

## Question types

**Open-ended** questions allow the respondent to give as much detail as seems relevant to them, eg 'What makes a lesson interesting to you?'

**Closed** questions put restrictions on the answer that is given. There are a range of closed question types that include:

- Simple 'yes' /'no' or 'true'/'false' type responses  
(eg 'Do you attend any after school clubs? yes/no')
- *Information requests*  
(eg 'What is your current age?', 'What subjects are you studying?')
- *Multiple choice* responses  
(eg 'Which of the following subjects are you studying?  
a) History  
b) Geography  
c) Business Studies  
d) Psychology')
- *Rating scales*  
(eg 'Homework improves research skills...  
Agree strongly/agree/undecided/disagree/disagree strongly')
- *Ranking lists*  
(eg 'Place the following in order of importance to your study, where 1 is most important, 4 is least important...  
☐ Time release from other duties  
☐ Financial resources  
☐ Physical resources  
☐ Mentor support')
- *Response Grids*  
(eg 'In relation to the given activities, when are you most likely to undertake them?...')

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Homework			
Computer gaming			
Playing sport			