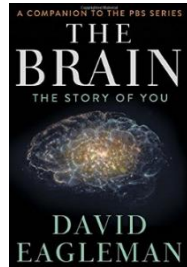


Be A Creative Thinker and Leader

Did you know? - Our brains constantly pull information from the environment and use it to steer our behavior.

For example, if you're holding a warm drink you'll describe your relationship with a family member more favourably; when you're holding a cold drink, you'll express a slightly poorer opinion of the relationship. Why does this happen? Because the brain mechanisms for judging intrapersonal warmth overlap with the mechanisms for judging physical warmth, and so one influences the other. (The Brain: The Story of You, by David Eagleman)



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Did you know? - As a society, we are taught to think **Vertically** - a type of approach to problems that usually involves one being selective, analytical, and sequential. Vertical thinkers prefer to rely on external data and facts in order to avoid failure.

For instance, someone solving the math problem $(21 + 3 - 2 + 10 - 1)$ must think vertically. If he or she tries to solve this problem out of order, the answer will be wrong. Instead, the individual must add and subtract the numbers in order to get the correct answer of 31.

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Did you know? - **Lateral thinking** is solving problems through an indirect and creative approach, using reasoning that is not immediately obvious and involving ideas that may not be obtainable by using only traditional step-by-step logic. The term was coined in 1967 by Edward de Bono. (Wikipedia)

Learn more about Edward de Bono here - <https://www.edwdebono.com/>



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Did you know? – The **Six Thinking Hats** is a system designed by Edward de Bono which describes a tool for group discussion and individual thinking involving six colored hats. "Six Thinking Hats" provide a means for groups to plan thinking processes in a detailed and cohesive way, and in doing so to think together more effectively.

The meeting may start with everyone assuming the **Blue** hat to discuss how the meeting will be conducted and to develop the goals and objectives. The discussion may then move to **Red** hat thinking in order to collect opinions and reactions to the problem. This phase may also be used to develop constraints for the actual solution such as who will be affected by the problem and/or solutions. Next the discussion may move to the **Yellow** and then **Green** hat in order to generate ideas and possible solutions. Next the discussion may move between **White** hat thinking as part of developing information and **Black** hat thinking to develop criticisms of the solution set.

Because everyone is focused on a particular approach at any one time, the group tends to be more collaborative than if one person is reacting emotionally (Red hat) while another person is trying to be objective (White hat) and still another person is being critical of the points which emerge from the discussion (Black hat). The hats aid individuals in addressing problems from a variety of angles, and focus individuals on deficiencies in the way that they approach problem solving. (Wikipedia)

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Brain Teasers

Which one of these sentences is the odd one out?

1. Friendship lingers until the end.
2. Lovers stroll under the stars.
3. Heaven always repays perfection.
4. The uproar begins again.

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(Take from: Intriguing Lateral Thinking Puzzles, by Paul Sloane & Des MacHale)

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Clues and answers on next page.

Answers:

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The answer is #2. The others spell an instrument. 1. Flute, 3. Harp, 4. Tuba

A middle-aged man took up golf for the first time and within a month he went around his local course in under 90 shots. However, he was not pleased. Why?

Clue: He was not pleased because it was not a good score.

Answer: It was a nine-hole golf course

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A man robbed a bank. If he had seen the other gun, he would not have been in such a hurry. Why not?

Clue: The other gun was not in the bank

Clue: He was apprehended by the policy, but not for robbery.

Answer: He was fleeing from the scene of the crime and failed to see a police officer with a radar gun. He was stopped for speeding and ultimately convicted of robbery.

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