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# The Six Thinking Hats

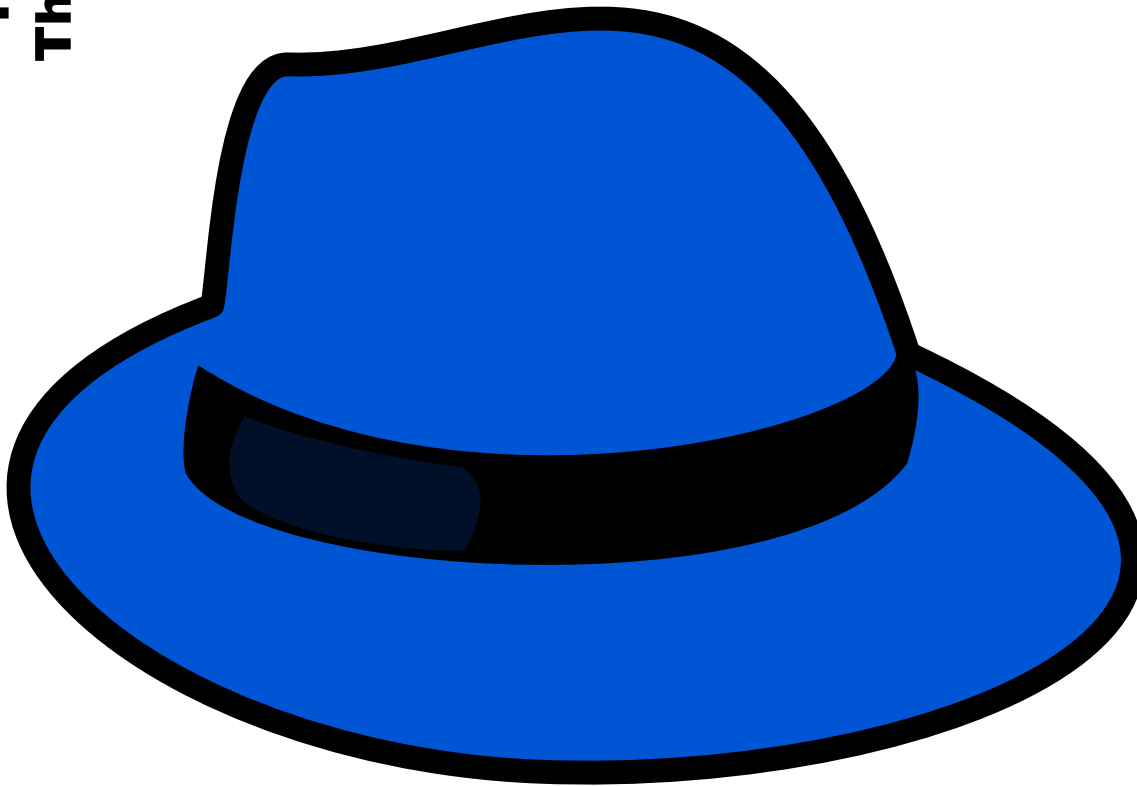


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# blue



organizing, an orchestra conductor

details and questions:

