

Edward de Bono's Thinking Hats

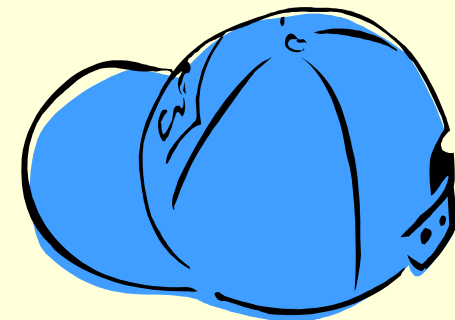
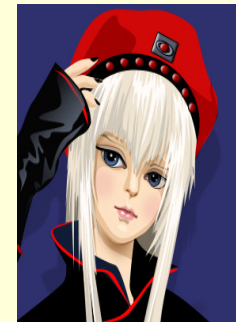
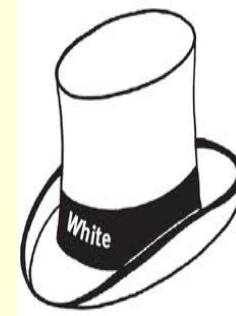


Born 1933 – most recent publication 2010. His methods mandatory in many countries. Introduced term 'lateral thinking'.

- Thinking is a skill which can be developed
- A practical approach to teaching thinking skills
- Can be used with any age and in many settings; e.g. education, business (Goldman Sachs, BT, Nestle to name a few)
- Can be used individually or with a group

Six Thinking Hats

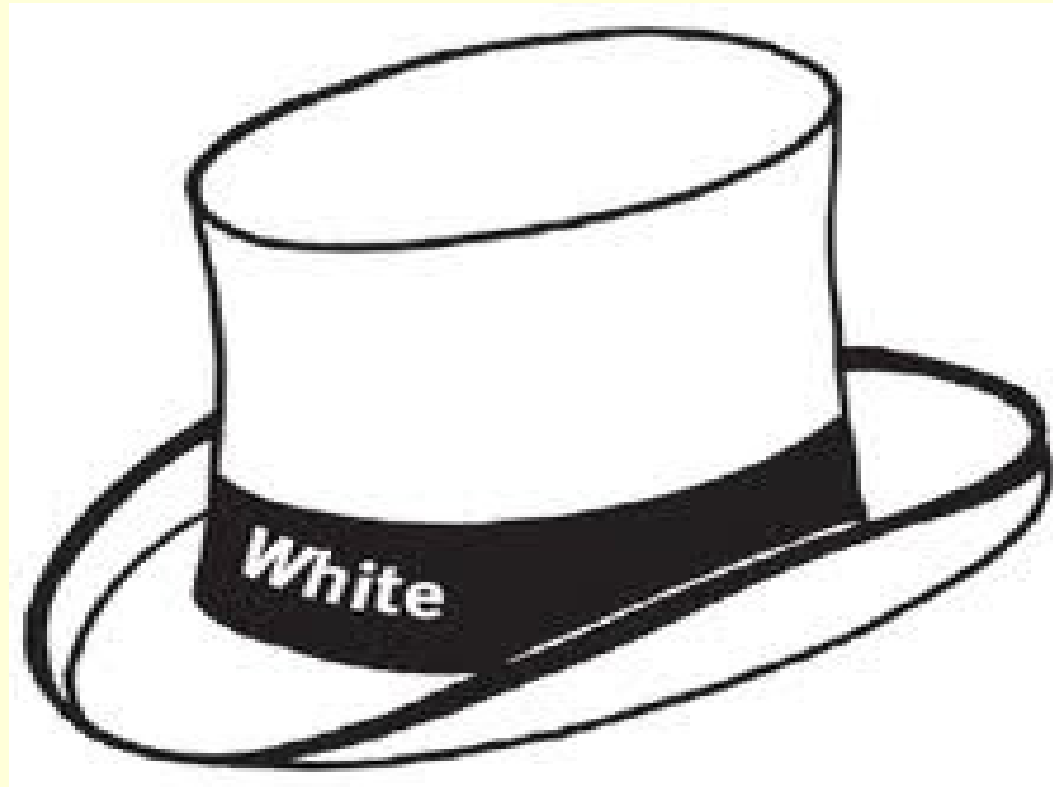
- White – information
- Red – feelings, intuition
- Yellow – benefits
- Black – critical judgement
- Green – creative thinking
- Blue – process control



White Hat Thinking....

information, facts both known and needed

- What?
- Where?
- Who?
- When?
- Which?



