

Steps of the Question Formulation Technique

1. Design a Question Focus	Identify the focus of question formulation.
2. Introduce the Rules	Establish four rules for producing questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask as many questions as you can.• Do not stop to discuss, judge, or answer the questions.• Write down every question exactly as it is stated.• Change any statement into a question.
3. Introduce the Question Focus and Produce Questions	Present the Question Focus, keeping explanation to a minimum. Students generate a list of questions, following the rules.
4. Improve Questions	Categorize questions as open or closed. Discuss the value of each type of question. Change questions from one type to the other.
5. Prioritize Questions	Prioritization instructions should bring participants back to the central objective. Students share why they selected their priority questions.
6. Discuss Next Steps	How will questions be used? Decisions should align with priority instructions.
7. Reflect	Students can reflect: What did you learn? How can you use what you learned? This step helps students think metacognitively about how they used questioning to learn.