










Thinking Strategies

THINKING STRATEGY	EXPLANATION
Questioning 	Actively clarifying, exploring, challenging, and assessing the understanding of ideas
Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, and Elaboration 	The production of many ideas, the expression of new ideas, and the recombination of existing ideas
Visualization 	Consciously forming mental images of something that is not actually present in the senses
Mind Mapping 	Recording information visually with supporting ideas and examples branching out from the main idea
Points of View 	Analyzing how different people might look at the same idea and/or situation
Analogy 	Comparing two items in order to perceive similarities
Encapsulation 	Stating ideas in precise and concise form
Decisions and Outcomes 	Understanding that choosing from alternatives affects events which follow
Plus, Minus, Interesting 	Framing the consideration of positive, negative and intriguing aspects of an idea into one picture