

Checklist for Designing Open-Response Questions

The question should do the following:

- Provide students with a real-world setting and problem
- Use power verbs, thus requiring students to demonstrate higher-level thinking skills
- Require students to explain the processes they used in responding
- Require students to explain their reasoning or justify their answer
- Allow for a variety of approaches and solutions
- Clearly identify what is required of students
- Provide sufficient detail for students to respond effectively
- Use developmentally appropriate language
- Include a rubric for evaluation