IDENTIFYING LEVELS OF COMPREHENSION FROM A QUESTION

1. Literal -- Is the answer directly stated in the material (written or spoken)?

2. Interpretive -- Is the answer based upon details in the material but not directly stated? What details in the material give you that idea? is one question you need to ask to verify whether an inference or generalization was made?

3. Critical -- Is a judgment about the accuracy or truth of the material asked for? "Is that statement true?" is an example.

4. Creative -- Does the question ask for something new? Create a new idea? "What would you have done if you were in his/her place?" is an example. "What do you think happened before this, after this?" are other examples.

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