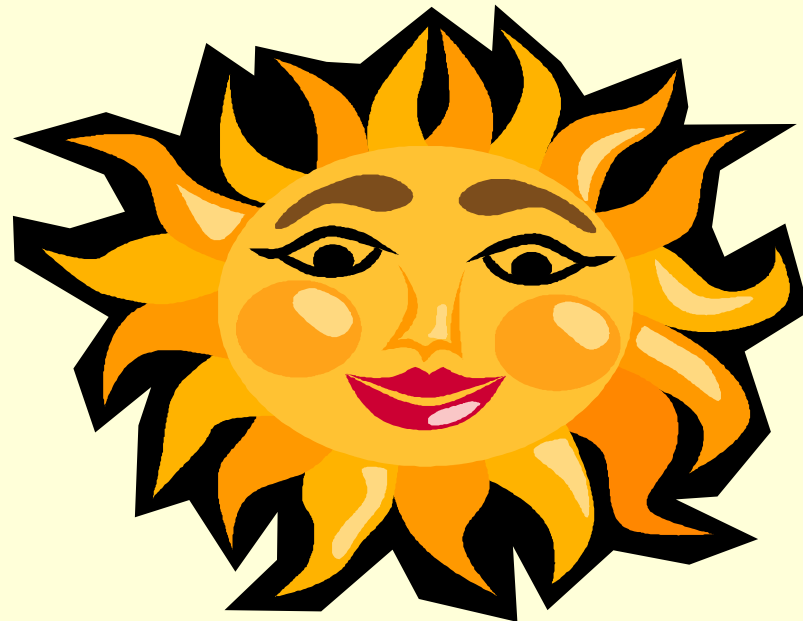
Red Hat

- Think of a red fire in a grate.
- Think of warmth
- The red hat is all about feelings, emotion
- Intuition – your ‘gut’ feeling...your first reaction
- Limited to first 30 seconds!



Yellow Hat

- Think of sunshine
- Good points
- Benefits
- Values



Black Hat Thinking.....

- Think of a judge's robes
- Weaknesses
- Barriers
- Caution
- Concern
- Possible downsides
- Risks



It is an essential, useful hat as it helps us make good decisions.

e.g. What if you could tell exactly what other people were thinking about you?

Green Hat Thinking

- Think 'Green for Growth'
- Think of sprouting and branching
- Creativity hat
- Question prompts.....

Are there other ways to do this?

What else could we do here?

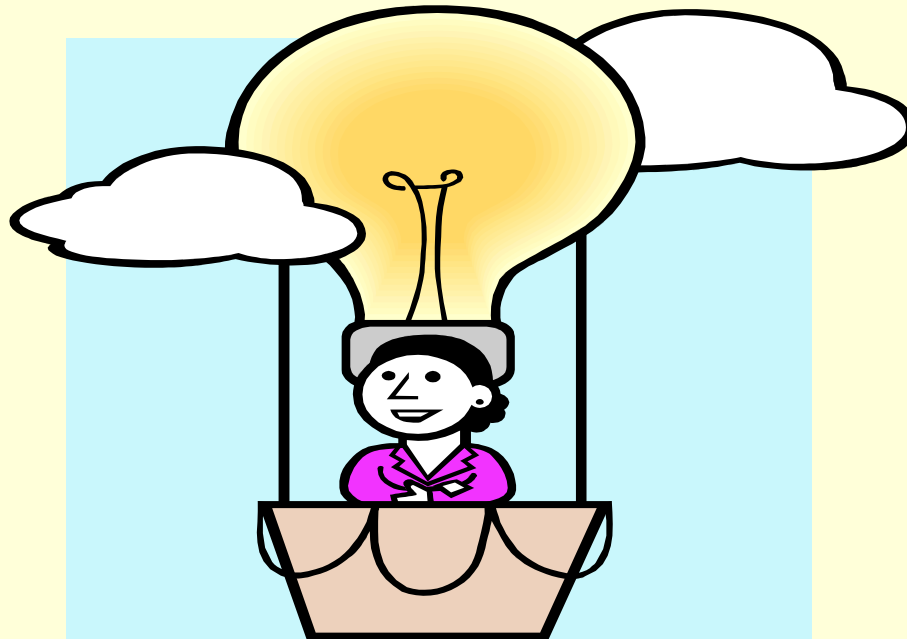
What are the possibilities?

What will overcome our difficulties?

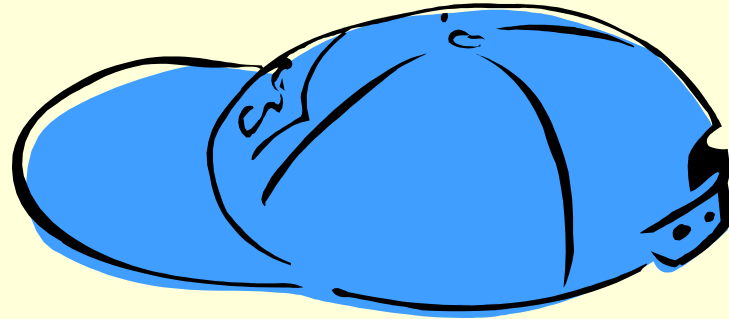


Green Hat Thinking

- Permits and values all suggestions however unlikely
- When green hat in use – everyone needs to wear one....
- Sometimes called '*blue sky thinking*'



Blue Hat



- Think of a blue sky – an overview of a project
- The blue hat is worn by the group leader
- The blue hat leader helps us to make a realistic plan
- The blue hat leader can help us to meet a time limit
- He/she is like a conductor of an orchestra