



Challenging Talk at  
Wheatcroft



Can you show me in another way?

Why is this important?

Can you prove it?

Tell me how you know that?

Do you agree?

Can you persuade \_\_\_\_\_ to  
agree with you?

Would anyone like to add anything  
else?

Can you see an answer you would  
like to defend?

Justify it...

How did you work that out?

Why do you think that?

What did you use to help you?

Can you develop your answer  
further?

Explain it to me...

Clarify that to your partner...

Why did you decide to...?

Has anyone got a different  
idea/method?

Did anyone see it differently?

Can you find another way?

I like the way you explained that  
because I now I know that...

How is this like another problem  
you've solved before?

I agree because...

I disagree because...

I've changed my mind because...

I can prove it by...

I know that because...

I think that because...

I didn't understand... Can you  
explain it to me again?

My strategy is like yours because...

My strategy is different to yours  
because...



'Highly skilled adults use questioning effectively to challenge pupils' thinking and to encourage them to think more deeply. Pupils are now even starting to ask challenging questions of themselves and others.'

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