapport by making conversations relatable, showing empathy, and creating a personal connection.
4. Example: "A busy mom used our tracker to fit workouts into her day. She loved the progress updates."
5. Example: "What fitness goals are you working toward?"

Lesson 5 Test: Presenting Your Solution

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess ability to craft and deliver a compelling, tailored pitch.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Use examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: What is a key element of the Problem-Solution-Benefit framework?
   a) Listing all features
   b) Highlighting customer benefits
   c) Avoiding customer questions
   d) Using technical jargon
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: Why is tailoring a pitch important?
   a) It confuses the customer
   b) It makes the pitch longer
   c) It addresses specific customer needs
   d) It focuses on the salesperson
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: How does proof (e.g., testimonials) strengthen a pitch? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Write a 3-sentence PSB pitch for a productivity app.
   Pitch: _____
   Example: "Struggling with disorganized tasks? Our app streamlines your workflow. It saves 5 hours weekly, as rated by 500 users."

5. **Practical Application**: Adjust the above pitch for an emotional customer (e.g., focus on feelings).
   Adjusted Pitch: _____
   Example: "Feeling overwhelmed by tasks? Our app simplifies your day, giving you peace of mind. Clients say it's a game-changer."

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- Multiple Choice: 2 points each (4 total).
- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for structure and tailoring).
- **Total**: 13 points.

Lesson 5
Answer Key:
1. b
2. c
3. Example: Proof strengthens a pitch by building credibility and showing real-world success, reducing customer skepticism.
4. Example: "Can't keep up with deadlines? Our app organizes tasks easily. Users report 30% more productivity."
5. Example: "Hate feeling stressed by tasks? Our app makes work feel manageable, leaving you confident. Clients love the calm it brings."

Lesson 6 Test: Handling Objections and Rejection

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess ability to respond to objections and cope with rejection resiliently.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Provide examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: What is the first step in the "feel, felt, found" framework?
   a) Provide a solution
   b) Acknowledge the concern
   c) Share a story
   d) Ask a question
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: How should you view rejection in sales?
   a) As a personal failure
   b) As feedback to learn from
   c) As a reason to stop
   d) As irrelevant
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: Why is asking clarifying questions helpful when handling objections? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Write a "feel, felt, found" response to the objection "It's too expensive" for a gym membership.
   Response: _____
   Example: "I understand how you feel about the cost. Others felt the same but found our flexible plans fit their budget."

5. **Practical Application**: Reframe this rejection: "I'm not interested." (Why it happened, lesson, next step).
   Reframe: _____
   Example: Why: No current need. Lesson: Qualify better. Next: Find new prospect.

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- Multiple Choice: 2 points each (4 total).
- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for empathy and structure).
- **Total**: 13 points.

Lesson 6

Answer Key:

1. b

2. b

3. Example: Clarifying questions uncover the root of objections, allowing tailored responses that build trust.

4. Example: "I hear you on the price. Others felt it was high but found the health benefits worth it."

5. Example: Why: Wrong timing. Lesson: Ask about priorities. Next: Follow up later.

Lesson 7 Test: Closing the Sale

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess ability to recognize buying signals and apply closing techniques.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Use examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: Which is a common buying signal?
   a) Crossing arms
   b) Asking about pricing
   c) Leaving quickly
   d) Staying silent
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: What does the assumptive close involve?
   a) Asking if they're ready
   b) Acting as if they've decided
   c) Creating urgency
   d) Ignoring signals
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: How can a question close help avoid sounding pushy? (2-3 sentences)
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4. **Practical Application**: Write a question close for a customer asking about a software trial.
   Close: _____
   Example: "Would you like to start the trial this week?"

5. **Practical Application**: Identify a buying signal and write a closing statement for a retail product (e.g., shoes).
   Signal: _____
   Close: _____
   Example: Signal: "Do these come in black?" Close: "Let's get you fitted for the black pair."

Grading Rubric:
- Multiple Choice: 2 points each (4 total).
- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for relevance and structure).
- **Total**: 13 points.

Lesson 7
Answer Key:
1. b
2. b
3. Example: A question close invites collaboration, making the customer feel in control and reducing pressure.
4. Example: "Does the trial sound like a good fit for your team?"
5. Example: Signal: "What's the warranty?" Close: "Shall we ring these up with the warranty included?"

Lesson 8 Test: Putting It All Together

Time: 10-15 minutes
Objective: Assess ability to integrate the sales process and create a personal sales plan.
Instructions: Answer all questions. Provide examples where requested.

1. **Multiple Choice**: Which stage comes first in the sales process?
   a) Closing
   b) Prospecting
   c) Pitching
   d) Objections
   Answer: _____

2. **Multiple Choice**: What is a key component of a personal sales plan?
   a) Ignoring metrics
   b) Setting goals
   c) Avoiding reflection
   d) Generic strategies
   Answer: _____

3. **Short Answer**: Why is reflection important for sales growth? (2-3 sentences)

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4. **Practical Application**: Write a goal and strategy for one sales stage (e.g., prospecting).
   Goal: _____
   Strategy: _____
   Example: Goal: Contact 5 prospects. Strategy: Use LinkedIn outreach.

5. **Practical Application**: Outline a 3-step plan for a full sales conversation (e.g., rapport, pitch, close).
   Plan: _____
   Example: 1. Build rapport with a question. 2. Pitch using PSB. 3. Use question close.

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- Multiple Choice: 2 points each (4 total).
- Short Answer: 3 points (clarity, relevance).
- Practical Application: 3 points each (6 total, for specificity).
- **Total**: 13 points.

Lesson 8
Answer Key:
1. b
2. b
3. Example: Reflection helps identify strengths and weaknesses, guiding improvement and boosting confidence.
4. Example: Goal: Build rapport with 3 customers. Strategy: Use storytelling.
5. Example: 1. Ask about needs. 2. Pitch tailored solution. 3. Close with assumptive technique.

Final Exam: Beginner's Guide to Sales

Time: 30-45 minutes
Objective: Assess comprehensive understanding and application of the sales process across all lessons.
Instructions: Answer all questions. For the role-play, write or perform as directed. Submit to your instructor.

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   a) Avoid customer needs
   b) Embrace discomfort as growth
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   Answer: _____

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   a) PSB
   b) BANT
   c) Feel, Felt, Found
   d) Maslow's Hierarchy
   Answer: _____

3. **Multiple Choice**: What is a buying signal?
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   d) Crossing arms
   Answer: _____

4. **Short Answer**: How does understanding customer psychology improve sales? (3-4 sentences)

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   Message: _____
   Example: "Hi Mark, I noticed your store's busy checkout lines. Our system speeds up transactions, boosting sales. Can we discuss?"

7. **Practical Application**: Write a 3-sentence PSB pitch for a project management tool.
   Pitch: _____
   Example: "Struggling with team coordination? Our tool organizes tasks clearly. It saves 10 hours weekly, per 200 users."

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   Goal: _____

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11. **Role-Play Scenario**: Write a 5-7 sentence script for a sales conversation for a fitness tracker, covering rapport, pitch, objection, and close. (Perform if instructed.)

   Script: _____

   Example: "Hi, what's your fitness routine like? I love staying active too! Struggling to track progress? Our tracker monitors steps and goals, helping you stay motivated, as rated by 1,000 users. Concerned about cost? Others felt the same but found it worth the investment. Ready to try it?"

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Final Exam
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