

Ways to Talk about Thinking: Metacognition

Use this chart, which provides multiple ways to present and to probe into questions, to speak with children about how they see their thinking and to record their responses.

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
<u>How did you remember that?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did your brain know that? <i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it think about that? • How did it do that? 	
<u>What are you thinking about right now?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your brain thinking about right now? <i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you know? • How can you tell? 	
<u>Can you tell your brain what to think about?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you make your brain think about something? <i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you do that? • Do you HAVE to tell your brain to think about it? 	
<u>How do you know that...?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does your brain know that...? <i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you thinking about _____ now? How? 	

<p><u>What does your brain do?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you use your brain? <p><i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you know? 	
<p><u>What does your brain think about?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What things do you think about in your brain? <p><i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you know? • Why does it think about ...? • What does my brain think about? His/her brain? 	
<p><u>Can you try to think about...?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we make our brains think about...? <p><i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we do that? • Are you thinking about...? • How do you know? 	
<p><u>How are you thinking about...?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is your brain thinking about...? <p><i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is your brain doing that? • How do you know? 	
<p><u>What is something that your brain knows?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is something you know? <p><i>REPEAT THEIR ANSWER...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can you tell that your brain knows that? • How do you know? • How does your brain know that? 	