

Depth of Knowledge Question Stems

What is Depth of Knowledge?

Depth of Knowledge (DOK) is a scale used to determine the amount of thinking required for a given question or task. Aligning your questions to different DOK levels facilitates higher-order thinking and deeper learning for your students.

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DOK Level	Question Stems	Example Questions
<p>Level 1</p> <p><i>Recall and recognition</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which of the following ____? How would you describe ____? Can you recall ____? What is ____? Can you identify ____? What is the definition of ____? When did ____? What is the name of ____? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What is the definition of figurative language?</i> <i>How would you describe a metamorphic rock?</i> <i>When did World War II occur?</i>
<p>Level 2</p> <p><i>Using a skill or concept</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How would you summarize ____? What is an example of ____? How would you use ____? What examples/nonexamples can you find to ____? How are ____ alike/different? Explain why/how ____. What is the main idea of ____? What was the cause of ____? Compare and contrast ____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What is the main idea of the first paragraph of the text?</i> <i>Explain how the data show a linear relationship.</i> <i>Compare and contrast the French Revolution and the American Revolution.</i>
<p>Level 3</p> <p><i>Requires strategic thinking</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What evidence supports ____? How/why does the author ____? Predict what would happen if ____. What conclusions can you draw ____? Analyze how ____. Elaborate on ____. How would you test ____? Do you agree/disagree with ____? Explain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What evidence supports the author's claim use of social media lowers self-esteem?</i> <i>Predict what would happen if you double the temperature.</i> <i>Do you agree with the President's speech? Explain.</i>
<p>Level 4</p> <p><i>Requires extended thinking and complex reasoning</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What further information would support your idea about ____? How would you evaluate ____? Create a(n) ____ that ____. Design a(n) ____ that would ____. Assess the validity of ____. Apply ____ and determine ____. How would you prove/disprove ____? Analyze the impact of ____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Analyze the impact of the incorporation of the Bill of Rights.</i> <i>Design an experiment that demonstrates how the addition of hydrochloric acid affects the rate of the reaction.</i>