

Thinking Words to Use in Assignments/Questioning Strategies

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| Higher Order Thinking Questions (HOT ZONE) | Evaluation (judgment based on criteria) | appraise, choose, compare, conclude, decide, defend, evaluate, give your opinion, judge, justify, prioritize, rank, rate, select, support, value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you recommend this book to your friend? Why? Why not? • Select the best...why is it the best? • What do you think will happen to...Why do you think that? • Could this story really have happened? Why do you think that? • Which person in this story would you most like to meet? Why? Why not? • Was _____ good or bad? Why? |
| | Synthesis (parts of info to create original whole) | change, combine, compose, construct, create, design, find an unusual way, formulate, generate, invent, originate, plan, predict, pretend, produce, rearrange, reconstruct, reorganize, revise, suggest, suppose, visualize, write <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would it be like if... • What would it be like to live... • Design a... • Did anything happen to you like... • Pretend you are... • Write a different ending • What would have happened if... • Use your imagination to draw a picture of... • Add a new thing on your own that was not in the story |
| | Analysis (ability to see parts and relationships) | analyze, categorize, classify, compare, contrast, debate, deduct, determine the factors, diagnose, diagram, differentiate, dissect, distinguish, examine, infer, specify <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What things would you have used • What other ways could... • What things are similar/different... • What part of this story was the most funny, sad? • What things couldn't have happened in real life? • What kind of person is... • What caused _____ to act the way _____ did? • What is the main idea of the story? • What was the message the author was trying to give us? |
| | Application (using learning in new situations) | apply, compute, conclude, construct, demonstrate, determine, draw, find out, give an example, illustrate, make, operate, show, solve, state a rule or principle, use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would happen if you... • Would you have done the same as... • If you were there, would you... • How would you solve this problem in your life? • In the library find out about... |
| | Comprehension (understanding meaning) | convert, describe, explain, interpret, paraphrase, put in order, restate, retell in your own words, rewrite, summarize, trace, translate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me in your own words • What does it mean... • Give me an example of... • Describe what... • What does the word mean? • Make a map of... |
| | Knowledge (recalling information) | define, fill in the blank, identify, label, list, locate, match, memorize, name, recall, spell, state, tell, underline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where did... • What was... • Who (was) were... • When did... • Name the... • How many... • Locate in the story where it... • Point to the... • List the... |