

*Here's a nice tool to use when writing or asking comprehension questions:*

### **Open-ended Comprehension Questions**

- **Amplify**: “Tell me more about that.”
- **Clarify**: “What do you mean when you say such and such? Explain that a bit more.”
- **Paraphrase/Summarize**: “Tell me what happened in your own words.”
- **Cause/Effect**: “Which happened first? Did that lead to something? Why? What were the causes?”
- **Compare Contrast**: “What do these two have in common? How are they different? Have you learned anything like this before? What does this information remind you of?”
- **Example**: “Can you give an example of this?”
- **Definition**: “How would you define this?”
- **Characteristic**: “What’s a characteristic of this?”
- **Qualification**: “When is this not true? Are there any exceptions to this?”

(Meyer & Smith 1987)