







# Six Thinking Hats



Six Thinking Hats® is a simple, effective parallel thinking process 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 mechanism that ensures the Six Thinking Hats® guidelines are observed.

## Using Six Thinking Hats® you and your team will learn how to:

- **look** at problems, decisions, and opportunities systematically
- **use** Parallel Thinking as a group or team to generate more, better ideas and solutions
- **make** meetings much shorter and more productive
- **reduce** conflict among team members or meeting participants
- **stimulate** innovation by generating more and better ideas quickly
- **create** dynamic, results oriented meetings that make people want to participate
- **go** beyond the obvious to discover effective alternate solutions
- **spot** opportunities where others see only problems
- **think** clearly and objectively
- **view** problems from new and unusual angles
- **make** thorough evaluations
- **see** all sides of a situation
- **keep** egos and "turf protection" in check
- **achieve** significant and meaningful results