

Cognitive Science: Pre-Session Preparation

Session 3: Developing Written Questions

In preparation for session 3 please take a few moments to engage with the following:

Firstly, take a few moments to reflect upon the three questions in the box below:

- Do you/have you included extension tasks in your teaching?
- Who are these extension tasks aimed at?
- What do you see are the purpose of extension tasks?

Now, read the following article:

[Differentiation: Why I hate Extension Tasks](#)

There is also a link to this on the CPD webpage.

After reading the article reflect upon the following:

- Are extension tasks an effective form of differentiation? Why do you think this?
- If extension tasks exist to stretch the those who are most able, why are we waiting until the end of a lesson to introduce the challenging work? Should we not be introducing them to this work as their main learning?
- Do extension tasks just reward the capable children with additional work rather than targeted appropriate work?