

# Creative Thinking Skills

## Get Glimpses of the Future\*

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

## Be Aware of Emotions\*

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

## Playfulness and Humor\*

Bringing fun and child-like enjoyment into the environment.

## Break Through and Extend the Boundaries\*

Thinking outside the prescribed requirements.

## Produce & Consider Many Alternatives\*

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

## Enjoy and Use Fantasy\*

Using imagination to enhance experiences.

## Look at it Another Way\*

Seeing things from multiple perspectives, views, or mindsets.

## Make it Swing! Make it Ring!\*

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

## Curiosity

Reinforcing the internal urge to learn.

## Put Ideas into Context\*

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

## Embrace the Challenge\*

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

## Visualize it Richly & Colorfully\*

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

## Mindfulness

Being fully immersed in the present moment.

## Tolerate the Ambiguity

Being able to embrace uncertainties.

## Keep Open\*

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

## Be Original\*

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

## Highlight the Essence\*

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

## Risk-taking

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

## Elaborate but Not Excessively\*

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

## Be Flexible\*

Changing one's mental set to do something differently.