

Questioning

Education

Making questions tell you what the class knows, not the volunteers.

Each technique fixes a specific failure of hands-up questioning.

Technique	What it fixes
Cold call	Only volunteers think
Wait time	Only the fast answer
No opt out	Do not know ends it
Say it again better	Half-formed answers stand
Whole-class response	A sample of one
Probing	Right answer, wrong reason

Three seconds of wait time after a question, and again after an answer, measurably lengthens responses. Most teachers wait under one