



# Teach Outside the Box: Thinking Skills

If I Were a...

## Introduction

Thinking skills require problem solving, innovation and decision making. Getting learners to approach situations in different ways and use diverse strategies equips pupils for proactive learning.

Classroom talk, questioning, mind mapping and thinking 'outside the box' are all approaches that encourage independent and creative approaches to learning. Try some of these thinking skills activities to really get your learners to engage in their learning - and have fun!

## You will need:

- Recording sheet

## What to do:

Using the recording sheet, choose a variety of things that you would like to be and what you would do if you were that object/person.

If I were a \_\_\_\_\_ ,

I would \_\_\_\_\_

How or why: \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Ways to Support

Offer a range of common nouns to select (see links).

## Ways to Extend

Develop the idea to extend to 'how or why' the activity would be carried out.

## Links

[Common Noun Cards](#)

