

Using the Language of Thinking

(Source: [Creating Cultures of Thinking](#), Ritchart, 2015)

Sample Questions/Prompts:

- When observing: “What do **we** see?”
- “What do you think **might be** going on?”
- “What does it make you wonder?”
- “What did you mean when you said.....”
- “Tell me what you just did.”
- “Where will you go next?”
- “What makes you say that?”
- “What do you think you were basing that idea on?”
- “What might be going on in this picture?”
- “How do you think that idea would play out in another context?”
- “Let’s follow that line of thinking; what’s the action that might follow from it?”
- “_____ what do you think about what _____ just said?”
- “_____ thinks the answer might be X. What other possibilities do we want to consider?”
- “What do you notice?”
- “I’m interested in what you think about.....”
- “I’m excited to do some thinking with you!”
- “I can see you have pushed yourself.”

Video examples:

[Making Thinking Visible](#) – Creating a Culture of Thinking

[Teacher Modelling](#) – interview with a teacher

Project Zero – [Thinking Routines](#)

[Headlines Thinking Routine](#) – Grade 6 class

Glimpse of Learning – [Out of Eden Project](#)