

Improving CLASSROOM TALK to deepen learning

Classroom talk is one of the most effective ways to develop metacognition and deepen learning for all students. However, it is often underused because...

The problems

- Students are often more interested in getting the right answer (and being praised for that answer) than with exploring topics deeply.
- Learning that comes out of dialogue can be so wide-ranging that people in performance-orientated schools worry about how to “measure” the gains.
- Teachers wonder how to orchestrate dialogue so that students don’t shout out or say the “wrong” thing.



“Dialogue is undervalued in many schools and yet is one of the best vehicles for teaching good habits of thinking and learning.”

Professor R Alexander, 2006

Challenging Learning have designed workshops, resources and long-term processes to show you the very best strategies for enhancing classroom talk, including ...

The solutions

- Building a broad repertoire of skills & “thinking moves” that allow high-quality dialogue to deepen learning within all curriculum areas.
- Developing dialogue that helps to establish a learning culture in which relationships, questioning, engagement and challenge can all thrive.
- Identifying appropriate moments to move students from surface- to deep-learning through the use of exploratory talk.



“The aim of dialogue is to help participants become more thoughtful, reflective, considerate and reasonable individuals.”

Philosophy in the Classroom by Matthew Lipman (1980), quoted in *Challenging Learning Through Dialogue*, 2017

Why choose Challenging Learning?

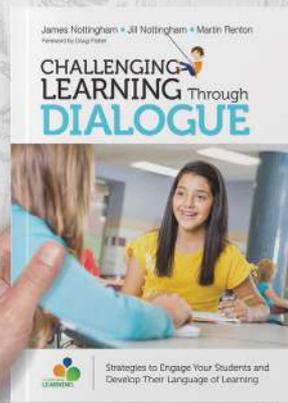
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We offer in-school consultancy, study tours and regional teaching networks. Our main focus is on long-term, deep-impact projects. Currently, we have 32 projects with 198 schools, 41 pre-schools and 11 colleges in nine countries.

“Challenging Learning works at every level. Their team are challenging yet encouraging. The examples of how it could be and the insights into what success looks like will leave you wanting to do things differently without a bag of guilt to weigh you down.”

Professor Mick Waters, 2016



“This book provides countless strategies and examples of excellent exploratory talk so that teachers are well-armed with realistic, practical ideas for embedding dialogue in every lesson. The breadth and depth of the authors’ experiences in leading constructive and thoughtful classroom dialogue shines through on every page.”

Guy Claxton, 2017



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