

Cornell Motes

## Clarifying Questions in Discussions

## Today's Standard

1.SL.1c - Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.

| Cues                           | Notes  |
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| Clarifying questions           | Clarifying questions help understand topics better.        |
| Importance of asking questions | Asking questions shows curiosity and engagement.           |
| Common misconceptions          | Misconception: Asking questions means not smart.           |
| Real-world examples            | Intervention: Praise and model question-asking.            |
| Subsequent skills              | Misconception: Only ask if totally confused.               |
|                                | Intervention: Encourage asking even for partial confusion. |
|                                | Examples: Asking teacher, parents, during activities.      |
|                                | Subsequent skills: Deeper discussions, critical analysis.  |

## Summary

Asking clarifying questions helps students understand better, shows curiosity, and leads to deeper learning. Overcome misconceptions by praising questions and encouraging clarification even for partial understanding.