1. Come up with a topic for your questions. You want to ask questions about:

2. Follow these four rules to help you come up with your own questions:
   . . . Ask as many questions as you can about the topic.
   . . . Do not stop to try to answer, judge, or discuss the questions.
   . . . Write each question exactly as it comes to mind.
   . . . Change any thoughts or statements into questions.

   Which of these rules might be difficult for you to follow? Why?

   Write your questions here:

3. Looking at two kinds of questions:
   . . . Closed-ended questions – can be answered with “yes” or “no” or with one word.
   . . . Open-ended questions – require an explanation.

4. Mark your closed-ended questions with a “C”. Mark your open-ended questions with an “O”.


5. Think about these two types of questions and name advantages and disadvantages for each.

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6. Practice changing questions.
   Try changing a closed question into an open-ended one. Then, change an open question to closed.

7. Choose the three questions that are most important to you from your list. Mark them with an X.

8. Let’s think about what you learned in this process.

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This process is called the Question Formulation Technique (QFT). It is used by people all over the world to ask better questions. Now, it is yours to use whenever you like!

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