KEYHOLE · THE HIDDEN ANSWER

How to Write a Good Question

Keyhole is currently in beta. Please read this short guide before you ask: a clearer, more specific question gives the tool more to work with.

> **About this tool**
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> This tool is a confidential system built upon ancient letter-based disciplines, known in Hebrew as צירוף (Tzeruf), in Greek as Ισοψηφία (Isopsephy), in Medieval Europe as Mantic Alphabet, and in Persian as علم جفر (Jafr). Simply enter your question and wait for the final result. All specialized processing is performed internally by the system.

1. Questions about a person

If your question is about a specific person, always describe who they are as precisely as you can. It is best to include:

- **Father's and mother's names.** These are the most reliable way to tell one person from another.
- **Title or epithet.** Any title, nickname or well-known epithet the person carries.
- **Occupation.** What the person does or did for a living, and any social position.
- **Place of residence.** Where the person lives or lived.

> **Why so much detail?**
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> History contains many people who share the same name or resemble the person you have in mind. Each extra detail helps the tool understand which person you actually mean, and a better understanding leads to a better answer.

2. What Keyhole is good for

Keyhole is meant for events, happenings and tangible matters: whether something will take place, how a situation develops, what lies behind an affair.

Please keep in mind that answers may be symbolic or figurative, and that an answer may not be exact. This can happen for a number of reasons, so read the answer as guidance and not as a precise statement.

3. What Keyhole is not for

- **Finding out time.** The tool is not designed to tell you when something will happen. Questions that need a date or time as the answer are not supported.
- **Finding out a place.** Keyhole is not suitable for discovering where something is. The only exception is when you name the exact place yourself and want to confirm whether it is positive or negative for your matter.

4. From weak to strong

Instead of...	Try something like...
Will Ali get the job?	Will Ali, son of Hassan and Maryam, a civil engineer living in Tabriz, be hired by the city municipality?
When will I get my visa?	Will my visa application be approved? (Ask about the event, not the date.)
Where should I open my shop?	Is the Nizami Street location in Baku positive or negative for opening my shop? (Name the exact place.)

Remember: the question box accepts up to 200 characters, so put the most important details first.

5. Quick checklist

- Person: father’s and mother’s names, title, occupation, place of residence.
- Ask about an event or a tangible matter, not about time.
- For a place, name it exactly and ask whether it is positive or negative.
- Expect a symbolic answer that may not be exact.
- Keep it within 200 characters.

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