



Clarifying Questions

Clarifying questions are open-ended questions about the facts. Some ways to ask open-ended questions for clarification are as follows:

- Why do you think this is the case?
- What would have to change in order for...?
- What do you feel is right in your heart?
- What do you wish...?
- What's another way you might...?
- What would it look like if...?
- What do you think would happen if...?
- How was...different from...?
- What sort of an impact do you think...?
- What criteria did you use to...?
- When have you done/experienced something like this before?
- What might you see happening in your classroom if...?
- How did you decide/determine/conclude...?
- What is your hunch about?
- What was your intention when?
- What do you assume to be true about?
- What is the connection between...and...?
- What if the opposite were true? Then what?
- How might your assumptions about...have influenced how you are thinking about...?
- Why is this such a dilemma for you?