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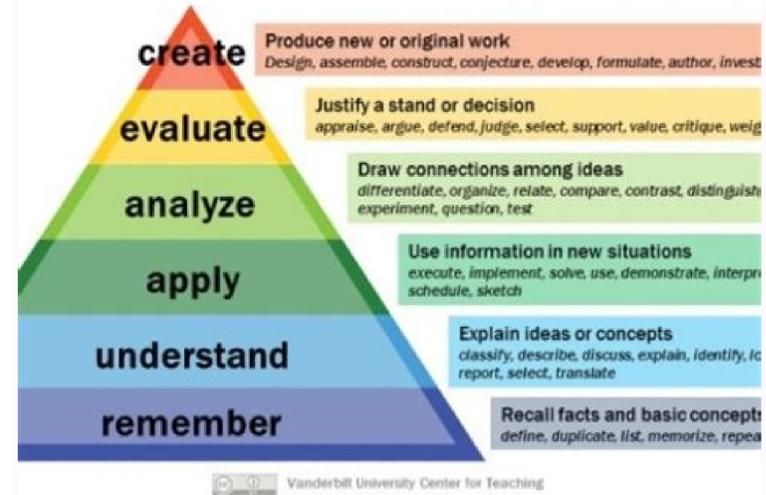


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## Bloom's Taxonomy



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REMEMBER	UNDERSTAND	EVALUATE
<p><b>REMEMBER</b> Recognize and recall facts, terms, concepts, and procedures.</p> <p><b>RECOGNITION</b> Identify and recall facts, terms, concepts, and procedures.</p> <p><b>RECALL</b> Retrieve information from memory.</p>	<p><b>UNDERSTAND</b> Explain ideas or concepts in your own words.</p> <p><b>COMPREHENSION</b> Interpret and explain ideas or concepts.</p> <p><b>EXPLANATION</b> Describe and explain ideas or concepts.</p>	<p><b>EVALUATE</b> Justify a stand or decision based on criteria.</p> <p><b>JUDGMENT</b> Make a judgment about the value of ideas or products.</p> <p><b>CRITIQUE</b> Evaluate and make a judgment about the value of ideas or products.</p>

Bloom's Math Question Stems		
<p><b>Remembering</b> questions focus on facts, terms, concepts, and procedures.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "What is the capital of France?"</p>	<p><b>Understanding</b> questions focus on explaining ideas or concepts.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "Explain why the sky is blue."</p>	<p><b>Applying</b> questions focus on using information in new situations.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "Use the Pythagorean theorem to find the length of the hypotenuse."</p>
<p><b>Analyzing</b> questions focus on drawing connections among ideas.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "Compare and contrast the two theories."</p>	<p><b>Evaluating</b> questions focus on justifying a stand or decision.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "Evaluate the effectiveness of the policy."</p>	<p><b>Creating</b> questions focus on producing new or original work.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> "Design a new experiment to test the hypothesis."</p>



Bloom's taxonomy question stems for math. Bloom's taxonomy question stems for art. Bloom's taxonomy question stems for geography. Bloom's taxonomy question stems for kindergarten. Bloom's taxonomy question stems for history. Bloom's taxonomy question stems. Bloom's taxonomy question stems for science. Bloom's taxonomy question stems for social studies.

In 1956, American educational psychologist Benjamin Samuel Bloom strove to create a system for explaining the progression of steps for learning. His book, "Taxonomy of Educational Objectives: The Classification of Educational Goals" showed a way to categorize reasoning skills based on the amount of critical thinking involved. His work led to a still widely used educational concept known as Bloom's Taxonomy, which was revised slightly in 2001. In Bloom's Taxonomy, there are six levels of skills ranked in order from the most basic to the most complex. Each level of skill is associated with a verb, as learning is an action. As a teacher, you should ensure that the questions you ask both in class and on written assignments and tests are pulled from all levels of the taxonomy pyramid. Objective assessments (multiple-choice, matching, fill in the blank) tend to focus only on the two lowest levels of Bloom's Taxonomy: remembering and understanding. Subjective assessments (essay responses, experiments, portfolios, performances) tend to measure the higher levels of Bloom's Taxonomy: applying, analyzing, evaluating, and creating. To incorporate Bloom's Taxonomy into lessons, present different levels beginning with the most basic at the beginning of a unit. Once you reach the end of a unit, the lessons should incorporate the highest levels of Bloom's Taxonomy. Andrea Hernandez/Flickr/CC BY-SA 2.0

