

De Bono Thinking Frames

The following frameworks created by Edward de Bono provide a structure for you to deepen your thinking.

Six Thinking Frames for thinking about information

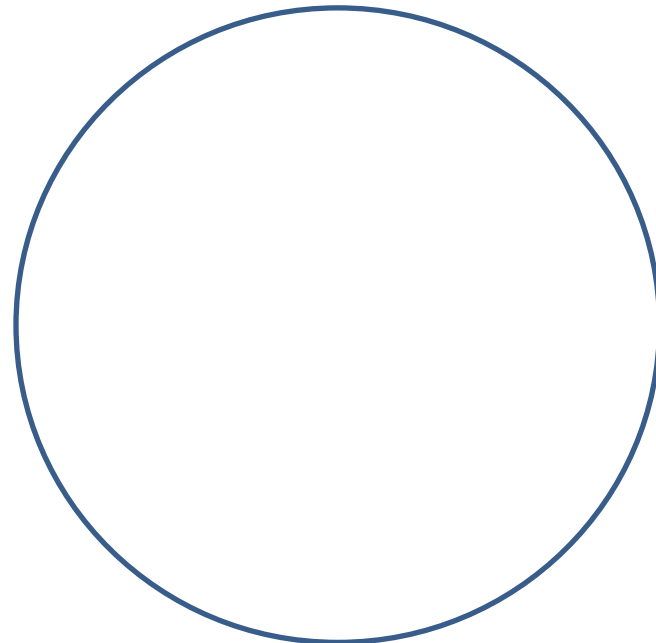
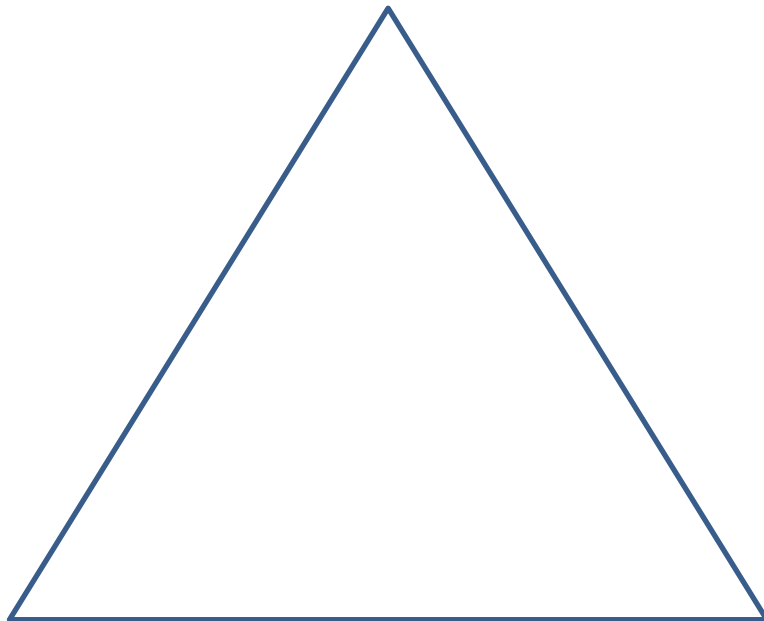
Uses: critically analyse information and literature.

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Purpose: Why do I need this information?
Where should I look for information?
What is the purpose for searching for the information?

Accuracy: Is the information accurate?
Is the information credible?

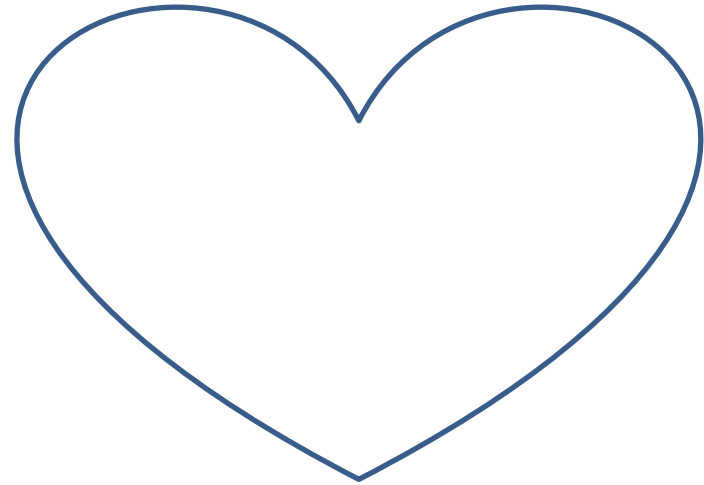
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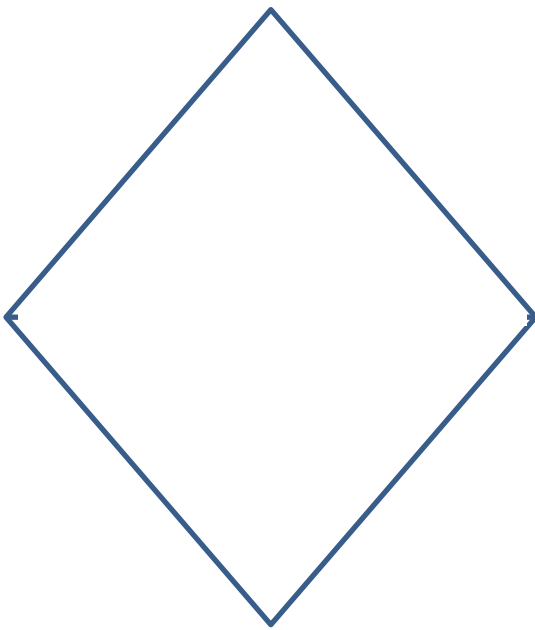
Alternative points of view: What are the other perspectives?



Interest: What are the matters of interest that are not obvious?



Values: What values are represented in the information?



Outcomes and Conclusions: What is the result? What conclusions can be drawn?



Six thinking hats for thinking about different perspectives – Edward de Bono

Uses: explore an idea from different perspectives, find solutions to a problem, increase understanding of others' viewpoints.

In a group, take turns to wear each hat.
Individuals can consider your topic or situation as if you were wearing each hat. If you are wearing the white hat, you will think about all the facts, yet if you are wearing the yellow hat, you will think about all the positives. Make notes from each perspective







	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 mechanism that ensures the Six Thinking Hats® guidelines are observed.

Figure 1. Six thinking hats (from The deBono Group, n.d.)

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What are the facts?



What are the positives?



What are the difficulties and dangers?



What are my feelings about this?



What are the possibilities, alternatives, and new ideas?



The blue hat represents the control process of a thinking hat group activity.

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