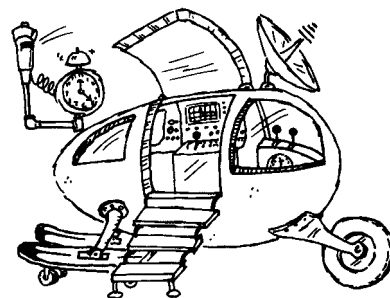


Response Rally

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Here's a fun way to help your students build synthesis skills. Pose the following questions one at a time, challenging students to write down as many possible answers for each question as they can. When you're done, discuss students' responses. Encourage students to explain their answers.

1. Imagine your mother said to you, "I am glad you had an egg with toast before you went to school this morning." She did not prepare your breakfast; she did not see you eat it. How did she know what you ate?
2. Plants native to one region are found all over the world. Why?
3. How are animals and plants similar? How are they different?
4. Which things do you wish had *never* been invented? Why?
5. Why are homes around the world different?
6. If you could invent anything in the world, what would it be and why?
7. Name some books in which animals speak like people.
8. If you could be any age at all, what age would you be and why?
9. Name as many hobbies as you can.
10. Imagine you had a time machine that could take you backward or forward in time. Where would you go and why?



11. If you were a superhero, who would you be and why?
12. List as many uses for paper as you can imagine.
13. What one thing would you do to improve the world?
14. Why do people speak different languages?
15. Imagine your parents said to you, "We wish you would not go out to play so early in the morning." They did not see you leave or enter the house; they did not see you outside. How did they know you went outside?
16. What would the United States be like if there was no government?
17. Who is your favorite writer? Why?
18. Do you wish dinosaurs were still alive? Why or why not?
19. Which sport do you think is the best? Why?
20. What would the world be like if people didn't have to sleep?

