



<b>Issue</b> (Problem, Solution Idea, Debatable Question)		
<b>Red Hat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is my initial reaction?</li> <li>• What are my gut feelings?</li> <li>• What are my underlying <i>assumptions</i>?</li> <li>• What would these emotions lead to? (<i>implications</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>White Hat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we know?</li> <li>• Is the <i>evidence</i> valid?</li> <li>• What do we still need to know?</li> <li>• Are we making valid <i>inferences</i>?</li> </ul>	<b>Yellow Hat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the benefits?</li> <li>• What positive aspects do I see?</li> <li>• What are the underlying <i>assumptions</i> of these benefits?</li> <li>• What are the effects of these benefits? (<i>implications</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Green Hat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What else might we do?</li> <li>• What are the possibilities of this?</li> <li>• What if ___?</li> <li>• What does this allow? What else?</li> <li>• What are the <i>assumptions</i> in these possibilities?</li> <li>• What are the positive and negative effects of these new possibilities? (<i>implications</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Blue Hat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the major <i>purpose</i> of ___?</li> <li>• What is the big idea? What is the underlying issue? (<i>concept</i>)</li> <li>• What criteria should we use to make our decision? (<i>evidence</i>)</li> <li>• What are our big ideas or conclusions?</li> <li>• What are the long-term effects/<i>implications</i> to consider?</li> <li>• How are we approaching our thinking?</li> <li>• How should we adjust our thinking?</li> </ul>	<b>Black Hat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What might go wrong?</li> <li>• What are the obstacles?</li> <li>• What are the underlying <i>assumptions</i> in these cautions?</li> <li>• What are the effects of this criticism? (<i>implications</i>)</li> </ul>

Source: Adapted from de Bono (1985/2016) and Paul and Elder (2019)