

# Observing Questioning



## Improving your own questioning

Try this evaluation exercise to check your current questioning techniques, and then see whether your practice improves.

Tape-record a 5-minute question-and-answer session. Fill in the grid when you play the tape back. Then try the same activity again, having planned to include a wider range of questioning activities.

Questioning activity	Number of occurrences in 5-minute session (first sample)	Number of occurrences in 5-minute session (second sample)	Number of occurrences in 5-minute session (third sample)
Closed – factual information and comprehension			
Open – prompting more than one answer			
Time for reflection before answer required			
Further prompts to elicit extended answer			
Opportunities for pupils to explain why they have offered that response			
Opportunities for pupils to confer before answering			
Teacher initiates, pupils respond, teacher provides feedback			
Pupils initiate their own questions			