

THE POWER OF QUESTIONING

Practical Questioning Techniques for
Effective Teaching and Learning



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Power Teachers Africa Introduces a New Resource: The Power of Questioning

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Asking questions is part of everyday teaching, but the way a question is asked can make a real difference to how learners participate, think and understand what they are learning.

In September, Power Teachers Africa introduced a new resource, *The Power of Questioning: Practical Questioning Techniques for Effective Teaching and Learning*, to help teachers strengthen this important classroom skill.

The e-booklet brings together practical techniques that teachers can use to make classroom questioning more effective. It explores three key areas: formulating effective questions, asking questions in ways that encourage participation, and responding to learners' answers to support deeper understanding.

The resource highlights simple approaches that teachers can put into practice during their lessons. These include giving learners enough time to think before answering, asking clear and purposeful questions, encouraging learners to explain their ideas, and making sure that opportunities to participate are shared across the classroom.

It also looks at how teachers can respond when learners give incorrect or incomplete answers. Rather than immediately providing the correct answer, teachers can use prompts and follow-up questions to help learners think through a problem and develop their understanding. Encouraging learners to respond to one another's ideas can also make classroom discussions more engaging and meaningful.

The booklet includes practical activities that invite teachers to reflect on their questioning habits and consider how they can apply the techniques in their own classrooms.

At Power Teachers Africa, we believe that supporting teachers with practical resources is an important part of improving teaching and learning. Small changes in classroom practice, such as allowing more thinking time or asking a question that encourages learners to explain their reasoning, can create more opportunities for active participation.

The Power of Questioning is available to read online and download from the Power Teachers Africa website. Teachers are encouraged to explore the resource, try the techniques and

identify the approaches that work best for their learners.

Read the e-booklet

https://powerteachersafrica.org/The_Power_of_Questioning.pdf

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