



Examples of questions that can be used to help students become effective learners.
(after Transforming Learning. Personalising Learning. NEP. 2006)

Questions that challenge.

- What evidence do you have? How do you know that's true? What are your reasons? Why do you believe that?

Questions that explore alternatives.

- What viewpoint are you taking? How would X feel about that? What does Y have to say about that?

Questions that require analysis.

- Why have you used this approach? Explain how you have reached this conclusion. (How) Does this evidence justify this conclusion?

Questions that seek clarification.

- What do you mean by X? (How) Can you explain that in another way?

Questions that stimulate creative responses.

- What would happen if.....? What would we need to do if.....? How might this look if.....?

Questions that encourage hypothetical thinking.

- What would happen if the moon moved faster? What would have happened if Napoleon had won the Battle of Waterloo? What will happen when fossil fuels run out?

Questions that support reflection and review.

- Why do you think that worked? How will you ensure you can repeat this success? What have you learned from these questions?