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Appendix 5 Prompts for facilitating learning and thinking

These prompts will help you to facilitate pupils’ learning and thinking in lessons.

Remember: ‘Telling them the answer is not always learning.’

- Show me something that is solid.
- Can you tell me the equipment you have used?
- Find something that is used to make an electrical circuit.
- Having read the information, what is it telling you?
- Where can you find the meaning of the word?
- What does … mean? Why has this happened?
- What could you say about …?
- What might happen next? What do you see? How do you know?
- What is in the picture? Which … go together?
- Can you explain? Are you sure this is true? How do you know?
- Where did you get the information from?
- How are you going to present the results?
- Explain the meaning of two key words.
- What have you learnt about … today?

- Have you given pupils time to answer the question?
- Are you allowing the pupils to work independently?
- Are you encouraging pupils to work in pairs or groups?