

Asking Good Questions

Skinny Questions:

- "will get only one or two-word answers
- "yes and no questions
- "don't ask about important information
- "ask only about basic facts

Fat Questions:

- "will be answered with lots of information
- "get at the main ideas of the story or book
- "may be about feelings
- "ask about opinions
- "may be to clarify things you didn't understand in the reading
- "ask if any one has ever had similar experiences
- "make predictions
- "explain why or how
- "make connections or comparisons

Try These:

"What if..." "Why did..."

"How did..." "What would happen if..."

"What caused..." "What might..."

"How would you feel if..."

"What character traits describe _____?
Explain"

"Why do you think..." "Why is..."