

Thinking Skill and Personal Capabilities Talking about Thinking



Talking about Thinking

Talking about Thinking is an accessible, pupil-friendly version of the Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities framework.

Posters

There are three sets of Talking about Thinking posters.

- **Set 1** aligns with Key Stage 1.
- **Set 2** aligns with Key Stage 2.
- The **Symbol Set** is for pupils in SEN settings who are familiar with Picture Board.

The sets include one poster for each of the five Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities. The posters contain statements that encourage pupils to:

- think more skilfully;
- become knowledgeable about themselves as learners; and
- become more aware of their learning and how they can improve it.

The posters can also help you and your pupils develop a shared vocabulary to use when talking about thinking.

By using the statements in the posters effectively, you can:

- make thinking explicit;
- enable collaborative learning; and
- promote independence.

You could use the statements in the posters:

- with pupils to agree on learning intentions and success criteria;
- to clarify the specific demands of a task;
- to help pupils recognise the thinking skills and learning strategies required for a task;
- to provide a common vocabulary for you and your pupils to use when:
 - evaluating their thinking;
 - reflecting on learning strategies; and
 - suggesting improvements;
- as a prompt to help pupils think about other contexts where these skills and strategies are likely to be successful; and
- as a reference point for reviewing learning with pupils when they have completed a task.

Whiteboard Resource

There are two flip charts in this interactive resource, **Set 1** and **Set 2**, which contain the Talking about Thinking statements. We have developed these flip charts to be used on an interactive whiteboard with ActivPrimary (Promethean) software.

You can discuss these statements with pupils to highlight the skills they need for an activity. After agreeing the criteria together, you or the pupils can select statements to create a success criteria page. You can then display this or print it for pupils to use at the end of an activity for self or peer assessment.