



The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas

Creativity is the complement to Problem Solving, and is about generating innovations or ideas which can then be honed through the problem-solving process.

The first few steps focus on the individual's confidence in imagining different situations and sharing their ideas.

The focus is then on generating ideas – using a clear brief, making improvements to something that already exists and combining concepts.

Suggested activities to try at home to build the skill of Creativity:

For younger children

Play 'Let's Pretend'. Encourage some role play using toys or dressing-up clothes. Use any theme that you know will capture their imagination!

Invent a helpful robot. What would it look like? What can it do to help people? Draw a picture or build a junk model of the new robot. Talk about it to others.

For older children

Fashion designer. Choose a theme, then create designs for a new outfit. The clothes could be inspired by some existing designs that you then adapt or could be completely new. Draw illustrations or create designs on the computer and talk about them to others at home.

Games Designer. Create a storyboard or play for a brand new computer game. Think about an existing game you enjoy then change the characters, setting and/or challenge to make it new. Talk about your ideas with someone at home.

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