

Clarification Questions

Why do you say that?

Could you expand upon that?

What example can you give?

Are you saying....or....?

Would you summarize in your own words.....

What specifically does that mean?

What is already known about this?

Questioning Viewpoints and Perspectives

What is the difference between ....and .....

How are ... & ... alike?

What other way could you look at this?

Why is it better than...?

What comparison may be made between ... & ...?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of.....?

Implication and Consequence Probes

If ..... is the case, then what else must be true?

What are the implications of.....?

If that happened, what else would happen? Why?

What would be the implications of.....?

Why is ..... important?

Why do you think that is the best.....?

Questions about the Initial Question or Issue

Is this question clear?

Do you find the question easy or hard to answer?

Why?

Why is this question important?

What other questions does this one lead you to ask?

To answer this question what other questions do we need to answer first?

Assumption Probes

What might happen if..?

What could be assumed if..?

Is it always the case?

Why do you think the assumption holds here?

Explain how/why...?

How can that assumption be verified or disproved?

Do you agree or disagree with.....?

Reasons and Evidence Probes

What difference does that make?

What are your reasons for saying that?

What evidence is there to support....?

Is there reason to doubt that evidence?

Why? (Ask repeatedly)

How dependable is the source of your information? Why?

NOTES

**Socratic Questioning**



“I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think.”  
 -Socrates, 469-399 B.C.