

Dr. de Bono's Thinking Hats

Emotions

How do you feel about this?
Did your feelings change? How?
Which way do you like best?
What does your intuition tell you?
What prejudices are present?



Feelings
Hunches
Emotions
Intuition

Information and Details

What do you know about...?
What are the facts about...?
What do you need or want to know about...?
Where might you go to find out about...?
What information do we need to get?



Facts
Information
Data
Research

Creativity and Imagination

What if...?
Can you create other ways to do this?
How would you solve the problem?
What new ideas can you think of?
What other possibilities are there?
What are some suggestions for this?
Express yourself through literature or art!



Creating
Imagination
New ideas
Possibilities

Organizing your Thinking

Make a list.
Tell how you got your answer.
Sequence the events.
What do we need to do next?
What is the main idea?
Explain your thinking.
Summarize.
What is your conclusion?
How did you solve the problem?



Understanding
Big ideas
Main idea

Good Points

What are the benefits of...?
What is good about...?
Why is this a good thing?
Can this be made to work? Explain.
What did you like about...?



Benefits
Good
Strengths

Possible Problems

What should you be cautious about?
What are the weaknesses?
What were the difficulties of...?
Why won't this work?
Is this safe?
What did you dislike about...?
What are the risks of...?
What is wrong with this?



Caution
Careful
Danger
Risks
Weaknesses

