Types of questions (contributed by Margit Szesztay)

1 High-yield low-yield	a Why aren't you paying attention? b When were you most engaged during today's session?
2 Open ended yes, no	a How do you feel about grades? b Are you motivated by grades?
3 Generalspecific / personal	a What motivates people to study foreign languages? b What motivated you to take up English?
4 Asking students to recall information / text / story / joint experiences	a Who are the main characters? b How did it all start? c What happened next?
5 Asking for clarification	a What do you mean by that? b Can you paraphrase that?
6 Probing	a Can you think of an example? b What's the underlying principle there? c Why would you have run away? d Can you think of any exceptions? e Tell us more. / Can you expand on that?
7 Ask people to dip into – reflect on their experiences.	a Think of a teacher you liked a lot. What qualities made this teacher special to you? b When is the last time you had an argument with someone? Thinking back, what triggered it?
8 Inviting creative / lateral thinking	a What would you have done in her place? b What could schools do to encourage students to be more responsible? c How do you think the story will end?
9 Inviting critical thinking	b What does the writer of this article think about computers? c What are some of the potential problems with groupwork?
1o Developing empathy	Can you see how X might feel about that?