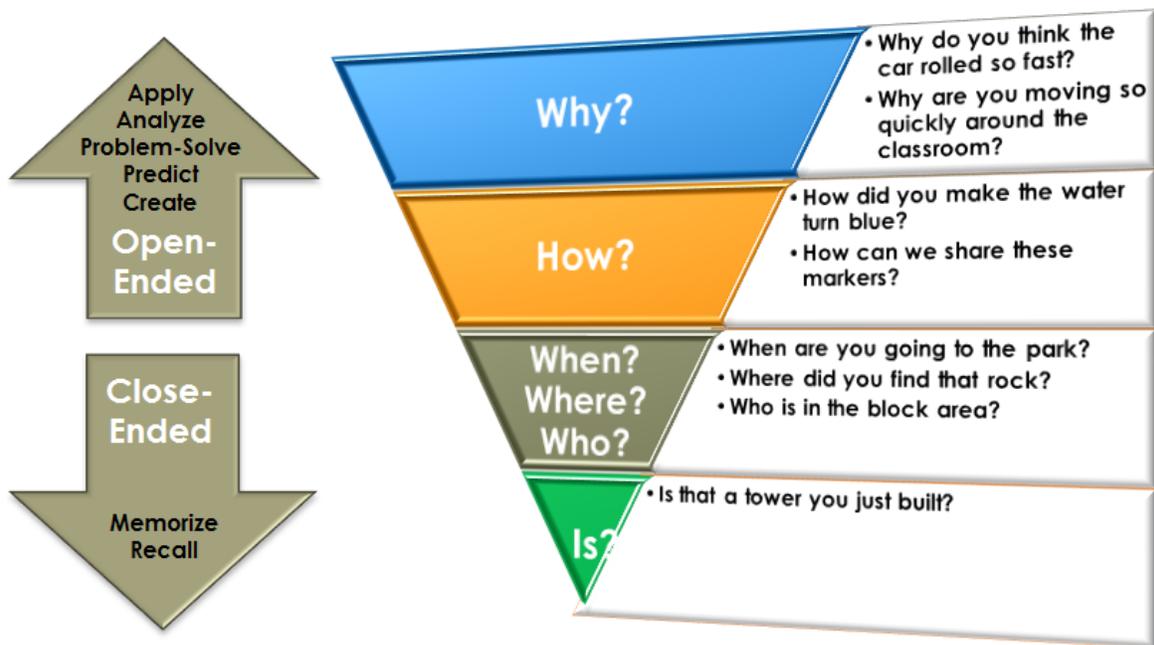


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## Inquiry-Based Learning

### Teacher's Role in Inquiry

- ❖ Formulate an open-ended question



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- ❖ Determine the academic language demands
- ❖ Plan for inquiry – brainstorm, research, interpret data, reflection
- ❖ Gather materials
- ❖ Organize the environment
- ❖ Scaffold the learning

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## ❖ Unit Oral English Conversation and Vocabulary Lessons

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
Lesson 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6
Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9

Culminating Activity-

❖ Check for understanding throughout

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## Resources

### Videos

**Full-day Kindergarten: 4 of 4** (Button Exploration example)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWpDk2knun8&index=4&list=PL\\_4XYdoxB8Ok6ZfJR3Rcjw2cnY-5m4I09](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWpDk2knun8&index=4&list=PL_4XYdoxB8Ok6ZfJR3Rcjw2cnY-5m4I09)

**Kindergarten Continent Presentations**

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