## Sales Call Checklist

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- Preparation
  - □ Research the account prior to the call.
  - □ Learn something about the person and their business.
  - □ Have three value-added points prepared.
- □ Introduction
  - □ Find out the names of contacts in the account.
  - □ Find out who the decision-makers are.
  - □ Bridge to the business topic smoothly.
- □ Sales Call
  - □ Spend 80 percent of your time listening and only 20 percent talking.
  - □ Ask about the business goals.
  - □ Ask what challenges the company is facing.
  - □ Find out how and why they made the decision for their current product or service.
  - Ask if they could change something about their product or service, what would it be.
  - □ Talk about benefits.
  - Give a general overview of the product or service.
  - □ Stay focused on the customer's needs.
  - □ Summarize the prospect's needs and how our product or service meets those needs.
- □ Closing
  - Get the customer to identify all possible problems that might be solved by the product or service.
  - Get the customer to identify the value of solving the identified problems.
  - □ Ask for the order.