

## How to Evaluate Your Competitors' Customer Experience

Ask yourself these 12 questions to gain a deeper understanding of their strengths and weaknesses as you shop their products and services.

Studying your competitors helps you better understand what they are doing well and also identify gaps in their sales and marketing strategy. By analyzing your top competitors on a regular basis, you'll gain valuable insights to improve your own marketing strategies and stay ahead of the curve in a crowded marketplace.

One of the best ways to assess the competition is to become a customer yourself. Visit their stores, buy their products, purchase their services, and see how they operate from a buyer's perspective. Use this 12 point checklist to examine how they sell to customers and what it means for your business.

For more on how to evaluate your competitors, check out our <u>marketing strategy blog</u>, or contact our <u>small business marketing consultants</u> and tell us more about your business goals.

## 12 Questions to Ask When Shopping Competitor Brands

1. What stood out to me about the experience of being their customer? What was positive and negative about the experience?





2.	What was the first thing that happened when I went to their store/called their company/visited their website?
3.	What attracted my attention about their marketing materials? What did I notice first? What was my first impression?
4.	How did I feel being a prospective customer throughout the entire sales process?
5.	How did this competitor move me from consideration to purchase (e.g. abandon cart emails, helpful and attentive associates, confirmation of what will happen next at the end of a phone call)?





6.	How was the service delivery experience? For products, how did the item arrive and how was it packaged? Did I feel the level of satisfaction
	and confidence in the brand after the sale as I expected?
7.	What was their post-sale follow up? Was there any communication from
	the brand after the sale? If so, was it personalized and useful?
8.	How did the overall experience match up with my initial expectations
	and with the brand's initial promise to me as a customer?
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10.Where did this competitor fail in their sales process?
11.If this competitor was my company, how would I fix the failures?
12.If this competitor was my company, how would I market my strengths
(and how well are they marketing those strengths)?

Once you have carefully thought through each aspect of the customer experience from your competitors, take this collection of data and think about how customers view your company.

- → What aspects of your marketing strategy have room for improvement?
- → What are the gaps in your competitors' marketing plans?
- → What do you do that makes your company unique and different from competitors?

Use these competitor insights and conclusions about your own brand's customer experience to build a smarter marketing strategy and convert more loyal customers.





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