*Comprehension*

*Understanding*

*Thinking About Thinking  
Process*

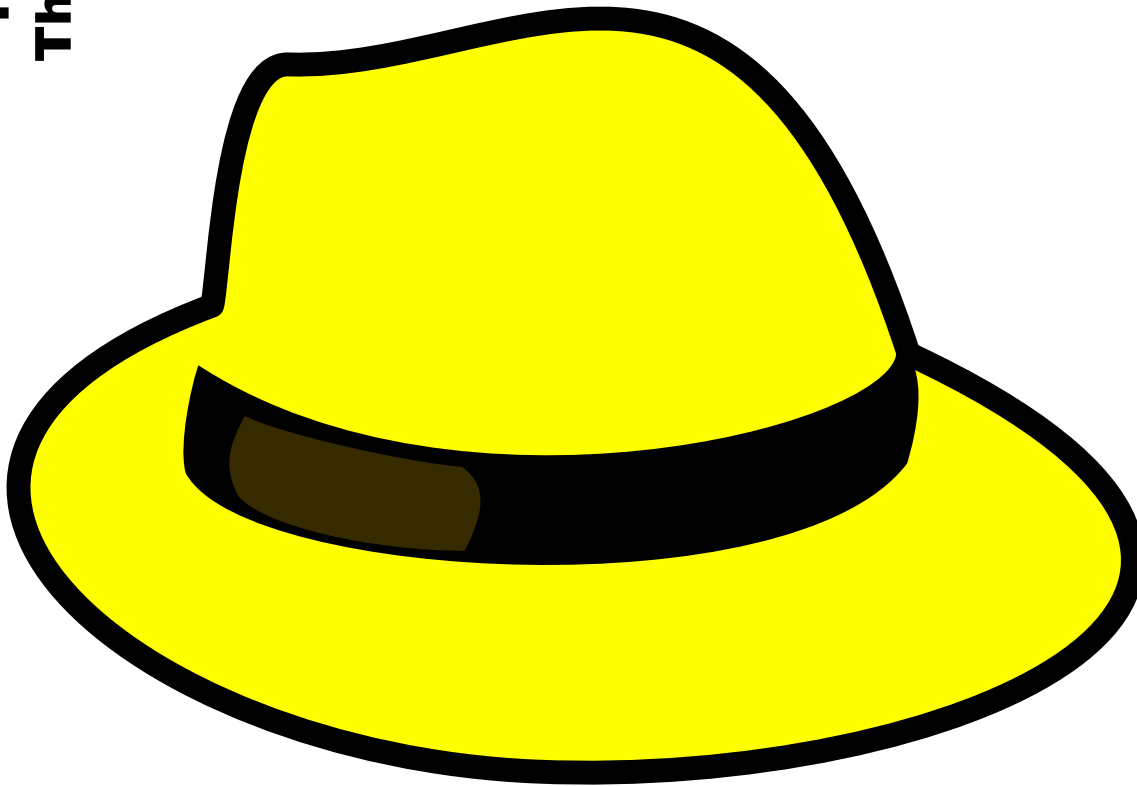
*Big Ideas/Main Idea*

*Conclude/Summarize*

*List*

- What is the topic or problem?
- What questions do we have?
- Explain how you got your answer.
- Where are we now? What's next?
- What is the plan?
- What was the problem; how was the problem solved?
- Look from another perspective.
- Look (think) as if you were in the sky.

