

Question Parking Lot

Use a “parking lot” for questions on the first day to enable students to write down their questions as they arise. A question parking lot is also a great method to encourage more reserved students who don’t want to ask questions in front of the class.

Collect students’ questions from the parking lot at the end of class and address them immediately or during the next class period.

You can use the parking lot during the entire term to identify areas where students may need more explanation.

Directions:

- Pass out small sticky notes to students on the first day.
- Have students write questions on them as they think of them.
- Later, they can either ask you the question or post them in a designated spot. A board or wall on the side or in the back of the classroom works well as the parking lot.
- Let students know that they can post their questions anonymously on the first day of class and throughout the course.
- Then answer the questions before class ends, creating an environment in which questions are shared and welcomed.
- If you run out of time at the end of class, be sure to address students’ questions at the start of the next class period.