

## INTRODUCTION

- \* The Six Thinking Hats model uses six colored hats to symbolize distinct thinking strategies.
- \* Each of the six thinking hats has a colour: white, red, black, yellow, green, blue. The colour provides the name for the hat.<sup>1</sup>

## PRINCIPLE

- \* Black: Caution, risk assessment and critical thinking
- \* Green: Creativity, new ideas and alternatives.
- \* White: Objective facts, data and information.
- \* Red: Intuition, emotions and gut reactions.
- \* Blue: Control, organization of thinking processes and steps.
- \* Yellow: Optimism, positives, and opportunities.

## Exploring the Path to Innovation: The Six Thinking Hats Approach

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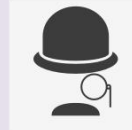
### EXAMPLES

This will help to better understand the responsibilities of each hat



- \* careful, cautious, critical
- \* what are the risks?
- \* what's the worst-case scenario?

- \* creative, free, growth
- \* what's an alternative approach?
- \* what other possibilities can you use?



- \* neutral, objective, facts
- \* what are the facts?
- \* what information is missing? Or needed?

- \* emotion, gut, instinct
- \* what does your gut tell you?
- \* initial reaction



- \* process, organization, big picture
- \* what is the goal?
- \* how do you define the problem?

- \* positive, benefits, hopes
- \* what are the opportunities?
- \* how will you be wildly successful?



## APPLICATION

This innovative approach can be applied to cultural communication and teaching. The Six Thinking Hats approach guides students to consider issues from different perspectives (emotional, logical, creative, etc.), it helps them to better adapt to their new environment.

This approach could improve communication, enabling them to integrate and understand the new culture more quickly.<sup>2</sup>

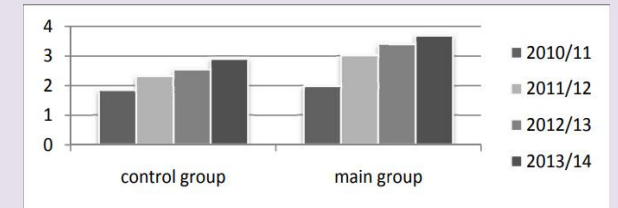


Figure: Adaptation dynamics and growth of language skills in the different groups

## CONCLUSION

The "Six Thinking Hats" approach provides a framework for thinking that promotes looking at problems from different perspectives. It enhances communication and reduces the difficulty of adapting to new situations. This approach is a key step towards innovation and efficient decision-making.