

Questioning Games

The following activities, done over time, will encourage a child to think more critically. Critical thinking is one key component in reading comprehension. Good readers interact with a text; they apply their own thoughts, ideas and knowledge in order to gather meaning from what they read. Therefore, learning how to ask critical questions is an important skill.

20 Questions:

Directions:

1. Think of something specific and tell your student whether it is a person, place or thing.
2. Give them as many as 20 yes or no questions to figure out what you've got in mind.
3. Encourage them to ask meaningful questions rather than guessing something right off the bat. For example, *Is what you're thinking of bigger than a book?* Will be more helpful than simply guessing the answer at random with questions such as, *Is it a pencil?* or *Is it my chair?*