

Spurs to Creative Thinking
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Spurs to Creative Thinking is a collection of 66 different activities for the classroom that are divided into 18 different categories. The 18 categories: Finding the Problem, Producing Alternatives, Being Flexible, Being Original, Highlighting the Essence, Elaborating, Keeping Open, Being Aware of and Using Emotions, Putting Ideas into Context, Combining and Synthesizing, Visualizing Richly and Colorfully, Fantasizing, Using Movement and Sound, Looking at Things from a Different Perspective, Visualizing Things Internally, Extending Boundaries, Using Humor, and Respecting Infinity are all taken from education guru, Paul E. Torrance's creative thinking skills. As the title indicates, each activity is designed to encourage and foster creative thinking in students without simply telling the students to be creative.

The book succeeds in its goal of helping teachers foster creative thinking in the classroom simply by the sheer number of activities suggested in the book. With 66 different activities, you will find at least one activity you can use straight out of the book, or you will find some ways to adapt the activities to fit your unique needs. The activities themselves do seem to give students an opportunity to use their creative imagination by asking them to consider many "What if?" scenarios.

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