

5 Activities to challenge your child's thinking

"Learning happens when people have to think hard"

Challenge your child by encouraging them to think critically about the work they are completing.



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Reduce

Encourage your child to consolidate their learning by asking them to reduce what they have learned in each subject today to three words or sentences. Ask them to explain the choices they have made to you.

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Transform

In transforming their learning, your child will really deepen their understanding. Ask them to transform what they have learned into a story board, an image or even into a mini play they can perform to you!

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Categorise

Invite your child to sort the key information from a lesson into three categories of their choice. Ask them to explain why they have chosen those categories.

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Extend

The ability to create an analogy to explain an idea shows your child can connect their new knowledge to something they already understand. Can your child do this for something they have learned in one of their subjects today?

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Reflect

Develop your child's awareness of their thinking by asking them to answer the following before, during and after a task:

Before: How does this link to previous learning? What do I want to achieve? What should I do first?

During: Am I on the right track? What can I do differently? Who can I ask for help?

After: What worked well? What could I have done better? Can I apply this to other situations? What was the most difficult aspect of this work? What made it difficult? How did I overcome this?