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| **The What if?** | For any topic or question, ask a What If? question - It can be silly or serious |
| **The Reverse** | When making a list, think about the topic or question in the opposite way.  Use comments like 'cannot', 'never' and 'not'. |
| **The Alphabet** | List words from A-Z related to the topic being discussed. |
| **The B.A.R** | B-Bigger; A-Add; R-Remove or Replace. Use this key when discussing an object or a piece of writing. |
| **The Disadvantages** | List the disadvantages of any topic or question, and discuss ways of improving them. |
| **Different Uses** | How many ways can information learnt about a topic be used?  What are the different uses for any object? |
| **The Brainstorming** | Think of as many solutions to a problem as possible. Think of as many ideas on a topic or story as possible.  Use a mind map to record ideas. |
| **The Variations** | How many different ways can a problem be solved? |