

Questions that Encourage Conversation

(What questions might you ask that would be in service of the child's thinking?)

Knowledge

What do you see?
Talk to me about what you see.
Do you notice anything else?
How do you know that?
What do you know about...?

Comprehension

What is happening?
What will you do?
What is the same (or different) about this?
Why? or Why not?
What do you think?
What do you mean when you say...?
How will you do it?
What comes next?
Why did you choose...?
What would happen if?
What would you call...? Why?
Why do we have to...?

Application

When do we...?
If we changed ____ would it still ____?
What do we need for...?
In your opinion, how did...?
What do you think when you....?
What else?
Why is it important to...?
Have you ever...? Why?
What would you do differently?
What would you do if...?

Analyse

What question could we ask?
Is there anything else to add?
According to you, what would happen if?
Why do you think that?
What would happen if?
What do you think she will say?
Take a poll: which is the best? or How many like...? Why?

Summarise

Now what do you think will happen?
What could you say about...?
Why do you think that happened?
Tell me what just happened?
What is most important to you?
Why do you think it will work?
Why do you think it will happen?
How did you do it? What was your first step and the next?

Evaluation

According to you is _____ right or wrong? Why? Why not?
What makes you think that?
If you do that, what will happen?