

A TYPOLOGY of CLASSROOM QUESTIONS

Generative

Exploring the topic

- Authentic questions or wonders that teacher doesn't know the answer to
- Essential questions that initiate exploration of a topic

Facilitative

Promotes the learner's own thinking and understanding

- Requesting elaboration, reasons, evidence, justification
- Generating discussion among the class to hear different perspectives
- Clarifying and uncovering

Constructive

Building new understanding

- Extending and interpreting
- Connecting and linking
- Orienting and focusing on big ideas, central concepts, or purpose
- Evaluating

Procedural

Directing the work of the Class

- Going over directions and assignments
- Clarifying
- Checking for attention, agreement
- Task completion
- Organizational and management related

Review

Recalling and reviewing of Knowledge and information

- Terminology
- Procedures
- Content
- Events & Context

