

Activity 5

Crazy Ideas Time

Narrative

Have you ever walked around a secondhand store, found an object and had absolutely no idea what it was? Perhaps you then spent the next 10 minutes thinking about what it could possibly be, and what function it served.

Well today, instead of considering the use of unknown objects, you are going to look at familiar, everyday household objects and think of alternative uses for them. Why? We humans get so accustomed to seeing things for what they are 'meant' to be, and we stop seeing the potential of what something could be.

This activity is designed to help you think laterally – like a mental stretching exercise, with a few giggles along the way.

Resources

For this activity you will need the following:

- Pencil
- Paper
- Printer (this can be hand drawn or completed digitally) *Optional

Activity steps

Activity 1 (template on following page)

1. Come up with 5 crazy uses for:
 - A takeaway coffee cup
 - A bucket
 - An umbrella
 - An old CD
 - A boiled egg
2. Write down your 5 craziest ideas for each of these objects on the activity sheet below (or on a piece of paper).

Example

A paper plate could be used as a frisbee, a fan, a paint palette, etc. we trust that you can come up with some more imaginative ideas!

Bonus Challenge

Now that you're feeling warmed up, it's time to stretch those creative muscles one step further.

Find a household item (which is not going to break) challenge yourself to transform it into one of the crazy ideas you've come up with.

CIC doesn't want to be responsible for the permanent remodelling of antique vases – in other words don't damage stuff! Only use items that can revert to their ordinary function.

Hopefully you've found this activity interesting, and it's helped you develop a possibility mindset. There are loads of possibilities and opportunities out there, you just have to think a little deeper and look a little harder.

Handy tips

This activity sounds quite easy, but we often get stuck in conventional ways of thinking. Remain patient with yourself - you need to give your creative mind a few minutes to kick into gear.

Excellent job!

This exercise has helped you get creative. High-five!

What now?

Photograph your work to share with your teachers - alternatively, follow the instructions your teacher has given you.

Activity 1



Take away coffee cup



Bucket



Umbrella



Old CD



Boiled egg
