Common Errors in Questioning

Using questions to spark analytic academic discussions is a productive technique. However, instructors should be careful to avoid common errors. These include

- Asking too many questions at once
- Asking a question and answering it yourself
- Asking questions only of the brightest or most likeable
- Asking a difficult question too early
- Asking irrelevant questions
- Always asking the same type of questions
- Asking questions in a threatening way
- Not indicating a change in the type of questions
- Not using probing questions
- Not giving time to think
- Not correcting wrong answers
- Ignoring answers
- Failing to see the implications of answers
- Failing to build on answers