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The first explanation for a confusing event can feel convincing because it arrives quickly. Inquiry asks us to slow down, notice our assumptions and look from more than one position. This can help us understand people and situations more fairly, while accepting that some uncertainty may remain.

What we are practising

By the end of this lesson, you can generate deeper questions about a complex situation and distinguish a first explanation from a fuller understanding.

During the activity

The root-question tree: notes, noticings, or nothing at all. This sheet is yours.

Take it with you

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