A Typology of Classroom Questions

**Recalling and reviewing of Knowledge and information**
- Terminology
- Procedures
- Content
- Events and context

**Procedural:** Directing the work of the class
- Going over directions and assignments
- Clarifying
- Checking for attention, agreement
- Task completion
- Organizational and management related

**Generative:** Exploring the topic
- Authentic questions or wonders that teacher doesn’t know the answer to.
- Essential questions that initiate exploration of a topic

**Constructive:** Building New Understanding
- Extending & Interpreting
- Connecting & Linking
- Orienting and focusing on big ideas, central concepts, or purpose
- Evaluating

**Facilitative:** Promotes the learner’s own thinking & understanding
- Requesting elaboration, reasons, evidence, justification
- Generating discussion among the class to hear different perspectives
- Clarifying and Uncovering

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