

# Blank Levels of Questioning

## Handout for Teachers & Teaching Assistants

Developed by Dr Marion Blank, the Blank Levels of Questioning framework helps adults match their questions to a child's level of language comprehension, moving from concrete to abstract thinking.

### Level 1 – Matching Perception

Focus: Naming and identifying what can be seen.

- What is this?
- Show me the...
- Who is that?

### Level 2 – Selective Analysis of Perception

Focus: Describing, comparing and noticing details.

- What colour is it?
- How are these different?
- What can you do with it?

### Level 3 – Reordering Perception

Focus: Sequencing, predicting and retelling.

- What happened next?
- Tell me the story.
- How are these the same?

### Level 4 – Reasoning About Perception

Focus: Explaining, justifying and problem solving.

- Why did that happen?
- What would happen if...?
- How can we tell?

### Tips for Classroom Use

- Start at the child's current level.
- Use visual supports and real objects.
- Allow wait time for responses.
- Model expanded answers when needed.