

High Level Questioning to Encourage Thinking- Notes

What High Level Questions Are...

- Questions that
- Questions to
- Questions for
- Developmentally

How Do Questions Relate to Bloom's Taxonomy?

1. Remember -
 - children will
2. Understand -
 - children will
3. Apply -
 - children will
4. Analyze -
 - children will
5. Evaluate -
 - children will
6. Create -
 - children will

Your Turn: Select a topic that is commonly discussed in early child settings. Create some questions based on Levels 1 and 2. Create some questions on the more advanced Levels that are based on the foundational Level questions.

Strategies for Asking More High Level Questions

- Planning -
- Prior Knowledge -
- “I wonder...” or “What do you notice....” -
- Big words -
- Follow up questions -
- Active listening -

Dual Language Learners – Tips

- Find another speaker -
- Avoid putting them on the spot. -
- Allow for alternate communication methods. -
- Allow extra time. -
- Ask families to help you. -

Questioning Throughout the Day (See Handout #2 Possible Questions)

Read Alouds – Tips

- Planning and preparation -
- Use sticky notes for Read-Alouds –
- Mind-Heart-Body engagement –
- Leave it in the library –
- Read it more than once -

General Questioning Tips

- Write questions on index cards – one card for each level of Bloom’s Taxonomy. -
- Make posters of questions for each interest area. -
- Make banner strips of high level questions as room decorations. -
- Prepare questions for several of the children’s favorite stories. –

Resources:

- Bloom’s Taxonomy Revised <http://thepeakperformancecenter.com/educational-learning/thinking/blooms-taxonomy/blooms-taxonomy-revised/>
- Dollins, Cynthia. “Juicy Questions to Ask During Read-Alouds.” Teaching Young Children, 2016, pp. 10–11.
- Strasser, Janis, and Lisa Mufson Bresson. *Big Questions for Young Minds: Extending Children’s Thinking*. National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2017.

Videos

- *Kodo Education Investigation - Encouraging Open Ended Question for Kids*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy6UdigaUp&t=1s>
- *Extending children’s ideas (video 1 of 4): Intentional teaching*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bylL-3W7pAI>
- *Asking Powerful Questions in the Classroom (Anabel Jensen)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egu1VOOpWk>