

Questions to Determine Student Knowledge

Types of Questions	Purpose	Examples
Knowledge	To find misconceptions and check for factual knowledge. Background knowledge.	-Who? -What? -When? -Where? -Why? -How?
Comprehension	To discover how the student uses existing knowledge to formulate new understandings	- Why does water look blue in a lake, but clear in a glass? - Do good governments and bad governments have anything in common?
Application	To extend the length and complexity of the response	- Can you tell me more about that?
Analysis	To gain further details by identifying and analyzing organizational patterns and relationships	- Can you show me where you found that information? - Why did you choose that answer? - Can you differentiate between ...?
Evaluation	To determine the learner's ability to problem solve	- How would you set up this word problem? - How would you justify...? - How would you judge the accuracy of...?
Inventive	To encourage imaginative thought	- If you could, what advice would you give to Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo? - How could the outcome for Macbeth change?