

USD 443 Checks for Understanding – Instructional Examples

Questioning

Looks Like	Doesn't Look Like
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-ended • Hand Signals • Higher Level • Includes Feedback • Question/Response Cards • Language Supports (Visuals, Anchor Charts, Sentence Stems, Partner Talks) • Academic Discourse Opportunities (Mix/Pair/Freeze, Inside/Outside Circle, Shoulder Partner, Carousel, Talking Chips, Think/Pair/Share, etc.) • Reciprocal Questions • Socratic Seminar (open ended inquiry used to challenge accuracy and completeness of thinking. Examples: Probe Assumptions, Probe Reasons and Evidence, Viewpoints and Perspectives, Questions about Questions, Implications and Consequences, etc.) • Students and Teachers ask Questions • Response Cards • Question Stems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes/No • Not <u>Just</u> Question/Response • Same Students Every Time • Negative Tone • Leading • Teacher Answers

Oral Language

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured Academic Discourse (Mix/Pair/Freeze, Inside/Outside Circle, Shoulder Partner, Carousel, Talking Chips, Think/Pair/Share, etc.) • Asking Questions • Inside/Outside Circle • Teach Back (Students do the teaching) • Language Supports (Visuals, Anchor Charts, Sentence Stems, Partner Talks, etc.) • Opportunities to Share Verbally What You've Learned • Accountability Talks • Retelling (Summarizing) • Whip Around 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fist to Five • Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down • Nodding Heads • Gestures • No Verbal Feedback • Listening to Respond Only • One Student Doing all the Talking

Writing

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give One/Get One• Whiteboard Evidence• Rubrics• Interactive Writing• Quick Write-Pair-Share• Gallery Walk• Thinking Maps (Graphic Organizer)• Four Square (graphic organizer for writing)• Students Create the Questions• Note Taking• Summary Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length Writing• Teacher Editing• Worksheets• Just Essay Format• Open Ended – No Purpose• All Teacher Ideas• All Grammar/Spelling Related• Trait a Month

Projects and Performances

Looks Like	Doesn't Look Like
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rubrics• Problem Based or Project Based Learning• Presentation• Videotape – Critique• Demonstration• Readers Theater• Visual Displays• Multimedia Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perceived Outcome• Not scripted• Rote Memory of Facts• Lecture• All Products the Same• Worksheets