

Four types of questions

<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p>A closed question implies that the teacher has a predetermined 'correct' response in mind</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPEN</p> <p>An open question permits a range of responses</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LITERAL</p> <p>Literal questions are concerned with the recall of facts or simple comprehension where the answer is clearly stated in the text</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HIGHER ORDER</p> <p>Higher order questions make progressive cognitive demand on children. They encourage children to think beyond the literal.</p> <p>The effective use of higher order questions enables teachers to assess children's understanding and thinking</p>

It is important that there should be an appropriate balance of literal and higher order questions for children in all age groups.