

# Think Club & Problem Solving

Change Your Thinking  
And  
Change Your Life

In Parallel Thinking each thinker puts forward his or her thoughts in parallel with the thoughts of others, rather than attacking the thoughts of others.







Edward de Bono's [Six Thinking Hats](#) method is a practical way of carrying out Parallel Thinking. This method is of fundamental importance because it provides us with a practical method of constructive thinking.

Parallel Thinking is a constructive alternative to argument or drifting discussion. It is important to understand this very fundamental nature of the Six Thinking Hats method in order to appreciate the importance of the method. The Six Thinking Hats system provides an alternative to that most basic of thinking procedures: the argument.

Parallel Thinking guides thought processes in one direction at a time so we can effectively analyze issues, generate new ideas, and make better decisions.

Six Thinking Hats® is a simple, effective [parallel thinking process](#) that helps people be more productive, focused, and mindfully involved. And once learned, the tools can be applied immediately!

You and your team members can learn how to separate thinking into six clear functions and roles. Each thinking role is identified with a colored symbolic "thinking hat." By mentally wearing and switching "hats," you can easily focus or redirect thoughts, the conversation, or the meeting.

	The White Hat calls for information known or needed. "The facts, just the facts."
	The Yellow Hat symbolizes brightness and optimism. Under this hat you explore the positives and probe for value and benefit.
	The Black Hat is judgment - the devil's advocate or why something may not work. Spot the difficulties and dangers; where things might go wrong. Probably the most powerful and useful of the Hats but a problem if overused.
	The Red Hat signifies feelings, hunches and intuition. When using this hat you can express emotions and feelings and share fears, likes, dislikes, loves, and hates.
	The Green Hat focuses on creativity; the possibilities, alternatives, and new ideas. It's an opportunity to express new concepts and new perceptions.
	The Blue Hat is used to manage the thinking process. It's the control

