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Creative thinking by Edward de Bono  
Plus, Minus and Interesting  
Workshop

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What is the  
P.M.I tool?



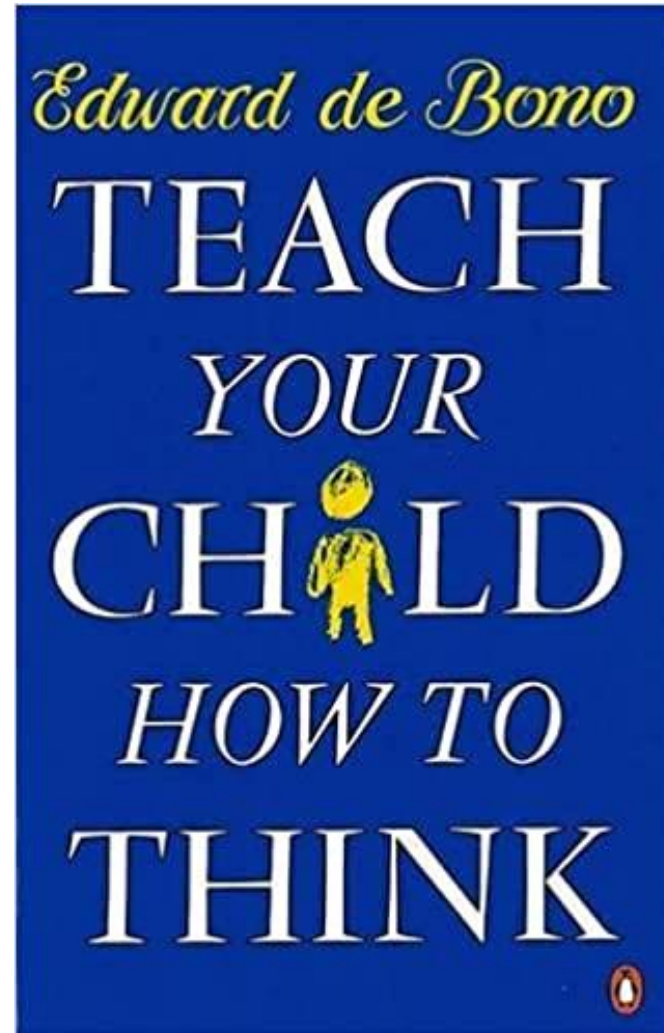
# Prof. Edward de Bono

"Creative thinking is not a talent, it is a skill that can be learnt. It empowers people by adding strength to their natural abilities which improves teamwork, productivity and where appropriate profits."

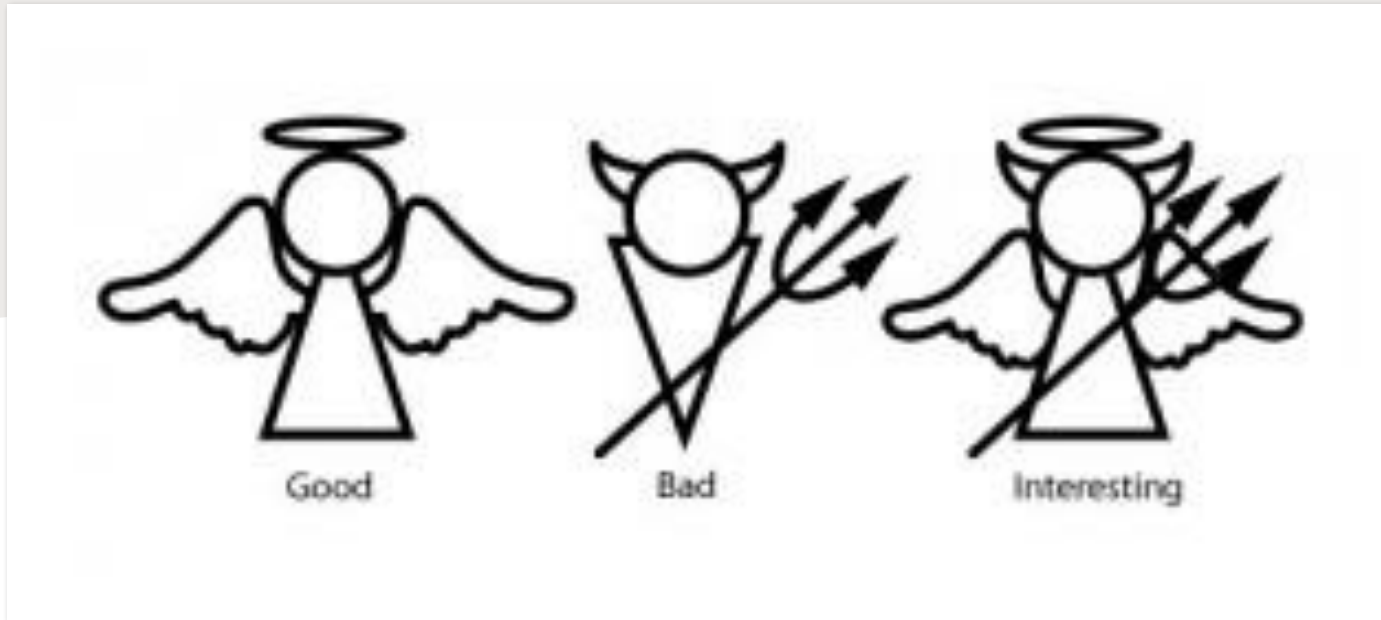
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P.M.I.  
adapted  
from:



