



De Bono's Thinking Hats

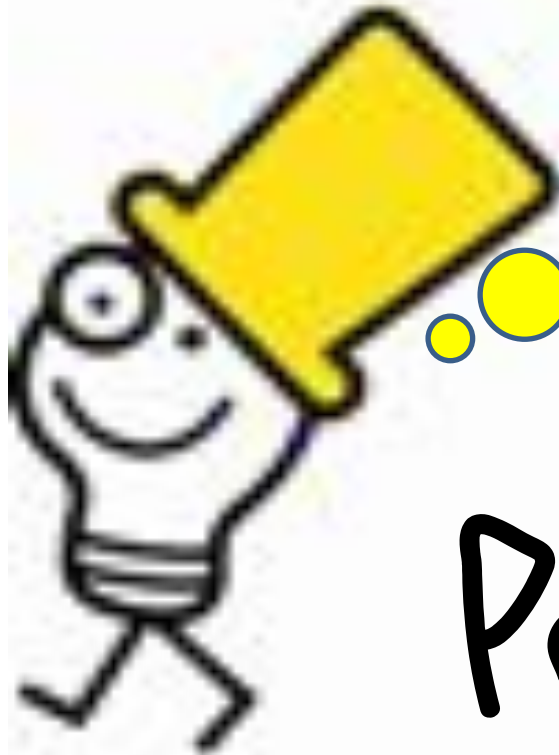
An aid to:

- Problem solving
- Decision Making
- Planning
- Analysis

Thinking involves:

- Being constructive
- Being creative
- Being productive
- Using information
- Trying to be logical
- Managing our emotions





- Positive thinking
- Brightness
- Optimism
- Focus on benefits
- Positive thinking
- Making it happen

Positives



- Why something didn't work
- Pointing out difficulties
- Pointing out the problems
- Logical thinking

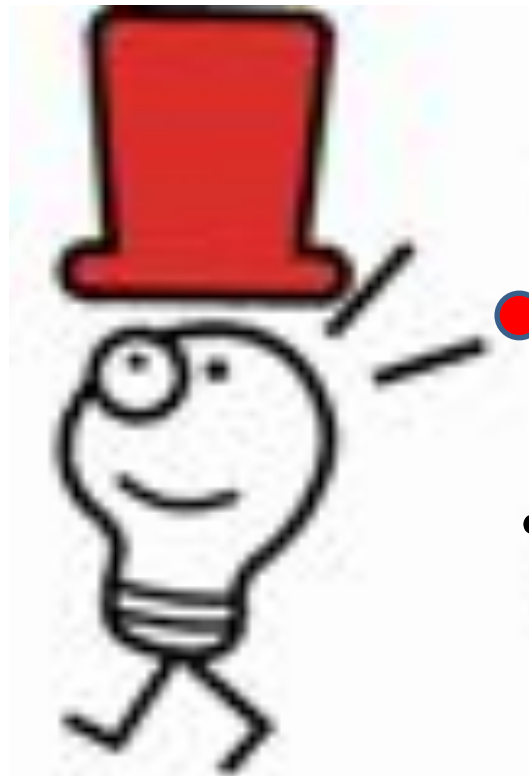


Minuses



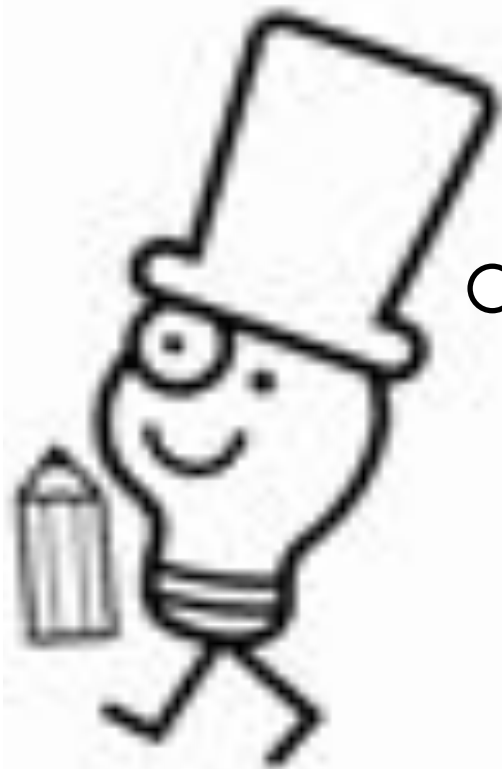
- New ideas, concepts, perceptions
- The creation of new ideas
- New approaches to problems
- Alternatives
- Change

New Ideas



- Gut feelings
- No need to justify
- Hunches, intuition, impressions
- Subjective reasoning
- Feelings

Emotion



- What information do we have?
- What information do we need?
- What information is missing?
- What do we need to ask?
- What are the reasons for this?
- How can we find this information out?

Facts



- Asking the right questions
- Defining the problem
- Setting the thinking tasks
- Breaking the problem down
- Simple steps

Plan