

QUESTION MATRIX

The Question Matrix was designed by Chuck Weiderhold in 1991. It contains 36 question starters asking what, where, when, which, who, why and how. Proceeding through the matrix, the questions become more complex and open-ended.

The Question Matrix could be used:

- to help students create their own questions about a specific topic and to encourage in-depth thinking
- as question starters for teachers to elicit further information about a student's knowledge and understanding of a topic
- to formulate questions for a particular purpose eg organising a camp, answering questions on a program etc. For example, the Question Matrix can be used to answer questions about Behind the News: <http://www.abc.net.au/btn>

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	Event	Situation	Choice	Person	Reason	Means
Present	What is?	Where / When is?	Which did?	Who is?	Why is?	How is?
Past	What did?	Where / When did?	Which did?	Who did?	Why did?	How did?
Possibility	What can?	Where / When can?	Which can?	Who can?	Why can?	How can?
Probability	What would?	Where / When would?	Which would?	Who would?	Why would?	How would?
Prediction	What will?	Where / When will?	Which will?	Who will?	Why will?	How will?
Imagination	What might?	Where / When might?	Which might?	Who might?	Why might?	How might?

Useful websites for using the Question Matrix:

<http://www.cap.nsw.edu.au/QI/TOOLS/pqr/questionmatrix.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/btn/teachers/activitysheets/2006/ep09/0205questionmatrix.doc>

http://swarthyknaves.com/strategies_good_questions.html

http://www.highlandschools-virtualib.org.uk/lit/inclusive_enjoyable/questioning.htm