

Creative Thinking Skills Rubric

Creativity is evident in fluency, flexibility, originality, elaboration, curiosity, risk-taking, complexity, and imagination. Two or more of these elements should be present at a score of 3 or higher for work samples to be considered.

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FLUENCY	Lists a limited number of ideas and responses	Lists a sufficient number of ideas or responses	Lists many ideas or responses
FLEXIBILITY	Perceives or approaches the problem in a different way with assistance	Perceives or approaches the problem in a different way	Perceives or approaches the problem in a number of different ways
ORIGINALITY	Generates few clever, unique or unusual ideas	Generates several clever, unique or unusual ideas	Generates many clever, unique or unusual ideas
ELABORATION	Adds details, expands or embellishes ideas with assistance	Expands, develops and embellishes ideas by adding details	Expands, develops and embellishes ideas by adding details and making changes
CURIOSITY	Demonstrates little curiosity and desire to know more about issues	Demonstrates curiosity about issues and pursues additional information	Demonstrates a high degree of curiosity, seeks additional information and independent study
RISK-TAKING	Deals with unstructured situations; experiments and guesses with assistance	Deals with unstructured situations; predicts, guesses, and experiments to a sufficient degree	Demonstrates a high degree of willingness to take chances, defends ideas, experiments, predicts and puts plans into action
COMPLEXITY	Deals with problems; brings order to situations, deals with change when assisted	Seeks alternatives; deals with change and problems, and brings order to situations	Seeks alternatives; deals with intricate problems and ideas, and develops plans into logical order
IMAGINATION	Visualizes plans, ideas and thoughts when assisted	Visualizes plans, ideas and thoughts; sees beyond the practical	Visualizes and imagines plans, thoughts, ideas, outcomes and consequences to a high degree