
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?
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- *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?*