

20 QUESTIONS TO SHIFT FROM CRITICISM TO CURIOSITY

Curiosity moves feedback forward. These questions turn critique into conversation, helping educators and students build trust, reflect, and grow.

Giving Feedback

Invite reflection, openness, and possibility with these questions:

- 🌀 What inspired this approach?
- 🌀 Can you walk me through your thinking here?
- 🌀 What outcome were you hoping for?
- 🌀 What part of this feels strongest to you?
- 🌀 Where did you take a creative risk?
- 🌀 How did you decide on this strategy?
- 🌀 What surprised you during the process?
- 🌀 If you had more time, what would you expand or revise?
- 🌀 Is there a part you're unsure about?
- 🌀 What connections did you try to make?

Receiving Feedback

Stay open, grounded, and curious with these reflections:

- 🌀 What's one thing I could try differently next time?
- 🌀 What part of this didn't land and why?
- 🌀 What strengths can I build on here?
- 🌀 Where might I have confused or lost clarity?
- 🌀 What pattern might I be missing?
- 🌀 How could I invite more engagement or connection?
- 🌀 What feedback have I heard before and what can I do with it now?
- 🌀 Is this a one-off opinion, or do I hear a theme?
- 🌀 What's one question I can ask to understand more?
- 🌀 How can I use this feedback to take my next creative step?

Ideas for Use:

- 🌀 Use in student peer reviews, writing conferences, or class discussions.
- 🌀 Pair with rubrics or reflection forms.
- 🌀 Post one question per week to focus class discussion.
- 🌀 Practice self-feedback using one question at the end of an assignment.