TOOL KIT

Questioning

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." — Socrates

Question	To find out…
What	definition, description, examples
When	Frequency, time and period of occurrence
Where	place, location, country, market
Who	people affected, influencers, decision makers, people with resources
Why	reasons, justifications, causes, motivations
How	method, process, technology, tools

Types of questions

Types of questions	Examples for Food Security
Purposes questions *Determine purpose or intention*	What is the purpose of this news article? What is the aim of the Singapore Food Agency? What is the agenda of this group of people?
Concepts questions *Define issues and concepts*	What is food security? How does Singapore secure food supply? What examples or countries has food security?
Assumption questions *Examine presuppositions*	How do we know Singapore's food supply is secured? Why do we think food security is a challenge? Isn't Singapore's food supply secured?
Evidence questions *Dig deeper to find proof*	Which statistics show an increase in demand for food? What evidence supports the need to diversify food supplies? What proves that food security is a challenge?
Implication questions *Examine the impacts*	What would happen if Singapore obtains eggs only from Malaysia? What are the impacts of a vegetarian diet? Would investing in agro-technology help secure food supply?
Viewpoint questions *Challenge a specific perspective to uncover other aspects*	Why do think food security should be the government's priority? Why should I change my dietary habits? Why should I care what I eat when food is secured?

Questions about questions *Reflects on the questions asked*	Why is this question important to me? Is this question easy or difficult to answer? Where would this question lead to?

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