

PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY SESSION PLANNER

Date:	Time	Group:
INQUIRY ELEMENT	ACTIVITY	SKILLS
Introduction	Themes: feelings, esp. worrying. Skill focus: careful listening.	Listening.
Warm-ups	Game of 'animal emotions'.	Connecting concepts, listening, following on.
Grouping	Pairs >> snowball into 4s. Working with new partners (nb. Do this after stimulus.	Working with new partners collaborative thinking
Stimulus	Picture book 'The Huge Bag of Worries'	Listening, concept focus private thinking.
Question making	3 per pair >> 1 per pair >> 1 question per group of 4	Creative thinking, negotiation, evaluation.
Question airing	Question appreciation. (Ref to 'open' questions)	Evaluation, critical thinking, caring thinking.
Question choosing	Open 'omnivot'. Stress on finding 'best question'.	Choosing, evaluation, community building.
Dialogue	Focus on building, following on, helping others.	Caring thinking, memory, connecting concepts.
Last words	Pass the parrot	Reflection, listening, speaking, turn taking.
Process reflection	Examples of good listening Values of good listening.	Evaluation, meta-thinking, listening, speaking.
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