



Socratic Dialogue Game

- Socratic method is a form of cooperative argumentative dialogue between individuals, based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas

Rules

- Choose one of you to play the role of “Socrates” and the other to play “The Expert”.
- Socrates will ask the questions; The Expert will answer them.
- If the Expert’s answer is something evasive (a description or an example instead of a definition etc.), then Socrates may gently ask for a more direct answer.
- When the Expert gives a direct answer, Socrates thanks for it. Then Socrates asks the Expert to clarify any undefined or poorly-defined terms. Raise counter-examples if necessary, to show that a term is too broad, or too narrow, or circular, or in some other way unsatisfactory
- The person playing the role of Socrates asks The Expert a philosophical question, chosen by a random draw from the “Deck of Many Questions”. The Expert answers.

Deck of Many Questions

- What is love?
- What is justice?
- What does it mean to be a woman? Or a man?
- What is friendship?
- What is education?
- What is a family?
- Should people always obey the law?
- What is God?
- What is reality?
- What is happiness?
- What is the true value of money?
- What is truth?
- What is the significance of sex?
- What is the significance of death?
- What is our duty to the community?
- Do we human beings have a soul?