Asking categorical questions

6 practice questions

1. Write a question with answers that could be red, blue, green or another colour.

The question asks about one colour choice.

Answer: For example, Which colour do you like best?

2. You want to group transport as walk, car, bus or bike. What could you ask?

The question matches the transport groups.

Answer: For example, How did you travel to school today?

3. A question asks for a favourite fruit. Is train a fruit answer?

The answer should belong to the fruit category or a matching Other group.

Answer: No.

4. A child likes yellow, but your list has only red and blue. How can you include the answer fairly?

Do not replace the child's choice with a different colour.

Answer: Add yellow or an Other group.

5. Should you ask Is blue the best colour, so choose blue? Explain.

That wording pushes people towards one answer.

Answer: No.

6. Choose a simple class question and name three possible answer groups.

Check the groups all answer the same question.

Answer: Answers vary, such as favourite play activity with drawing, blocks and reading.