



A Mutual Understanding

The top ten words to use and lose when discussing mutual funds with investors



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Words to use and words to lose, based on the New Word Order research – five years, 15 dial sessions and the most recent national survey of 800 investors in March, 2011.

The Top Ten Words to Use

1. Financial Security

Which is more important to you today? Achieving...?

85% Financial Security

15% Financial Freedom

2. Portion

Thinking about the different types of products you can invest in today, if your financial advisor recommended you put [all/portion] of your portfolio into a single, well-diversified fund that seeks to maximize potential for growth, based on your personal risk comfort level, how likely would you be to do it?

92% Portion

50% All

3. Long-Term

And which of the following would you like to discuss with your advisor? Is it a(n) ... strategy?

75% Long-term

11% Opportunistic

7% Short-term

7% Recovery

4. Balance/Upside Potential with Downside Protection

Which investment is most appealing to you? One that is designed...?

29% To balance risks

27% For upside potential with downside protection

19% To work in all market environments

15% To reduce downside risks

10% For equity-like returns with bond-like risks

5. Costs

Which of the following do you LEAST like to pay as an investor?

53% Fees

26% Commissions

15% Charges

6% Costs

6. Straightforward

When it comes to the costs of investing, what kind of fee arrangement would you prefer? One that is...

58% Straightforward

23% Clear

20% Transparent

7. Strategies

And which of the following do you most want to hear about from your financial advisor? Is it investment ...

40% Strategies

22% Solutions

21% Advice

17% Opportunities

8. Reliable

When it comes to talking with your financial advisor about CONSERVATIVE investments, do you most want to hear about a ... approach?

39% Reliable

31% Dependable

17% Safe

13% Risk-averaging

9. Diversified

When it comes to talking with your financial advisor about MODERATE investments, do you most want to hear about a ... approach?

42% Diversified

33% Balanced

13% Mixed-asset

12% Comprehensive

10. Progressive

When it comes to talking with your financial advisor about AGGRESSIVE investments, do you most want to hear about a(n) ... approach?

45% Progressive

29% Innovative

14% Cutting-edge

12% Alternative

The Top Ten Toxic Words and Phrases

Words to never use with today's investors

1. You Say: Act Now

They Hear: Implausible, improbable and possibly illegal

2. You Say: New & Improved

They Hear: Untested and unproven – would prefer something that works as advertised

3. You Say: Trust Me

They Hear: CAUTION! Everyone wants an advisor they can trust – no one wants an advisor who says "trust me"

4. You Say: Automatic/Default

They Hear: Loss of choice and control

5. You Say: Longevity Risk

They Hear: Isn't longevity a benefit and death a risk?

6. You Say: Institutional Management

They Hear: Felons are managing the money

7. You Say: Outlive Your Money

They Hear: You are scaring me into buying – would rather discuss having enough money for as long as I live

8. You Say: Best-of-Breed, World Class Disciplined

They Hear: Mind numbing and meaningless cliches – unless backed up with proof

9. You Say: Beta

They Hear: Getting in over my head – this is hard work and confusing

10. You Say: Established in 1868

They Hear: So was Lehman. You can't be too old to fail

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