he power of questions + the development of oracy in the classroom (for teachers and/or teaching assistants)

## **Overview**

Oracy is a vital skill that pupils need to learn how to harness for academic and life-long success. This training focuses on blending theory and practice so that teachers understand how to deliver lessons that both strengthen and utilise oracy for learning.

What are your favourite questions? What questioning techniques do you use to elicit pupil learning? How do you use the power of questions to probe understanding, unpick misconceptions, and move learning forward? This training goes well beyond the understanding of closed and open questions— it looks closely at the techniques teachers and teaching assistants can use to help them ask powerful questions.

This training can also include modules on increasing pupil participation through collaborative learning techniques.

## **Modules**

- categorisation of questions and consideration of blooms taxonomy and other question frameworks;
- using different stimuli for asking questions and encouraging pupils to ask their own powerful questions;
- questioning techniques such as: The 5 whys, the five senses, boxing and scaffolding, Socratic questions, chunking questions, Kipling questions, Funnel questions, metacognition questions;
- reasons and evidence questions;
- thinking routines that promote talk in the classroom;
- group size and structures for talk;
- collaborative learning techniques, group work and accountable talk; and
- supporting pupils through the use of sentence stems and scaffolding.

## **Evaluations**

"Got me really thinking about extending my questioning technique, a great mix of participation and ideas."

"It was enjoyable and fun but thought provoking. I will try out these strategies"

"Challenged me to think at a higher level." "Great resources and ideas to take away to use in class"; "Activities embedded what had been spoken about".

Training can be delivered via online learning modules and zoom sessions for individuals, groups or the whole school. Contact us to arrange bespoke training for your school.

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