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ENHANCING COGNITIVE LEVELS OF CLASSROOM INTERACTION

I. GATHERING AND RECALLING INFORMATION (INPUT)

To cause the student to INPUT data, questions, and statements are designed to draw from the student the concepts, information, feelings, or experiences acquired in the past and stored in long or short-term memory. They can also be designed to activate the senses to gather data that the student can then process at the next higher level. There are several cognitive processes included at the INPUT level of thinking. Some verbs that may serve as the predicate of a behavioral objective statement are:

completing counting defining describing identifying listing matching naming observing reciting scanning selecting

Examples of questions and statements designed to elicit these cognitive objectives are:

Question/Statement	Desired Cognitive Behavior
"Name the states which bound California."	Naming
"How does the picture make you feel?"	Describing
"What word does this picture go with?"	Matching
"Define the word 'haggard'."	Defining
"What were the names of the children in the story?"	Naming
"What did you see the man doing in the film?"	Observing
"Which ball is the blue one?"	Identifying
"How does the Gettysburg Address begin?"	Reciting
"How many coins are there in the stack?"	Counting
"Which words in this list are rhyming words?"	Selecting
"The Mexican houses were made of mud bricks calledwhat?	2" Completing
"Watch what color it turns when I put the litmus paper in the lic	quid." Observing
"List the first four numbers in a set of positive integers."	Listing
"How did you feel about the grade you received in science?"	Recalling

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II. MAKING SENSE OUT OF THE INFORMATION GATHERED (PROCESSING)

To cause the student to PROCESS the data gathered through the senses and retrieve from long and short-term memory, questions and statements are designed to draw some relationships to cause and effect, to synthesize, analyze, summarize, compare, contrast, or classify the data that she/he has acquired or observed. Following are verbs that may serve as the predicate of a behavioral objective statement if the desired cognitive behavior of students is at the level of processing.

	analyzing categorizing classifying comparing contrasting	distinguishing experimenting explaining grouping inferring	makir organizing sequencing synthesizing	ig analogies
Question/Statemen	t		Desire	ed Cognitive Behavior
"Compare the streng	th of steel to the streng	gth of copper."		Comparing
"Why did Columbus I	believe he could get to	the East by Sailing W	est?"	Explaining
	nts with food coloring in pout the movement of t	•	ratures,	Inferring
"How can you arrang	e the rocks in the orde	er of their size?"		Sequencing
"What do you think c	aused the liquid to turr	n blue?"		Explaining Cause & Effect
"Arrange in groups th	ne things that a magne	t will and will not pick ι	ıp."	Grouping
"What other machine Analogies one does?"	es can you think of that	work in the same way	that this	Making
"What are some chan this painting is his?"	racteristics of Van Gog	h's work that makes y	ou think	Distinguishing
"What can you do to	test your idea?"			Experimenting
"How are pine needle	es different from redwo	od needles?"		Contrasting
"How can you arrang	e the blocks to give a	crowded feeling?"		Organizing
"What data are we go	oing to need in order to	o solve this problem?"		Analyzing
"Arrange the followin 3 2/5."	g elements of a set in	ascending order: 13/4,	3/2, 5/6,	Sequencing
"How does the formu formula for the volum	lla for finding the volun ne of a pyramid?"	ne of a cone compare	with the	Comparing

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Questions and statements which cause OUTPUT are designed to have the student go beyond the concept of principle that she/he has developed and to use this relationship in a novel or hypothetical situation. Application invites the student to think creatively and hypothetically, to use imagination, to expose a value system, or to make a judgment. Verbs that may serve a s the predicate of a behavioral objective statement if your desired cognitive behaviors of students is at the level of application include:

applying a principle	
evaluating	
extrapolating	
forecasting	
generalizing	
hypothesizing	

imagining judging model building predicting predicting speculating

Question/Statement

Desired Cognitive Behavior

"What will happen to our weather if a high pressure area moves in?"	Forecasting
"If our population continues to grow as it does, what will life be like in the twenty-first century?"	Speculating
"Since the amount of heat does affect the speed of movement of the molecules, what will happen when we put the liquid in the refrigerator?"	Predicting
"Imagine what life would be like if there were no laws to govern us?"	Imagining
"What can you say about all countries' economies that are dependent upon only one crop?"	Generalizing
"Is there a way you can think of to use this bimetal strip to make a fire alarm?"	Applying
"With this clay, make a model of a plant cell."	Model Building
"What would be a fair solution to this problem?"	Evaluating
"Which of the two paintings do you think is more unique?"	Judging
"From what we have learned, what other examples of romantic music can you cite?"	Applying a Principle
"What do you think might happen if we placed the saltwater fish in the tank of fresh water?"	Hypothesizing