

Turning Closed Questions into Open Questions

An effective reading process includes asking pertinent questions at the end of reading a segment or chapter of a book or text. Here's a valuable suggestion: ask open questions.

A closed question has **one** specific answer.

Example: *What is the capital of Washington state?*

An open question allows for multiple correct answers.

Example: *Why might the location of Olympia, the capital of Washington state, have been selected?*

Try your hand changing these closed questions to open-ended questions. (requires extra thought)**

1. How tall is the Empire State Building?

2. Name three continents.

3. Who wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*?

4. How hot is the sun?

5. Which mammals can live in water?

6. What is the Periodic Table?

7. What does $2 + 2$ equal?

8. How many cups in a gallon?

9. Name three kinds of fruit that grow on trees.

10. Where is Samoa? (**)

11. Name the parts of a plant.

12. What is the life cycle of a butterfly? (**)

13. Who was Steve Jobs?

14. How many tens in one dollar?

15. Name the three parts of a well-written story.

16. What does *cautious* mean?

17. Name three states that border the Gulf of Mexico. (**)

18. What are the parts of a car's brake system? (**)
