

## GOOD THINKING vs. POOR THINKING

| Aspect                | The Good Thinking  | The Poor Thinker   |
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| <b>General Traits</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomes problematic situations and is tolerant of ambiguity.</li> <li>• Is sufficiently self-critical; looks for alternate possibilities and goals; seeks evidence on both sides.</li> <li>• Is reflective and deliberative, searches extensively when appropriate.</li> <li>• Believes in the value of rationality and that thinking can be effective.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searches for certainty and is intolerant of ambiguity.</li> <li>• Is not self-critical and is satisfied with first attempts.</li> <li>• Is impulsive, gives up prematurely, and is overconfident of the correctness of initial ideas.</li> <li>• Overvalues intuition, denigrates rationality; believes thinking won't help.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Goals</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is deliberative in discovering goals.</li> <li>• Revises goals when necessary.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is impulsive in discovering goals.</li> <li>• Does not revise goals.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Possibilities</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is open to multiple possibilities and considers alternatives.</li> <li>• Is deliberative in analyzing possibilities.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prefers to deal with limited possibilities; does not seek alternatives to an initial possibility.</li> <li>• Is impulsive in choosing possibilities.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Evidence</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses evidence that challenges favored possibilities.</li> <li>• Consciously searches for evidence against possibilities that are initially strong, or in favor of those that are weak.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ignores evidence that challenges favored possibilities.</li> <li>• Consciously searches only for evidence that favors strong possibilities.</li> </ul>  |

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