

# Graphic Organiser

## Thinking Processes – Questioning / Methodology of Inquiry

REASONING, PROCESSING  
AND INQUIRY

CREATIVITY

REFLECTION, EVALUATION  
AND METACOGNITION



# QUESTION MATRIX



### How Does It Work?

This tool will help you to generate both **skinny** questions (one or two word answers linked to the knowledge and understanding type of thinking) and **fat** questions (detailed answers linked to the higher levels of thinking of analysis and evaluation).

### KEY ELEMENTS TO THINK ABOUT

- Develop a question for each square. This shows thinking from different angles.
- Choose questions that are most likely to give the depth of response you are seeking.

### TASK

We are beginning the selection process for a new school Principal and would like to gather questions the students would consider important to ask the applicants. With a partner complete the question matrix and then choose the 6 questions you believe to be the most valuable to be passed on to the selection panel.

Principal Interview Questions		Event	Situation	Choice	Person	Reason	Means
		<i>What</i>	<i>Where / When</i>	<i>Which</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Why</i>	<i>How</i>
<b>Present</b>	<i>is/ are/ do/ does?</i>	What do you think about homework?	When do you think a student should be punished?	Which part of this job is most important?	Who is the most important person in the school?	Why do you think you're the best person for our school?	How do you think students should behave?
<b>Past</b>	<i>was/ do/ did?</i>	What did you like most about your last job?	When did you last teach in a classroom?	Which level did you most like teaching?	Who was the best teacher you ever knew?	Why did you leave your last school?	How did the students behave at your last school?
<b>Possibility</b>	<i>can/ could/ should?</i>	What can you do better than most other people?	When can you come back for another interview?	Which specialist classes should we offer?	Who should be on Junior School Council?	Why should teachers have a staff room that we can't share?	How could you have done a better job at your last school?
<b>Probability</b>	<i>would?</i>	What would kids most like about you?	Where would you most like the Principal's office to be?	Which parts of your personality would you like to change?	Who would you most like to meet?	Why would you want to get this job?	How would you see the Junior School Council operating?
<b>Prediction</b>	<i>will?</i>	What will you do to get more students coming to our school?	When will you be available to start?	Which part of the job will you like the most?	Who will be in the Buddy system?	Why will the parents at our school like you?	How long will you be prepared to stay?
<b>Probability</b>	<i>might?</i>	What might a student do to upset you the most?	When might you want to do some teaching?	Which type of grades do you like, composite or straight?	Who might make a great school captain?	Why might you get angry with a teacher?	How might you improve our school?