

# Habits of Homework

Prompting thought processes using the language of the Habits of Mind

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## Persisting

**what is your main goal and what is your first step?**

**Asking them what they will be doing after this to encourage them to keep going.**

**What are the class goals? What are the students goals?**

You have the right idea, what else do you know about that topic?

## Managing impulsivity

**How do the students manage their emotions?  
How to calm students to teach them?**

**Have you got a clean space to work in?**

**what steps are going through your mind when you answer this question?**

## Listening with understanding and empathy

**I understand what you are going through. Can you tell me what are your feeling right now?**

**Letting them talk first and asking questions about the work.**

**At what point when doing this assignment do you start to become unsure?**

**Why might the author have said that?**

**I understand where you're coming from. Can you elaborate a little bit more on your thought?**

## Thinking flexibly

**How do you think i would answer this question?**

**Are you in extra activities? How many hours do you work on your homework? What can we do to fix those hours?**

**Is there another way you can express that thought?**

**How would you phrase the question in your own words?**

## Thinking about your thinking (metacognition)

**Why did you come up with that answer? Can you tell me how you answer that question?**

**Asking why did they chose to do it that way or answer the question like that.**

**Can you show me the steps you used to get to the answer you have?**

**How did you come up with your answer?**

## **Striving for accuracy**

**Is this a question that has one answer or can multiple things be correct? (objectivity vs. subjectivity)**

**What evidence are you using to guide your answer?**

## **Questioning and problem posing**

**What would you do if the situation included \_\_\_\_\_?**

**when you are lost on a problem. ask yourself what back round knowledge do i know?**

## **Applying past knowledge to new situations**

**If you have a feeling about what the student likes, try to relate it too what they are learning.**

**-----, that you mentioned before is similar to ----- . For example: -----**

What similarity do the students see between the first two blanks

**What else do you know about this topic? Is there anything you learned in another class that applies to this topic?**

## **Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision**

**How many different ways could you have said this? Why did you choose that one?**

**Did you think about the little pieces of the answer before coming up the overall answer?**

## **Gathering data through all senses**

**Are there other resources you can watch/read/listen to about this topic?**

**Are there manipulatives you can use to solve this problem?**

**What did you see or hear/ how did the student ask there question?**

## **Creating, imagining, and innovating**

**What's another way you could think about this topic?**

**What do you like to do and how can we relate it to the topic?**

**When you heard the prompt what was the first thing you thought of?**

**How can you do some new?**

## **Responding with wonderment and awe**

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Is there anything that you could have done differently that could change your outcome on an assignment?

**Were there any fun parts to this problem/assignment?**

**Is there anything that surprised you about \_\_\_\_?**

## **Taking responsible risks**

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**if there was not a right or wrong to this question. how would you answer it? think outside the box**

**What would happen if you tried something new? What would happen if you didn't?**

**What did you do to prepare for the test or exam?**

## **Finding humor**

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**Having memes or jokes on the topic being brought can help lighten the mood and clam nerves.**

**Did you become frustrated? failing helps us learn!**

## **Thinking interdependently**

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**did you refer back to your notes before asking me?**

**What are you thinking?**

**Have you talked to a friend about your question?**

## **Remaining open to continuous learning**

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**How did you take what you learned and use it for something outside of the classroom?**

**Do you think there are other ways to solve this problem?**

How do I remain open minded when I'm a close minded person?

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