

Creative Thinking Skills

Keep Open*

Resisting premature closure and the desire to complete things in the easiest, quickest way.

Curiosity

Reinforcing the internal urge to learn.

Look at it Another Way*

Seeing things from multiple perspectives, views, or mindsets.

Produce & Consider Many Alternatives*

Going beyond the obvious and producing a variety of possible solutions, ideas, or options.

Playfulness and Humor*

Bringing fun and child-like enjoyment into the environment.

Risk-taking

Willing to take action in the hope of a desired result.

Embrace the Challenge*

Develop an attitude of being open to challenges as opportunities for something new.

Highlight the Essence*

Identifying that which is most important or essential in any given situation.

Elaborate but Not Excessively*

Adding details or ideas, developing them; filling in details for possible implementation.

Make it Swing! Make it Ring!*

Using kinesthetic and auditory senses, and responding to sound and movement.

Be Aware of Emotions*

Being conscious of feelings; using, trusting, responding to emotions to better understanding people & situations.

Embracing Ambiguity

Being able to embrace uncertainties.

Mindfulness

Being fully immersed in the present moment.

Be Flexible*

Changing one's mental set to do something differently.

Enjoy and Use Fantasy*

Using imagination to enhance experiences.

Break Through and Extend the Boundaries*

Thinking outside the prescribed requirements.

Put Ideas into Context*

Putting smaller parts or experiences into a larger framework; putting things together in meaningful ways.

Get Glimpses of the Future*

Predicting, imagining, and exploring opportunities and situations that do not yet exist.

Be Original*

Letting go of the obvious and searching for more novel options.

Visualize it Richly & Colorfully*

Using vivid, exciting imagery; creating colorful and exciting images that appeal to all five senses.