

# What type of question are you asking?

## ■ Existence:

- Does X exist?

## ■ Description & Classification

- What is X like?
- What are its properties?
- How can it be categorized?
- How can we measure it?
- What are its components?

## ■ Descriptive-Process

- How does X work?
- What is the process by which X happens?
- In what are the steps as X evolves?
- How does X achieve its purpose?

## ■ Descriptive-Comparative

- How does X differ from Y?

## ■ Relationship

- Are X and Y related?
- Do occurrences of X correlated with occurrences of Y?

## ■ Causality

- Does X cause Y?
- Does X prevent Y?
- What causes X?
- What effect does X have on Y?

## ■ Causality-Comparative

- Does X cause more Y than does Z?
- Is X better at preventing Y than is Z?
- Does X cause more Y than does Z under one condition but not others?

## ■ Design

- What is an effective way to achieve X?
- How can we improve X?