

Graphic Organiser

Thinking Processes – Generating Solutions

REASONING, PROCESSING AND INQUIRY

CREATIVITY

REFLECTION, EVALUATION AND METACOGNITION



'WHAT IF' KEY and Ripple Effect Chart



How Does It Work?

This tool will help you to explore a topic and generate interesting and creative solutions. Simply ask the question, come up with as many answers as you can, then choose four to explore further using a ripple effect diagram. The question can be serious or silly.

KEY ELEMENTS TO THINK ABOUT

- Working with a partner or a group is great for this tool.
- Place your question in the middle of the ripple and four of the possible outcomes in the first ripple.
- Try to be as daring and creative as you can with your answers.
- Keep asking “What if..?” to add extra ripples.

TASK

What if unions in Australia were outlawed?

- Fewer strikes
- Poorer conditions for staff
- More power to business leaders
- No union fees to come out of salaries
- Action by workers less organised and therefore more volatile
- Greater profit possible by companies
- People employed by unions out of work
- Staff less able to fake situations when they don't want to work

Ripple Effect Chart

