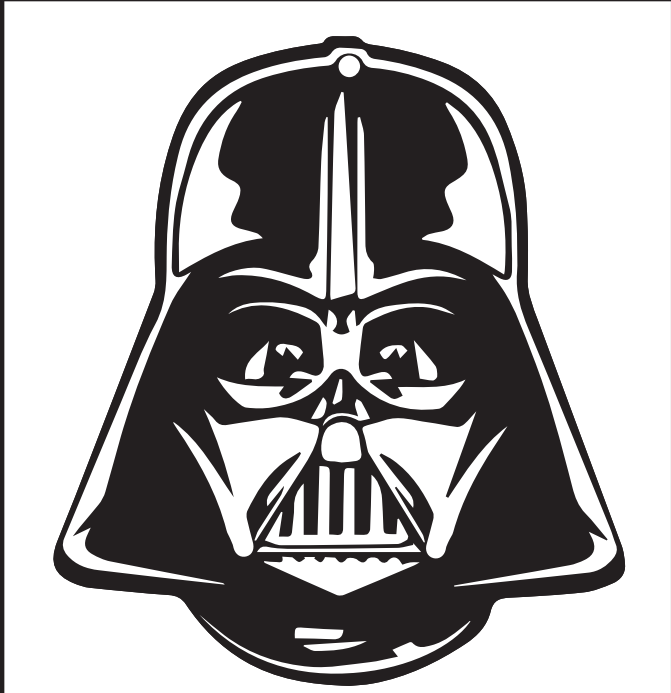


FIVE ENEMIES OF QUESTIONING



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We start as fearless questioners - but eventually get the message from teachers, peers, society that question carries risks.

Unfortunately some consider coolness is being in the know already or acting that you don't care. To ask a question demonstrates you don't know and you do care.

It's a paralysing problem for young students and seems to get worse as they get older. Young people are concerned they will ask the wrong question, revealing what they don't know or what they ought to know. Adults have a fear of not knowing (kids have the excuse of being young) but adults sometimes feel they have no excuse for knowing something important.

Fear of asking question can be particularly strong in the schools and workplaces people worry:

Will the question seem like I don't know my own job, I don't know what I am suppose to be doing,

Will it annoy my classmates, colleagues, teacher and supervisor, or will it threaten them in some way, Question can be irritating and confrontational?