

Socratic Questions

1. Clarification

- What do you mean by ___?
- Could you rephrase your point?
- Why do you say that?

2. Probing Assumptions

- What's being assumed?
- Is that assumption sound?
- Could the assumption be different?

3. Probing Reasons and Evidence

- How do you know?
- What is the quality of the evidence?
- Are there any reasons to doubt that?

4. Viewpoints or Perspectives

- How might other people approach it?
- What is an alternative view?
- Have all the alternatives been considered?

5. Implications and Consequences

- What is the result?
- What does that imply?
- If ___ is true, how does it affect ___ ?

6. Questions About the Question

- Is answering this question useful?
- Do we properly understand the question?
- How could we resolve this question?