

Stretch & Challenge questioning

Questions fall into two main categories: lower-order questions which require memory, and higher-order, which require thinking. The optimum wait time for a lower-order question is 3 seconds, compared to 10 seconds for a higher-order question.

- Students are able to answer S&C questions in sentences and paragraphs
- S&C questions are used to focus learning and to encourage extended abstract thinking

Questions that link to S&C thinking

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| Applying <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you explain why/how/which...?• What would you have done...?• What do you think will happen/would have happened next...?• What makes you think...?• What would you use for...? | Analysing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How would you group/sort/ categorise/classify?• Can you work out the parts/features/structure of...?• How can you show the differences/ similarities of...?• What patterns can you find...?• What evidence can you find to...? |
| Synthesising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you think of a better way to...?• What would you have done if...?• How would you tackle this next time...?• How would you change/adapt to make a new...?• Given the choice, what would you do...? | Evaluating <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How successful was...?• How would you rate...?• What do you think of...?• What makes ... good/bad/average? |