

The Ten Step Philosophical Inquiry

ACTIVITY	Notes
1. Warm Up: Choose an appropriate warm up game	
2. Stimulus: Choose a stimulus to evoke discussion/ questions	
3. Private Reflections: Give children a few minutes to sit and reflect on the stimulus in silence	
4. Question Creation: One philosophical question per group of 4	
5. Question Airing: Clarification of questions; assumptions; connecting concepts between questions	
6. Question Choosing: Blind Vote, as many as agreed by the community	
7. First Thoughts: In pairs take 30 seconds each explaining your first thoughts on the question	
8. Middle Words: Extended dialogue on the chosen philosophical question between the whole community. Could include paired discussion to clarify, engage with metacognitive reflection, or summarise.	
9. Last Words: Each person in turn is given the opportunity to give a personal response to the Q. These comments are not contested or queried.	
10. Review and Evaluation: Using the Four Thinking C's as a guide to reflect on how well we employed them and consider what we could do better next time.	