Creative-Thinking Skills

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Answer *usually, sometimes,* or *never* to each statement. Then think about how you could use each of these strategies more often.

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|  | 1. I use my memory and my imagination whenever I think about the things around me.
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|  | 1. I try to be curious about the world around me, and I ask a lot of questions: *Why? Why not? What if? How come? Says who?*
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|  | 1. I enjoy tinkering with drawings and designs when I’m thinking about something.
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|  | 1. I enjoy brainstorming and talking with others to come up with new and creative ideas.
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|  | 1. After considering the details, I step back to see the “Big Picture.”
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|  | 1. I listen to and learn from the creative people around me.
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|  | 1. I admire people who come up with new ideas, and I try to think like they do.
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|  | 1. I appreciate creativity in the arts—but also in science, technology, engineering, and math.
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|  | 1. I enjoy exploring all sides of an issue, including the pros and cons of each side.
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|  | 1. I recognize that there are often different solutions to the same problem.
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|  | 1. I try to imagine what life is like for other people.
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|  | 1. I make connections between ideas I *know* about and those I *wonder* about.
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|  | 1. I am willing to adjust my opinions when I discover new facts and information.
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|  | 1. I like to visualize things in my head.
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|  | 1. I like to predict what may happen next in books, movies, and games—but also in politics and culture.
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