The remembering level forms the base of the Bloom's Taxonomy pyramid. Because it is of the lowest complexity, many of the verbs in this section are in the form of questions. You can use this level of questioning to ensure that students learned specific information from the lesson. What do you remember about...? How would you define...? How would you identify...? How would you recognize...? Define/Define mercantilism. Who/Who was the author of "Billy Budd"? What/What is the capital of England? Name/Name the inventor of the telephone. List/List the 13 original colonies. Label/Label the capitals on this map of the United States. Locate/Locate the glossary in your textbook. Match/Match the following inventors with their inventions. Select/Select the correct author of "War and Peace" from the following list. Underline/Underline the noun. At the understanding level, you want students to show that they can go beyond basic recall by understanding what the facts mean. The verbs at this level should allow you to see if your students understand the main idea and are able to interpret or summarize the ideas in their own words. How would you generalize...? How would you express...? What can you infer from...? What did you observe...? Explain/Explain the law of inertia using an example from an amusement park. Interpret/Interpret the information found in this pie chart. Outline/Outline the main arguments for and against year-round education. Discuss/Discuss what it means to use context to determine the meaning of a word. Translate/Translate this passage into English. Restate/Restate the steps for a bill to become a law in your own words. Describe/Describe what is happening in this Civil War picture. Identify/Identify the correct method for disposing of recyclable trash. Which/Which statements support implementing school uniforms? Summarize/Summarize the first chapter of "To Kill a Mockingbird." At the applying level, students must show that they can apply the information they have learned. Students can demonstrate their grasp of the material at this level by solving problems and creating projects. How would you demonstrate...? How would you present...? How would you change...? How would you modify...? Solve/Using the information you have learned about mixed numbers, solve the following questions. Use/Use Newton's Laws of Motion to explain how a model rocket works. Predict/Predict whether items float better in fresh water or salt water. Construct/Using the information you have learned about aerodynamics, construct a paper airplane that minimizes drag. Perform/Create and perform a skit that dramatizes an event from the civil rights era. Demonstrate/Demonstrate how changing the location of the fulcrum affects a tabletop lever. Classify/Classify each observed mineral based on the criteria learned in class. Apply/Apply the rule of 70 to determine how quickly \$1,000 would double if earning 5 percent interest. The fourth level of Bloom's Taxonomy is analyzing. Here students find patterns in what they learn. Students move beyond simply remembering, understanding, and applying. At this level, they begin to take a more active role in their own learning. How can you sort the parts...? What can you infer...? What ideas validate...? How would you explain...? What?/What is the function of the liver in the body? What is the main idea of the story "The Tell-Tale Heart"? What assumptions do we have to make when discussing Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Analyze/Analyze President Lincoln's motives for delivering the Gettysburg Address. Identify/Identify any biases that might exist when reading an autobiography. Examine/Examine the results of your experiment and record your conclusions. Investigate/Investigate the propaganda techniques used in each of the following advertisements. Evaluating means that students make judgments based on the information they have learned as well as their own insights. This is often a challenging question to evaluate, particularly for end-of-unit exams. What criteria would you use to assess...? What data were used to evaluate...? How could you verify...? What information would you use to prioritize...? Evaluate/Evaluate the accuracy of the movie "The Patriot." Find/Find the errors in the following math problem. Select/Select the most appropriate action that you should take against a school bully. Justify your answer. Decide/Decide on a meal plan for the next week that includes all the required servings according to the USDA ChooseMyPlate nutrition guide. Justify/Justify your answer. Debate/Debate the pros and cons of charter schools. Judge/Judge the importance of students reading a play by William Shakespeare while in high school. At the creating level, students move beyond relying on previously learned information and analyzing items that the teacher has given them. Instead, they create new products, ideas, and theories. What alternative would you suggest for...? What changes would you make to revise...? How would you generate a plan to...? What could you invent...? Create/Create a haiku about a desert animal. Invent/Invent a new board game about Industrial Revolution inventors. Compose/Compose a new piece of music that includes chords in the key of C major. Propose/Propose an alternative way to get students to clean up after themselves in the lunchroom. Plan/Plan an alternative meal to serve vegetarians during Thanksgiving. Design/Design a campaign to help stop teenage smoking. Formulate/Formulate a bill that you would like to see passed in Congress. Develop/Develop an idea for a science fair project that focuses on the effects of pollution on plant life. Armstrong, Patricia. "Bloom's Taxonomy." Vanderbilt University, 25 Mar. 2020. cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/blooms-taxonomy/. Facebook/Twitter/Subscribe by TeachThought Staff While critical thinking is a foundation rather than a brick, how you build that foundation depends on the learning process itself: exposing students to new thinking and promoting interaction with that thinking in a gradual release of responsibility approach. Question stems can be a powerful part of that process no matter where the learner is. They can be used as metacognitive and higher-order thinking prompts for class discussions, prompting, cueing, pre-assessment, self-assessment, formative and summative assessment, etc. See also 28 Critical Thinking Question Stems & Response Cards (\$2.95) The following graphic includes 25+ question stems framed around the early, non-revised Bloom's Taxonomy are worth a gander. In the 'Knowledge' category, question stems focus on helping students identify and recall information — these are often referred to as 'literal' questions, because a learner could more than likely point to a specific location in a text and say, "This is the answer."

