

Connecting**Stretching****Transferring**Topic: **3b Questioning**Activity: **Famous People****What you are trying to achieve ...**

Developing students' ability to narrow down their thinking from an infinite number of possibilities. Get students into the habit of asking the best strategic questions to help manage their enquiries.

Set up the Activity

Give each student a card and pin and ask them to secure the card to another student's back. Do not tell each other what is on the card.

The challenge is to find out who they are by asking ONLY CLOSED QUESTIONS (eliciting YES or NO).

Run the Activity

Students mingle.

When a person discovers who they are they pin the card on to their front and continue to help other people.

Debrief Through Discussion

Invite students to distil their experience:

"What types of questions enabled you to cut down possibilities?"

"What were the most important answers that enabled you to move your understanding forward?"

"When did you reframe your questions on the basis of emerging information?"

"Did you have a breakthrough moment — what question made this happen?"

Extend Using Linking Ideas

Print or display Linking Ideas.

Run through the questioning muscle, and move into other activities.

Hints and tips

Keep characters up to date.

Characters should be varied, e.g. Homer Simpson, the Queen, Harry Potter, Gromit, Wayne Rooney, Superman, the Pope, Hermione, Tracy Beaker ...

Things to Try ...

Try it non-verbally.

Try it later in the programme with a new list of names to see whether questioning skills have improved.

Coaching Notes

Linking Ideas