

Glossary

i) Natural questions: When the questioner wants to elicit some information and for that purpose makes a query.

ii) Formal questions: When the questioner already knows about the information asked for. These are put to pupils mostly in the classroom.

iii) Preliminary questions: These are generally asked at the beginning of the lesson to test the previous knowledge of the learner and to motivate him and arouse his curiosity.

iv) Developing questions: These are the backbone of the lesson and used to develop knowledge of the topic step by step.

v) Recapitulatory questions: These are generally put at the end of the lesson or a section of the lesson to know whether the students have picked up the ideas taught or not.

vi) Effective question: An effective question does not only mean creating a query that elicits a “correct answer” but rather creates a learning experience that invites authentic reflection and discussion.