



INFO SITE:

THE BEFORE-ZONE

*The time has come, the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings.*

—Lewis Carroll

Step into the Q' Queue and begin your journey into the zones. Proceed with caution: the Q' Queue is no ordinary queue; you can't just stand in it and passively progress to your goal. You have to be active! But it's not a super-highway, either. It's more like a winding road—and it frequently twists back on itself.

HOT TIP

*That's not eerie music you hear—
you're not entering the Twilight Zone.
But to avoid speed traps and pot holes,
Learn how to navigate the Q' Queue.*

HOW TO DO IT

► Begin in the *Before-Zone*. Follow the signs.

The BEFORE-ZONE is where you stop to think about question-asking **before** you open your mouth. The actual amount of time spent there, as measured by the clock, isn't much, but it's crucial to **ASKING SMART QUESTIONS**.

What happens, or ought to happen, in the Before-Zone? Not much, actually. And yet, *lots*. The Before-Zone is the **Thinking-Zone** of the Q' Queue. It probably seems unnatural to you to do more than voice a question when it pops into your mind. And moving through a Queue of zones probably sounds time-consuming, maybe even more trouble than it could possibly be worth. But wait. Stop for a moment. Consider an example.