# yellow



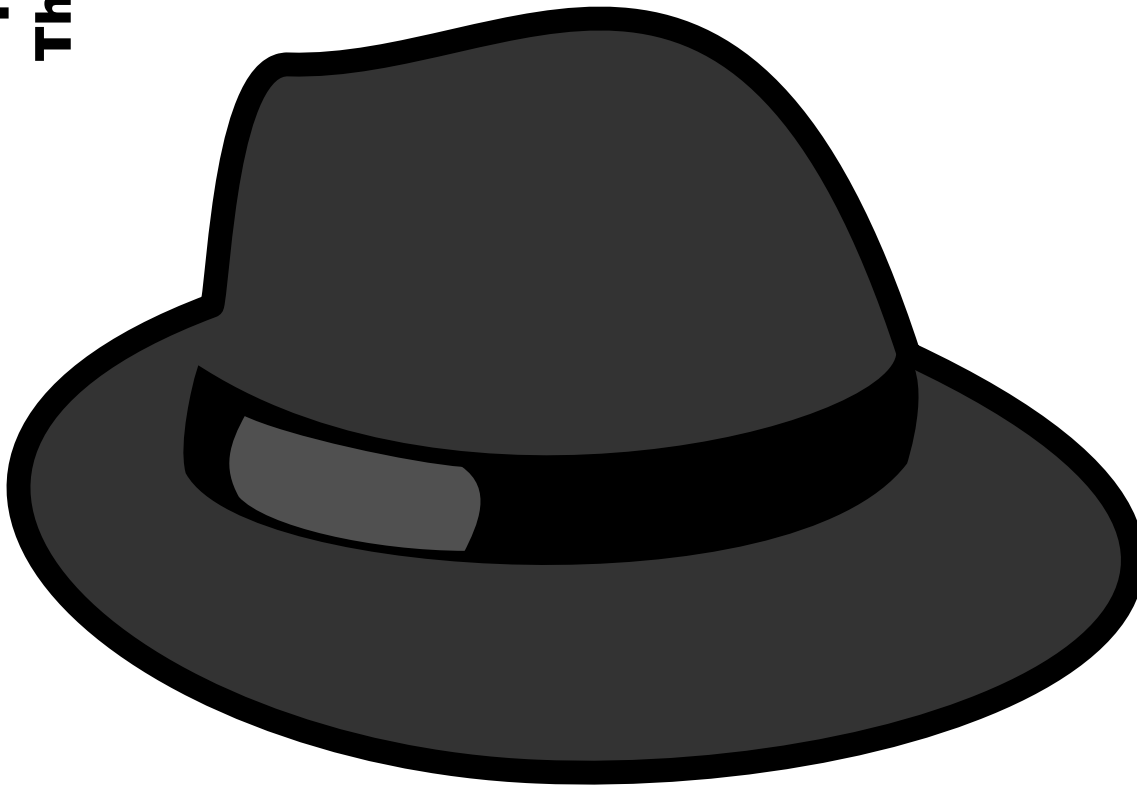
hope, positive, optimistic

details and questions:

*Analysis*  
*Benefits*  
*Good*  
*Positives*  
*Value*  
*Strengths*

- What are the benefits of ...?
- What is good about ...?
- What is a positive outcome of...?
- What is the value of...?
- Can this be made to work? Explain.
- What did you like about... ?

# black



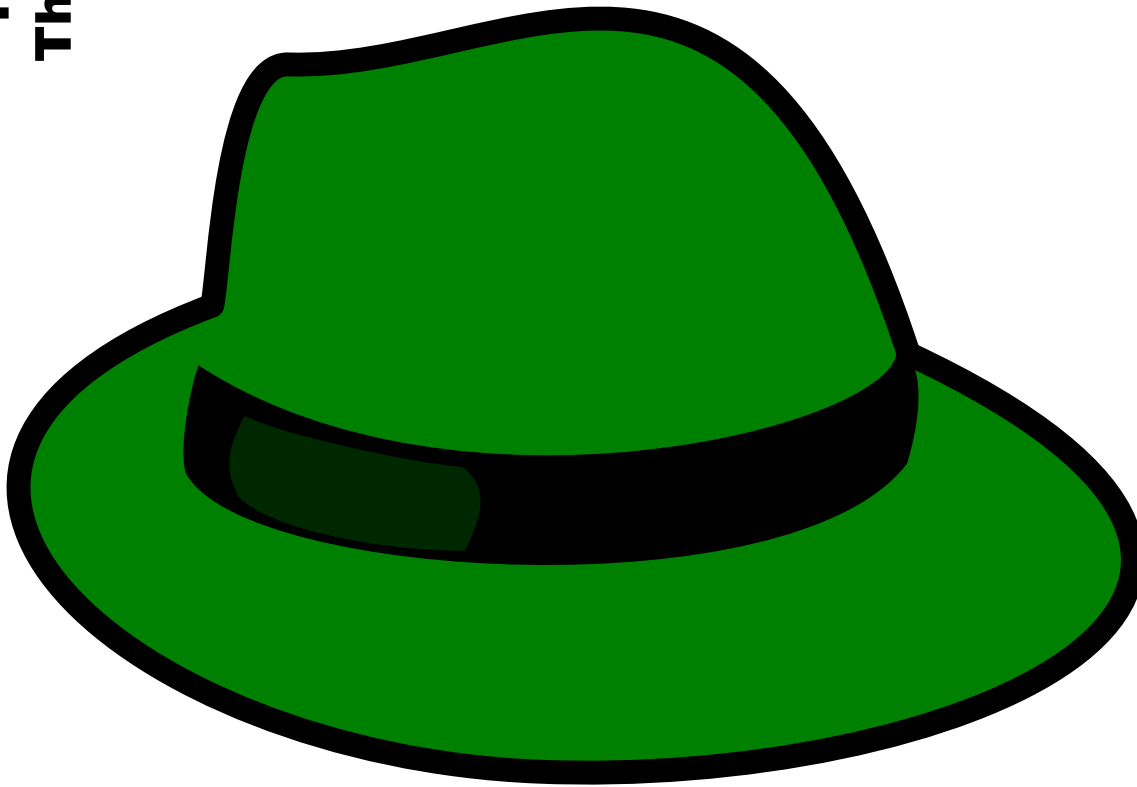
problems, negative, pessimistic

details and questions:

*Analysis*  
*Caution*  
*Be Careful*  
*Danger*  
*Wisdom*  
*Risks*  
*Weaknesses*

- What should we be cautious about ...?
- What words of wisdom come from this?
- What are the consequences of...?
- What were the difficulties of...?
- Why won't / didn't this work?
- What did you dislike about...?
- What are the risks of ...?
- What are some Uh-Ohs?

# green



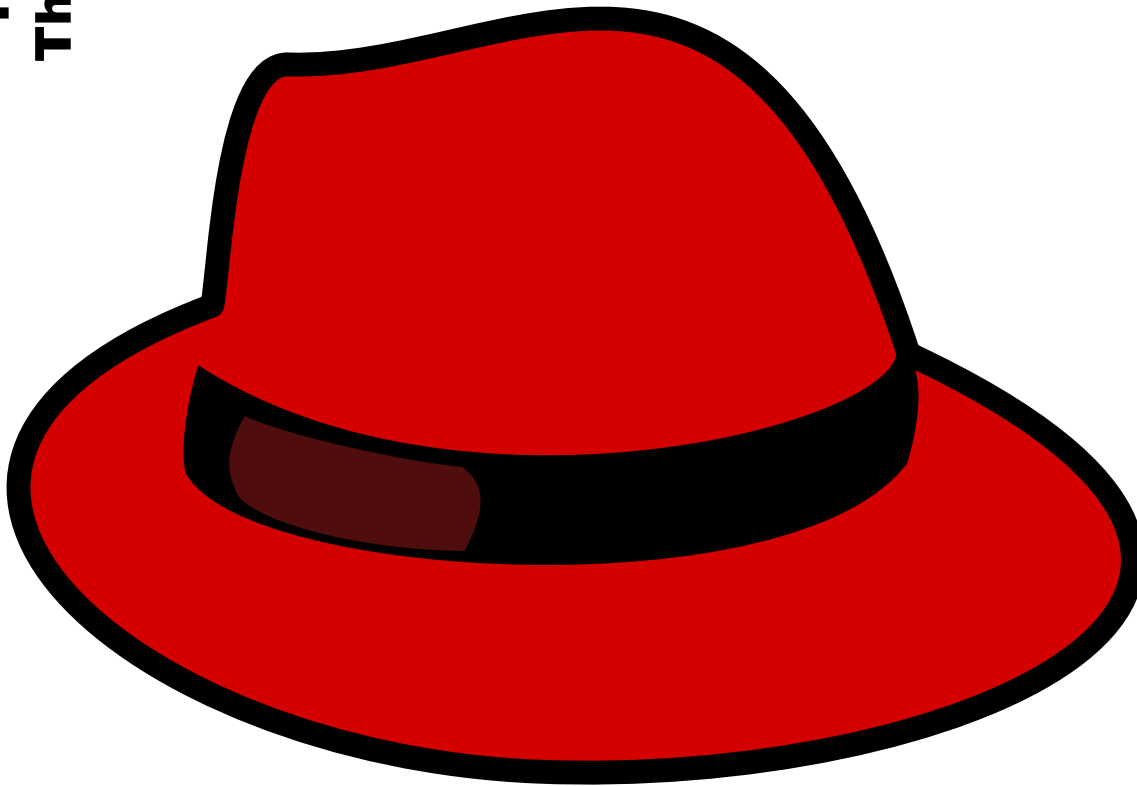
new ideas, creativity, growing

details and questions:

*Synthesis*  
*Creativity*  
*Imagination*  
*New Ideas*  
*Possibilities*

- What if ... ?
- Can you create other ways to do this?
- How would you solve the problem?
- What new ideas can you think of?
- What other possibilities are there for...?
- Express yourself through literature, poetry, drama, media etc.

# red



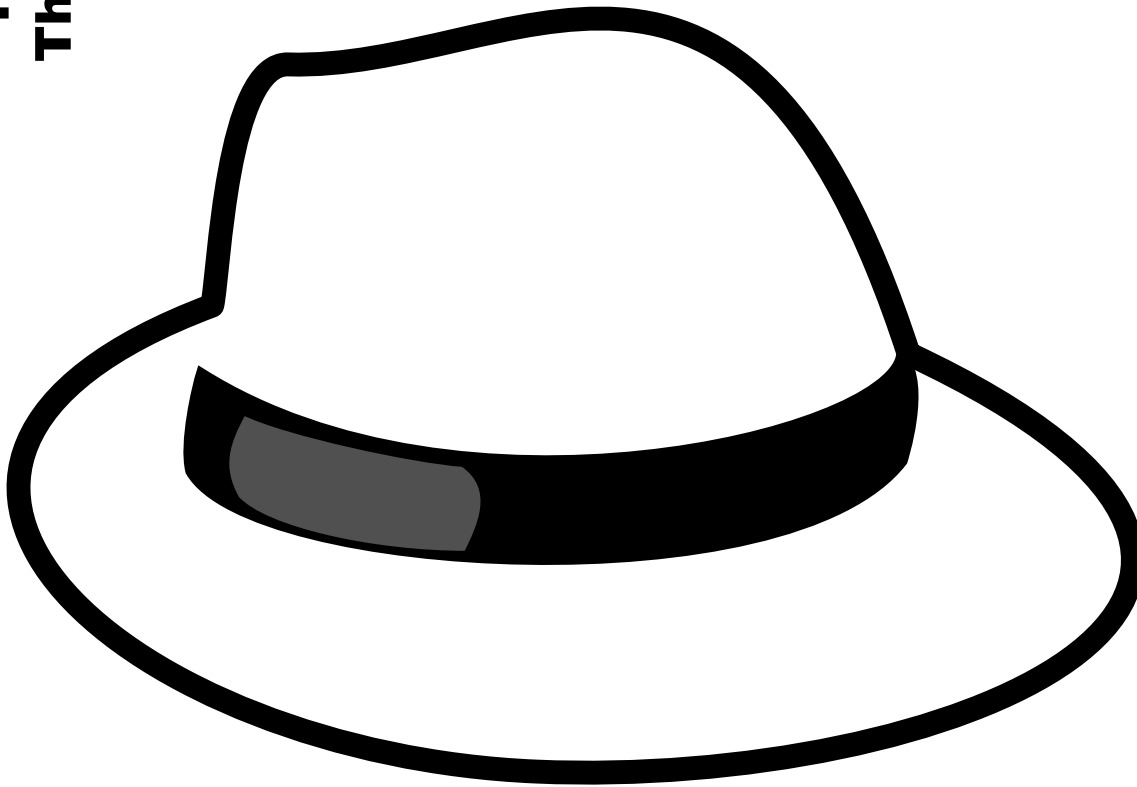
feelings, emotions, intuition

details and questions:

*Evaluation*  
*Feelings*  
*Hunches*  
*Emotions*  
*Intuition*

- "I feel ..."
- "I'm afraid of ..."
- What are your feelings now?
- Did your feelings change? How?
- Which way do you like best based on your feelings?
- What prejudices are present?
- What is your hunch about...?
- What is your gut feeling about ...?

# white



facts, like a computer

details and questions:

*Knowledge*

*Facts*

*Information*

*Data*

*Research*

- Who, What, When, Where?
- What do we know about ...?
- What are the facts about ...?
- What do we need or want to know about...?
- Where could we go to find out about ...?