

Probe Possibilities Problems Pathways



This thinking routine has been developed to help thinkers examine ideas, perspectives or understandings in order to analyse and evaluate obvious and hidden aspects that may bring forward possibilities, present problems or open pathways.

This thinking routine

- Can be used to analyse and evaluate obvious, implied or hidden elements
- Encourages thinkers to think critically or laterally in order to identify possibilities, potential problems and identify new pathways.
- Provides time and opportunity for people to reflect, scrutinise and connect or reject positions, perspectives or ideas connected to a bigger understanding
- Develops skills in self reflection and developing relationships with a range of ideas.



PROBE

Choose and a starting point, an idea, perspective or something else you would like to explore.

- Why are you thinking about this point?
- What do you know about this point?
- How might you find out other ideas or perspectives hiding in this idea?
- What more do you need to find out?



POSSIBILITIES



What possibilities do you see happening if you understand the idea differently?

What are you curious about?

PROBLEMS

What do you think might be some problems connected to the ideas you are investigating?

Are you nervous or unsure about any thing connected to the ideas?

What ideas or strategies do you have for exploring problems?



PATHWAYS

What opportunities or choices do you now have because of your inquiries and reflections on this idea?

