

# **COSTA'S LEVELS OF QUESTIONING**

## **LEVEL ONE:**

**Define**  
**Describe**  
**Identify**  
**List**  
**Name**  
**Observe**  
**Recite**  
**Scan**

## **LEVEL TWO:**

**Analyze**  
**Compare**  
**Contrast**  
**Group**  
**Infer**  
**Sequence**  
**Synthesize**

## **LEVEL THREE:**

**Apply**  
**Evaluate**  
**Hypothesize**  
**Imagine**  
**Judge**  
**Predict**  
**Speculate**

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## Level 1:

- ▶ The answer can be found in the text (either directly or indirectly)
- ▶ Very concrete and pertains only to the text.
- ▶ Asks for facts about what has been heard or read
- ▶ Information is recalled in the exact manner/form it was heard

## Level 2:

- ▶ The answer can be inferred from the text.
- ▶ Although more abstract than a Level One question, deals only with the text
- ▶ Information can be broken down into parts
- ▶ Involves examining in detail, analyzing motives or causes, making inferences, finding information to support generalizations or decision making
- ▶ Questions combine information in a new way

## Level 3:

- ▶ The answer goes beyond the text.
- ▶ Is abstract and does not pertain to the text
- ▶ Ask that judgements be made from information
- ▶ Gives opinions about issues, judges the validity of ideas or other products and justifies opinions and ideas