**Clarification**

*What do you mean when you say…?*

*How do you understand this?*

*Why do you say that?*

*What exactly does this mean?*

*What do we already know about this?*

*Can you give me an example?*

*Are you saying… or….?*

*Can you say that another way?*

**Probing Assumptions**

*How did you come to this conclusion?*

*What else could we assume?*

*Is this thought based on certain assumptions?*

*How did you choose those assumptions?*

*How did you come up with these assumptions that..?*

*How can you verify or disprove that assumption?*

*What would happen if…?*

*Do you agree or disagree with…?*

*If this happened to a friend/sibling, would you have the same thoughts about them?*

**Probing Reasons and Evidence**

*How do you know this?*

*Show me…?*

*Can you give me an example of that?*

*What do you think causes…?*

*Are these the only explanations?*

*Are these reasons good enough?*

*How might it be refuted in court?*

*Would these reasons stand up in a reputable newspaper?*

*Why is…happening?*

*Why?*

*What evidence is there to support what you are saying?*

*Has anyone in your life expressed a different opinion?*

*Would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stand up in a court of law as evidence?*

**Questioning Viewpoints and Perspectives**

*What alternative ways of looking at this are there?*

*What does it do for you to continue thinking this way?*

*Who benefits from this?*

*What is the difference between … and …?*

*Why is it better than…?*

*What are the strengths and weaknesses of…?*

*How are…and…similar?*

*What would…say about it?*

*What if you compared…and…?*

*How could you look at this another way?*

**Analyzing Implications and Consequences**

*Then what would happen?*

*What are the consequences of that assumption?*

*How could…be used to…?*

*What are the implications of…?*

*How does…affect…?*

*How does…fit with what we learned in session before?*

*Why is…important?*

*What can we assume will happen?*

*What would it mean if you gave up that belief?*