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How to Ask Better Questions

☐ **Ask because you're curious—not because you're trying to sound smart.**
Teachers can usually tell the difference. Genuine curiosity is one of the most memorable qualities a student can demonstrate.

☐ **Don't wait until you're completely lost.**
If something is 80% clear but 20% confusing, that's often the perfect time to ask. Small questions today prevent bigger problems tomorrow.

☐ **Ask "Why?" not just "What?"**
Facts are important.
Understanding why something happens leads to deeper learning—and much more interesting conversations.

☐ **If someone else asks your question, keep listening.**
You weren't the only one wondering. Listen carefully to the answer and think about what new question it creates.

☐ **Ask follow-up questions.**
The best conversations don't end with one question. They continue with:

"Can you give another example?"
"How does that relate to what we learned yesterday?"
"When would this be useful?"

☐ **Remember: your question may help someone else.**
If you're wondering about something, chances are another student is wondering too. Your question might help the entire class understand the lesson better.

🎯 **Your Challenge for the week**

Ask one genuine question in each class this week.
Not because you have to. Because you're curious enough to learn something new.
Being brave enough to ask questions helps you understand, helps others understand, gives your teacher feedback and makes you memorable. You are bound to help others, too!