Essential Focus Lessons for Asking Questions

The following are essential focus lessons for asking questions. Select those lessons that are most appropriate for your grade level.

- Good readers ask purposeful questions before, during, and after reading.
- Good readers ask questions to clarify meaning.
- Good readers ask questions about unfamiliar words.
- Good readers ask questions about the author’s style.
- Good readers ask question about their predictions.
- Good readers look for answers to their questions in the text.
- Good readers revise predictions based on evidence in the text.
- Good readers determine whether they will have to infer answers to their questions based on the text, use their background knowledge to answer questions, or seek an outside source for answers.
- Good readers understand that answers to the most interesting questions often must be interpreted by the reader.
- Good readers can identify new questions and answers as a result of contributions from other readers.
- Good readers recognize that questioning is valuable in all aspects of life, not just in reading.
- Good readers know that asking questions expands a reader’s thinking and understanding.