Negatives



Thinking



Positives



Thinking Hats

Facts

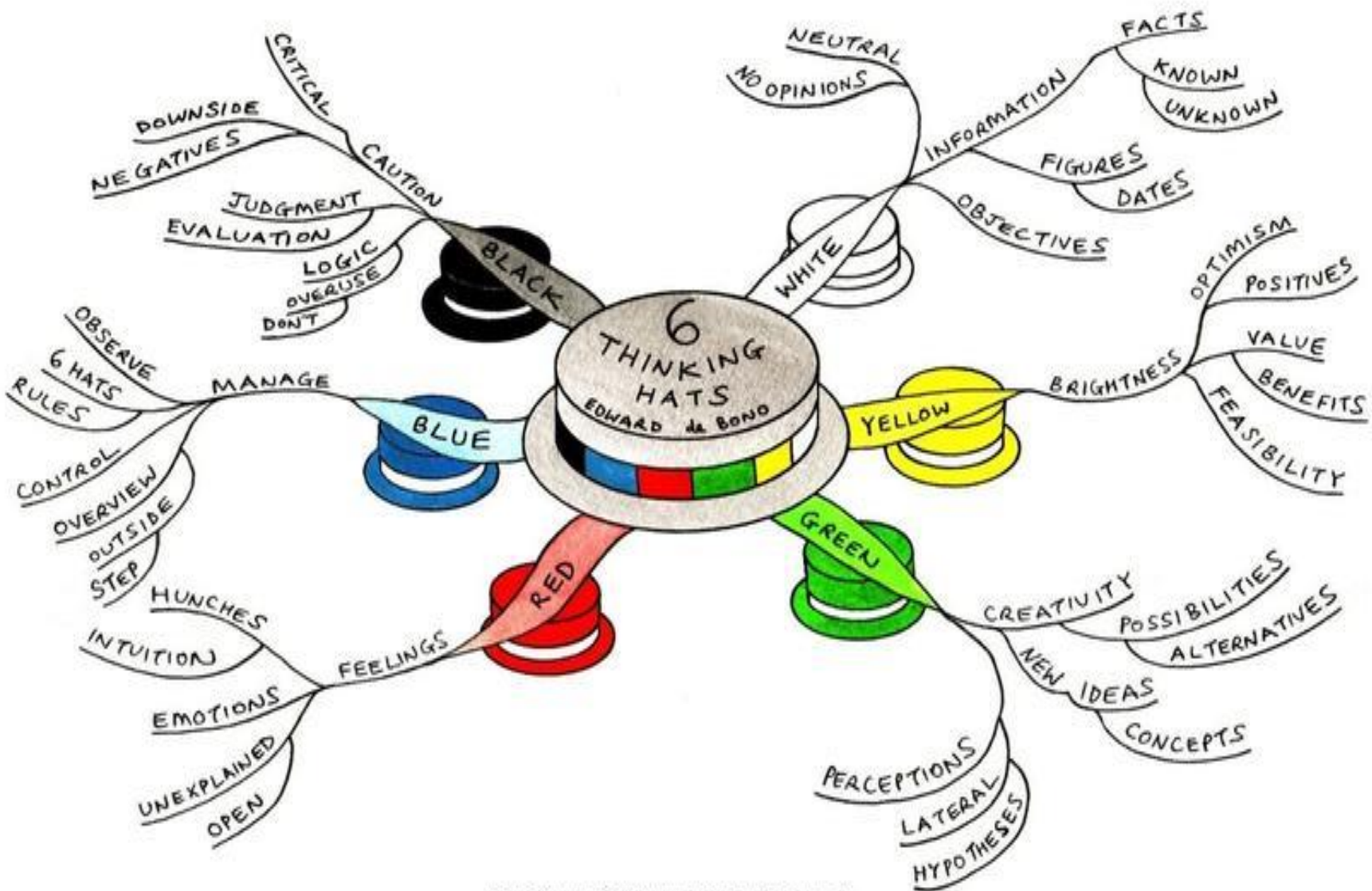


Emotions



Creativity

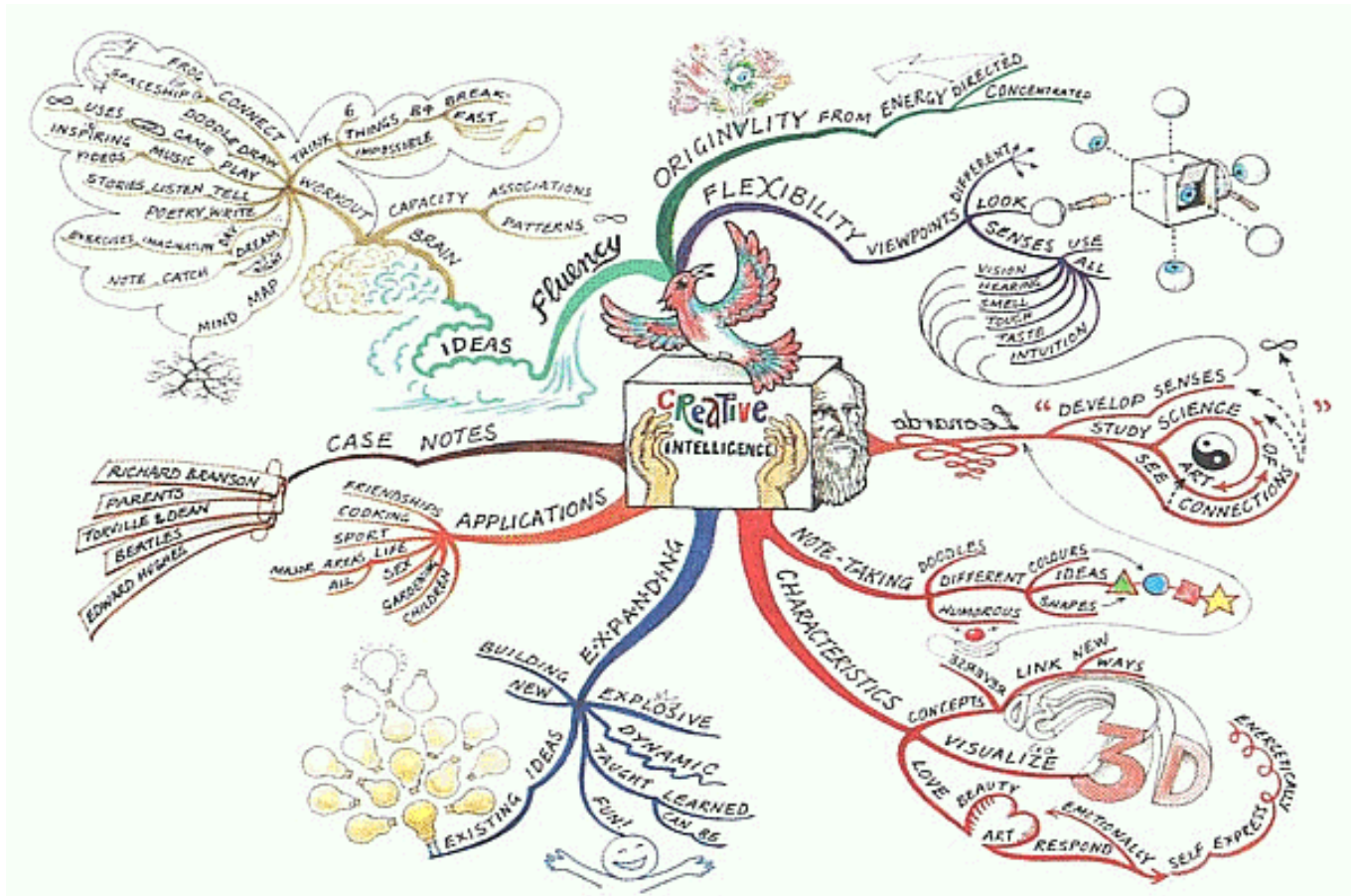




## TYPES OF THINKING WE USE

- 1 BIG PICTURE THINKING Lets you lead - see the vision
- 2 FOCUSED THINKING Remove distractions -
- 3 CREATIVE THINKING Joy is in creating not maintaining
- 4 REALISTIC THINKING First responsibility is to define REALITY
- 5 STRATEGIC THINKING What next, and WHY?
- 6 POSSIBILITY THINKING Questions the Status Quo
- 7 REFLECTIVE THINKING Clarifies the Big Picture
- 8 POPULAR THINKING Question it before you accept it
- 9 SHARED THINKING No one smarter than all of us.
- 10 UNSELFISH THINKING Adds value to others and you
- 11 BOTTOM LINE THINKING Provides Clarity and Best Decisions





NEEDS TO BE CREATIVE MIND MAP



MatchWare MindView 7 - Project Management

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Project Management\* x

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      PM[Project Management] --- Troubleshooting[Troubleshooting]
      PM --- Tracking[Tracking]
      PM --- Phase1[Phase 1]
      PM --- Planning[Planning]
      PM --- ProjectDefinition[Project definition]
      Troubleshooting --- TS[Progress against schedule]
      Troubleshooting --- TS2[...other]
      Tracking --- TR[Use of resources]
      Tracking --- TR2[Mission creep]
      Phase1 --- P1[Create specifications]
      Phase1 --- P2[Review specifications]
      Phase1 --- P3[Sign-off specifications]
      ProjectDefinition --- PD[Description]
      ProjectDefinition --- PD2[Deliverables]
      ProjectDefinition --- PD3[Included]
      ProjectDefinition --- PD4[Excluded]
      Constraints --- C[Budget]
      Constraints --- C2[Deadlines]
      Constraints --- C3[Work to be done]
      Planning --- PL[Define phases]
      Planning --- PL2[Create a schedule]
      Planning --- PL3[Contingency]
      Planning --- PL4[Training]
  
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Task/Timeline  
Multimedia Catalog  
Calculation

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