







The Six Thinking Hats Tool

This is a good tool to help you explore an issue from many different points of view. Each hat focuses everyone and makes sure that you are all speaking about the same thing at the same time. This makes it easier to understand each other's point of view and organize the groups thoughts and ideas. Together, the six hats also make sure you consider your idea in many different ways.

 The White Hat	<p>The White Hat is focused on facts. The White Hat's Question is: <i>What facts do we have about this issue?</i></p>
 The Red Hat	<p>The Red Hat is focused on feelings and emotions. The Red Hat's Question is: <i>How do you/others feel about this issue?</i></p>
 The Yellow Hat	<p>The Yellow Hat is focused on all the positive aspects of an idea. The Yellow Hat's Question is: <i>What do we like about this issue?</i></p>
 The Purple Hat	<p>The Purple Hat is focused on all the negative aspects of an idea. The Purple Hat's Question is: <i>What are we worried about or do not like about this issue?</i></p>
 The Green Hat	<p>The Green Hat is focused on generating new ideas. The Green Hat's Question is: <i>What do we like about this idea?</i></p>
 The Blue Hat	<p>The Blue Hat is focused on summarizing what we have heard and confirming our decisions. The Blue Question is: <i>What AHAs did we have? What decisions have we made?</i></p>

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