

Alternatives to questions

Alternative strategy	Example
Invite pupils to elaborate	'Would you say a little more about that.' 'I am not sure I'm certain I know what you mean by that.'
Speculate about the subject under discussion	'I wonder what might happen if ...'
Make a suggestion '	'You could try ...'
Reflect on the topic	'Perhaps we now have a way of tackling this next time ' you ... 'Let's bring this all together ...'
Offer extra information	'It might be useful to know also that ...' I 'I think that I have read that ...'
Reinforce useful suggestions	'I especially liked ... because ...'
Clarify ideas	'We can tell this is the case by ...'
Correct me if I'm wrong	'But I thought we had agreed that ...' 'So now perhaps we all believe ...'
Echo comments / summarise	'So, you think ...' 'Jane seems to be saying ...'
Non-verbal interventions	Eye contact, a nod or raised eyebrows to encourage I extended responses, to challenge or even to express surprise