

Effective Questioning: Finding The Missing Link

Objectives

- Understand the importance of effective questioning in gaining a complete picture of client needs
- Complete the image and identify the “missing link” of the puzzle
- Identify areas of the “missing link” exercise that are similar to entity relationship modeling

Try It / Solve It

1. Identify the missing piece of the picture (teacher will provide picture). These rules are simple, yet profound. Work with other students collaboratively to "analyze" the problem, develop a "strategy" for the solution and "design" a method for implementing that solution. You cannot show your puzzle pieces to the other groups until instructed to by your teacher. You can describe your puzzle pieces to the other groups. You may work with other groups once you've worked within your own group. Only one member of your group can talk to anyone else in the room. This person must share information discovered with his/her own group. Completion will be when your group has decided upon the missing piece and can give an accurate verbal description.

2. Write your reactions to the missing link activity. Was it interesting? Worthwhile? How did the activity support the idea of data modeling and database design?