'Comprehension' question stems go a step further by prompting the students to make explain concepts or relationships in their own words, demonstrating that they can organize and select facts and ideas from within and across texts. With 'Application,' students elevate their thinking by applying what they comprehend. They use facts, rules, and principles to relate their learning to other contexts, like text-to-text, text-to-world, and text-to-self connections. In 'Analysis,' learners separate parts from a whole. They may categorize information, compare and contrast, or use a diagram to show relationships. 'Synthesis' requires students to combine ideas to form a new idea. Here, students are moving toward creation and ingenuity. They can make predictions and devise prototypes for presented problems. Finally, 'Evaluation' question stems prompt students to share their own thinking, or to make judgments based on a body of evidence and/or opinion. While this version of Bloom's Taxonomy has since been revised, we see value in these question stems as resources to help students think more deeply, and to help teachers start them off on the right track. Image attribution flickr enokson One of the most powerful aspects of Bloom's taxonomy is that it offers you, as an educator, the ability to construct a curriculum to assess objective learning outcomes, including advanced educational objectives like critical thinking. Pre-created Bloom's taxonomy questions can also make planning discussions, learning activities, and formative assessment part of this much easier. For those unfamiliar with Bloom's Taxonomy, it consists of a series of hierarchical levels (normally arranged in a pyramid) that build on each other and progress towards higher-order thinking skills. Each level contains verbs, such as "demonstrate" or "design," that can be measured to gain greater insight into student learning. Click here to download 100+ Bloom's taxonomy question stems for your classroom - and get everything you need to engage your students. Bloom's taxonomy (1956) The original Bloom's Taxonomy framework consists of six levels that build off of each other as the learning experience progresses. It was developed in 1956 by Benjamin Bloom, an American educational psychologist. Below are descriptions of each level: Knowledge: Identification and recall of course concepts learned/Comprehension: Ability to grasp the meaning of the material/Application: Demonstrating a grasp of the material at this level by solving problems and creating projects/Analysis: Finding patterns and trends in the course material/Synthesis: The combining of ideas or concepts to form a working theory/Evaluation: Making judgments based on the information students have learned as well as their own insights A group of educational researchers and cognitive psychologists developed the new and revised Bloom's Taxonomy framework in 2001 to be more action-oriented. This way, students work their way through a series of verbs to meet learning objectives. Below are descriptions of each of the levels in revised Bloom's Taxonomy: Remember: To bring an awareness of the concept to learners' minds/Understand: To summarize or restate the information in a particular way/Apply: The ability to use learned material in new and concrete situations/Analyze: Understanding the underlying structure of knowledge to be able to distinguish between fact and opinion/Evaluate: Making judgments about the value of ideas, theories, items and materials/Create: Reorganizing concepts into new structures or patterns through generating, producing or planning. Bloom's Taxonomy for adjunct professors Free Download: Bloom's Taxonomy Question Stems and Examples Bloom's Taxonomy questions are a great way to build and design curriculum and lesson plans. They encourage the development of higher-order thinking and encourage students to engage in metacognition by thinking and reflecting on their own learning. In The Ultimate Guide to Bloom's Taxonomy Question Stems, you can access more than 100 examples of Bloom's taxonomy questions examples and higher-order thinking question examples at all different levels of Bloom's Taxonomy. Examples of Bloom's Taxonomy question stems Bloom's Taxonomy (1956) question samples: Knowledge: How many...? Who was it that...? Can you name the...? Comprehension: Can you write in your own words...? Can you write a brief outline...? What do you think could have happened next...? Application: Choose the best statements that apply/Judge the effects of...? What would result...? Analysis: Which events could have happened...? If ... happened, how might the ending have been different...? How was this similar to...? Synthesis: Can you design a ... to achieve ...? Write a poem, song or creative presentation about...? Can you see a possible solution to...? Evaluation: What criteria would you use to assess...? What data was used to evaluate...? How could you verify...? Revised Bloom's Taxonomy (2001) question samples: Remember: Who...? What...? Where...? How...? Understand: How would you generalize...? How would you express...? What information can you infer from...? Apply: How would you demonstrate...? How would you present...? Draw a story map. Analyze: How can you sort the different parts...? What can you infer about...? What ideas validate...? How would you categorize...? Evaluate: What criteria would you use to assess...? What sources could you use to verify...? What information would you use to prioritize...? What are the possible outcomes for...? Create: What would happen if...? List the ways you can...? Can you brainstorm a better solution for...?

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