



Title of the activity	A HAT FOR EVERY THOUGHT
Brief description	<p>The teacher chooses a text (for ex a story, a newspaper article, website, a short film or a report from the news on TV) relevant to the group of learners and their language level. Spend some time to read/watch the chosen material to make sure everyone understands the content or main topic.</p> <p>The participants are then divided into pairs or small groups and given an imaginable hat. The color of the hat tells what angle or perspective they must take on the content or subject.</p> <p>Example;</p> <p><b>Red</b> hat: Express your feelings, emotions on the topic.  <b>Black</b> hat: Which problems or risks do you see? Be critical!  <b>Yellow</b> hat: What do you see as positive elements? Be optimistic!  <b>Green</b> hat: Focus on possibilities, alternatives and new ideas. Be creative!  <b>Blue</b> hat: Focus on the overall, general information. Find the basic facts. No opinions, just a conclusion.</p> <p>Summarize together afterwards, for example: put all the different perspectives together and then capture an overall conclusion/insight in the middle. An alternative could be to analyze the different perspectives and formulate questions for further exploration/research on the subject.</p>
Aims	<p>Develop critical thinking and thinking processes.</p> <p>The use of different perspectives can be a positive way to get a broader insight.</p>
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation / collaboration</li> <li>• Empathy</li> <li>• Critical thinking</li> <li>• Information literacy</li> <li>• Knowledge building</li> </ul>
Why is this activity suitable for promoting civic participation and integration?	<p>Awareness about the importance of having different perspectives</p> <p>Be more open to other opinions.</p>
Required language level	A2 and up



Which non-formal learning tool is (mainly) used	Communication (discussing with others and listening to others) Visual communication (analyzing images, symbols, videos or basic text in different kinds of media)
Link	<a href="https://www.debonogroup.com/services/core-programs/six-thinking-hats/">https://www.debonogroup.com/services/core-programs/six-thinking-hats/</a>
Suitable for how many participants (min. / max.)	8-20
Indication of duration of the activity	60 min +
Indication of preparation (time, which material are needed)	15 min
Evaluation method (if applicable)	
Variations (if applicable)	Instead of just giving one hat to each group, it is possible for all to think under the same hat at the same time, and then continue together to the next hat. In that way, everyone can be able to take different perspectives on the topic.





