

Hierarchy of Questions

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INQUIRY STAGE OR QUESTION	Examples	Comments
1. Hook Question	What does it take to run a half marathon?	The question to start thinking and initial discussion - two meanings of run!
2. Collective Knowledge Gathering Questions	How much training do you need to do (age?)? When do you need to start to train? Who can help you train? What do you need to plan & organize to put on a race?	Questions that can be investigated using archives, people and the internet. They will have mainly factual answers.
3. Forming an Opinion	Why do people 'run' half marathons (and more)?	A debating question - for which everyone can have a reasoned opinion.
4. Deeper Question	What good does running do? What is the downside or disadvantage to running?	A question that challenges - and can also draw in parents and wider community
5. Applied/Problem Solving Question	Can we organize at least a simple race applying some of what we know?	The question that generates the product to the enquiry