



Learning Project 1 Identifying the Kinds of Questions on the GED Reading Test

The purpose of this Learning Project is for the learners to become familiar with the kinds of questions they will be presented with on the test.

Inquiry Activity 1-1: Understanding the GED Questions

(Note: Italicized portions should be directed to students.)

Each of the kinds of questions asked on the GED Reading Practice Test PA is introduced in this Learning Project. In this Inquiry Activity, seven kinds of questions are introduced with their names and an example. The learner is asked to match the kind of question (asking for supporting detail, predicting, purpose of text or author, drawing conclusions, making inferences, or application of the material in the passage to another setting or situation) with the questions listed. In this Inquiry Activity only questions are provided, not a passage. The questions are taken from the Practice Test passages and will be seen again in later Learning Projects.

1. Identifying the Problem

- 1. Look over the list of question types.*
- 2. Look over the definitions of the question types.*
- 3. Look over the list of questions*
- 4. What do you think you are being asked to do?*

This IA has two steps, to name and define question types and then match actual questions to the definition.

The purpose here is for your learners to become aware of a connection between questions and answers. You can make this explicit as your learners proceed through the Learning Projects. In this IA, without the passage or the answer choices, it may become more apparent to learners that a careful analysis of question types will reveal what kinds of answers will be associated with which type of question. The important thing is to read the passage first and then reread for each of the questions.

Recognizing that necessity, learners can proceed to the passage to reread for the clues to the actual answers.

2. Becoming Familiar with the Problem

Below are two lists. List 1 names the kinds of questions found on the GED. List 2 defines these kinds of questions. Match the definition of the question kinds from List 2 with the correct name from List 1.

1. Kinds of questions found on the GED

- 1. Supporting detail (c)*
- 2. Purpose of the text (b)*
- 3. Author's purpose (f)*
- 4. Applying information from the text (d)*
- 5. Predicting (a)*
- 6. Inferring (g)*
- 7. Drawing conclusions (e)*

Answers are indicated in the Teacher's Edition.