

# QUESTIONING SKILLS

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Questioning can really have a positive effect on pupils' learning.

Apparently teachers ask a whopping **350 questions** a day! Sounds like a lot, right? Don't think you have anything to learn about questioning? Well before you move on, just stop and read the extended figures...

- 60% of questions are general recalling of the facts.
- 20% actually encourage thinking.
- 20% are routine questions such as "What are you doing?"

Do not dismiss the questioning.

The important thing to remember when regarding questioning is actually to **plan a set of questions** before hand. The result doesn't have to always determine if the pupil gets the answer right, but should **reveal something about their way of thinking**.

Some useful tips with questioning include:

- Using the word "**why**" when asking a question as it discourages a single word answer.
- Planning questions which are related to your learning objective.
- If a pupil gives a wrong answer, never belittle them as this discourages participation (and can be detrimental to behaviour), but **respond with another answer** to direct them onto the correct path.