

## Pre-Observation Discussion

1. Why did you choose these learning objectives?
2. How is this lesson connected to past and future learning? Why is this sequence logical; i.e., how does this lesson fit the organization of the subject or discipline as a whole?
3. What prior knowledge and skill do students need in order to be successful in reaching the learning objectives of this lesson? How do you find out about students' prior knowledge and skills?
4. How do you become familiar with your students' cultural resources, i.e., with experiences outside of school, approaches to learning, and style of interacting and relating?
5. Why have you chosen these teaching methods? (Explore the relationship with the learning objectives and students' prior knowledge and experiences.)
6. Why have you chosen these particular learning activities? (Explore the relationship with the learning and students' background and experiences.)
7. Why have you chosen these instructional materials? (Explore the relationship with the learning and students' background and experiences.)
8. Why have you chosen to evaluate student learning using the strategies you have described? (Explore the relationship to the stated learning objectives and to the students.)

## Post-Observation Discussion

### Option #1:

How do you think the lesson went?

- a. Tell me two things you like about the lesson.
- b. What do you wish you had done differently?
- c. How would you change your lesson?

### Option #2:

1. Did your students learn what you wanted them to learn? How do you know? (Refer to the lesson's objectives.)
2. Were the teaching methods, activities, and materials you used effective? How do you know?
3. Did you need to change what you had planned? Why?
4. Given what happened today, what do you plan to do next with this class? (Specific suggestions)
5. It appeared that (name one or two students) was (were) doing well today. Why? What might you do for \_\_\_\_\_ in the future?
6. It appeared that (name one or two students) was (were) having trouble today. Why? What might you do in the future?
7. Do you coordinate teaching activities with other teachers?
8. How do you communicate with parents? (Encourage more than one form or procedure.)
9. Is there anything else you want to share about today's lesson?