



“What we have got is whole generations of people helping children to pass exams. But to really fire children’s imaginations you need teachers who don’t give them answers, but give them questions. There’s a dictum in primary education: when a child asks a really good question, don’t answer it. Give them the information to work it out, so they can think: ‘By God, I’ve got it!’ - That’s how the brain works.”

(John Abbott, educationalist and writer. The quote, during Abbot’s presidency of the 21st Century Learning Initiative, was aimed at children’s education, but the principle applies equally to adult learning and development.)