



QUESTIONS

Fat and Skinny questions is a strategy to teach students the differences between factual questions and complex thought questions. A **skinny question** is a questions that ask for a yes or no answer or has a one or two word answer. A **fat question** is a questions that is open-ended. It asks for a multi-word thoughtful answer. Fat and Skinny questions is a strategy that promotes inquiry and investigation. Note the differences:

Skinny Question Words	Fat Questions Words
What is...	Give three reasons why...
Who is...	Explain why...
When did...	Why do you think...
Name...	Why do you believe that...
Did...	In what ways are _____ and _____ alike...
Don't you agree...	Predict what would happen if...
Can...	What if...

Practice this strategy with the students and when you think they know the difference between the two, let them apply this technique to literature, new editorials, research articles, or magazine articles.

Topics/Subjects fitting for this strategy:	Tweaks or changes that need to be made:

