

CCT Crunches Term Program K-8DEVELOPING CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS

"It takes eight weeks on average to build a neural pathway, practising it every day so that the brain can form a new habit."

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Learning Level	Week 1 Pre-assess	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10 Post-assess
K-2	□ Divergent Thinking Test # 1 Rainbow Thinking Circles Test	□ Sketch Your Imagination Imagine possibilities and connect ideas, add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate □ The Ads vs The Bads Identify pros and cons, apply logic to make reasoned judgements	□ Cloud Painting Use imagination, change perspective, generate numerous possibilities □ Posing the Question Predict what might happen in a given situation, apply logic to make reasoned judgements	□ Circle of Laughs Add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate □ Apples with Oranges Compare and contrast, identify attributes, tolerate ambiguity	□ Alternative Uses Seek alternatives, generate numerous ideas, explore possibilities □ What's Your Problem? Pose questions to identify and clarify issues, and to probe for causes and consequences	☐ That's Good, That's Bad Generate numerous ideas, add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate ☐ Scissors Paper Think! Seek alternatives, explore possibilities, justify choices	☐ The Prequel Use imagination, generate numerous possibilities, add detail to basic ideas ☐ Backwards Quiz Experiment with a range of options when seeking solutions, justify choices	□ Personal favourite (creative) □ Personal favourite (critical)	 □ Personal favourite (creative) □ Personal favourite (critical) 	□ Divergent Thinking Test # 1 Rainbow Thinking Circles Test
3-4	Divergent Thinking Test # 2 Rainbow Thinking Squares Test	□ Alternative Uses Seek alternatives, generate numerous ideas, explore possibilities □ The Ads vs The Bads Scrutinise ideas, identify pros and cons, apply logic to make reasoned judgements	□ Sketch Your Imagination Imagine possibilities and connect ideas, add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate □ Apples with Oranges Compare and contrast, identify attributes, tolerate ambiguity	☐ Circle of Laughs Add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate ☐ Posing the Question Pose questions to identify and clarify issues, predict what might happen in a given situation, apply logic to make reasoned judgements	□ That's Good, That's Bad Challenge existing ideas and generate alternative solutions, tolerate ambiguity, make basic ideas more complex and intricate □ Scissors Paper Think! Seek alternatives, explore possibilities, justify choices	□ Raising the BAR Identify situations where current approaches do not work, expand on known ideas to create new and imaginative combinations □ What's Your Problem? Pose questions to identify and clarify issues, and to probe for causes and consequences	□ <i>The Prequel</i> Use imagination, generate numerous possibilities, add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate □ <i>Backwards Quiz</i> Experiment with a range of options when seeking solutions, justify choices	□ Mother of Invention Pose questions to identify and clarify issues, share thinking about possible courses of action □ F.O.O. Fight Compare and categorise facts and opinions, identify reasoning used in choices	□ Word Tennis Generate numerous possibilities, consider reasonable criticism and adjust thinking if necessary, assess whether there is adequate reasoning to justify a claim □ Personal favourite	Divergent Thinking Test # 2 Rainbow Thinking Squares Test
5-8	Divergent Thinking Test # 3 Alternative Uses Test	□ Scissors Paper Think! Assess and test options to identify the most effective solution □ Mother of Invention Predict possibilities and consequences and explain contingencies when seeking solutions; analyse reasoning used in applying solutions and in choice of resources	□ Posing the Question Pose questions to probe assumptions, apply logic to make reasoned judgements, □ What's Your Problem? Pose questions to identify and clarify issues and to probe for causes and consequences	☐ Alternative Uses Generate alternatives, generate innovative solutions and adapt ideas ☐ F.O.O. Fight Compare and categorise facts and opinions, tolerate ambiguities while drawing conclusions, address opposing viewpoints and possible weaknesses in their own positions	□ The Prequel Use imagination, generate numerous possibilities, add detail to basic ideas making them more complex and intricate □ Word Tennis Generate numerous possibilities, consider reasonable criticism and adjust thinking, address opposing viewpoints and possible weaknesses in their own positions	□ Raising the BAR Identify situations where current approaches do not work, generate alternatives and innovative solutions □ Quote Unquote Pose insightful questions related to a given topic, hold different views while a decision is being made, tolerate ambiguities while drawing conclusions	□ That's Good, That's Bad Tolerate ambiguity, challenge existing ideas and generate alternative solutions, make basic ideas more complex and intricate □ Apples with Oranges Compare and contrast, identify attributes, tolerate ambiguity	□ Sketch Your Imagination Create and connect complex ideas using imagery, analogies and symbolism □ Backwards Quiz Experiment with a range of options when seeking solutions, justify choices	 □ Personal favourite (creative) □ Personal favourite (critical) 	Divergent Thinking Test # 3 Alternative Uses Test
	Students are to do both of the nominated exercises once a day every day for 7 to 10 minutes each. Activities can be done at school or home or both.									