Stretch your thoughts further by..... adding another perspective



Let's go!



"The PMI is an exploring tool  
and also an evaluation tool. Let  
us see what we will see if you  
look in all directions."

(p. 128)



# Scan using P.M.I.

- Look in the **Plus** direction first and note what you see
- Look now specifically in the **Minus** direction and note what you see
- Finally look at the **Interesting** direction
- IMP: Keep the **P.M.I.** sequence in that order 😊



Creativity is just connecting things.  
S T E V E J O B S

Hey! ...Plus and Minus are doable  
but what will help to consider the  
Interesting points?

Ask these questions to yourself or  
use phrases such as:

- "Interesting to see what would happen if....."
- "Interesting to see what this might lead to....."
- "What would happen if....."

Tip: Interesting points are neither  
good nor bad but points of interest.  
(p. 129)





Exercises to try  
out! 😊

Case study #1

Should students vote on their teachers  
every year at school and give the teachers  
a rating?

Do a P.M.I. on this idea (p.130).

Join us on Padlet to  
share your points  
using P.M.I.

<https://padlet.com/emmamanicar019/Bookmarks>




P.M.I.

Case study #2



Suppose that telepathy worked and that you could tell exactly what other people were thinking and when they were thinking about you.



Do a P.M.I. on this.  
Is it a good idea? (p. 130)

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**FUNRETROSPECTIVES** QUICK BOARDS

SUMMARY **ACTIVITY**

### Plus

Type in something and hit enter...

### Minus

Type in something and hit enter...

### Interesting

Type in something and hit enter...

Link

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### Case study #3

A parent thinks that the children are watching too much TV or surfing the internet. A coin box is placed near the TV set or near the Internet router and anyone who wants to watch TV or use the internet must pay per hour.

Do a P.M.I. on this. (p. 130)



### How does this work?

Just click the plus button on the right hand side to create a new post and begin to write!

♡ 0

KC

Plus- Perseverent  
Minus - overthinker (in some situations)

Interesting - Stubborn

♡ 0

LS

minus: I'm very indecisive  
plus: I think out of the box  
interesting: I tend to take the lead

♡ 0

IL

+ : sincere  
- : ingenuous  
interesting: optimistic

♡ 0

plus: sensitive

minus: short

Interesting: spendthrift (will explain)

♡ 0

MF

Plus - Optimistic  
Minus - timid when meeting new people or in large groups.  
Interesting - know how to debate if I know the topic and am comfortable with the people I'm with

EM

Plus: Hard working  
Minus: Can be impatient  
Interesting: Hopeful

♡ 0

RG

+strong  
-overthinking  
Interesting : loves adventure

♡ 0

CBP

plus: Creative  
minus: Patience (I can be impatient)  
interesting: I like trying to make up different tunes

plus: hard working

minus: give up easily  
interesting: i like cats and icecream

♡ 0

MF

We've tried this out!

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“Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen, and thinking what no one else has thought.”

~ Einstein



## Using **Grazie per/di... + noun**

**Grazie della compagnia.** – Thanks for the company.

**Grazie per il suggerimento.** – Thanks for the tip.

**Grazie per il passaggio all'aeroporto.** – Thanks for taking me to the airport.

**Grazie dell'invito.** – Thank you for the invitation.

Thank you! And for this too .....