

## Questions for Life

Performance Learning PLUS #33

To ensure your students are getting the most out of your learning activities, conduct debriefings (i.e., follow-up discussions) by asking a series of critical thinking questions. One critical thinking model you can use is Questions for Life.

Questions for Life consists of eleven different types of questions that each foster a different type of thinking. However, although they are different, all of the types of questions are interrelated, and they all work together. The eleven types of questions fall into three main levels of thinking.

### Level of Thinking:

*Gathering Information*

*Working With Information*

*Taking Action*

### Types of Questions:

Perception  
Induction  
Analysis  
Same/Different  
Insight  
Appraisal  
Summary  
Evaluation  
Idea  
Prediction  
Action

Questions for Life Cue Words — Each type of question has its own set of cue words that promote a particular type of thinking. Use these cue words to construct your critical thinking questions for students. See next page...

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## Cue Words

