

## Providence Village April 10: Perceptions and the Duckrabbit - Philosophy and question generation

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give the carers/ volunteers each a clipboard with 'duck', 'rabbit', 'both' and 'not sure' on a piece of paper so they can circulate and tally each view after intro</li> <li>• Welcome: Welcome to Friday Philosophy + Norms</li> </ul>
Stimulus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell a story about a veiled image and how it was drawn by my youngest child but that I couldn't figure out what it was. I'm going to unveil this image, and I want you to look at it carefully, in silence, think about what it is, then whisper your answer to one of the carers as they walk by.</li> </ul>
Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unveil the Duckrabbit image - WHAT IS IT? Helpers circulate and tally whispered responses. If the whisper-tally feels clunky, switch to hands up for duck / rabbit / both / not sure.</li> </ul>
First Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate as many questions as we can about the DR - in groups of 3-4 if possible</li> </ul>
Clarify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate as many questions as we can about the DR - in groups of 3-4 if possible - 5 mins</li> <li>• Group roles:</li> <li>• Scribe: Writes group's questions using permanent marker on A4 page, one question per page in big writing!</li> <li>• Encourager: Stays positive and helps the group keep generating questions.</li> <li>• All questions are welcome. Then we'll see which questions open up the biggest philosophical conversation.</li> </ul>
Weigh Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reveal to the group that a philosophical question has three Cs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Common:</b> Is relevant to everyone</li> <li>○ <b>Consequential:</b> The answer actually matters for how we think, speak, act.</li> <li>○ <b>Contestable:</b> Two people can validly have different opinions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• First, either on the whiteboard using magnets, or on butcher's paper on the wall, sort groups' questions into categories of philosophical vs non-philosophical.</li> <li>• If there is time and energy, do a second light sort within philosophy.</li> <li>• Prompting questions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is it a philosophical question?</li> <li>○ Why/ why not?</li> <li>○ Is it about reality - what things or kinds of things exist?</li> <li>○ Is it about knowledge - what we know and how we know?</li> <li>○ Is it about ethics - how we should act?</li> <li>○ Is it about beauty?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which question stayed with you?</li> <li>• Which question felt most important?</li> <li>• Did anyone change their mind about what makes a question philosophical?</li> <li>• What did we do today?</li> </ul>