ASSUMPTION REVERSAL

AND ITS USES IN EDUCATION

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WHAT IS IT?

Assumption Reversal is a creative-thinking approach. It has three key steps:

- First, list all of the assumptions that you have about a subject.
- Second, choose one of these assumptions and reverse it.
- Finally, find ways to make this reversal work.

WHAT ARE ITS USES IN EDUCATION?

Assumption Reversal has been used in the taxi industry - instead of thinking, all taxi companies own cars - what happens if taxi companies do not own cars? Hence, Uber.

This kind of thinking has its uses in education too.

In creative writing for example, list the assumptions of a text type, say for example story writing.

Pick up on basic ideas such as, 'stories always have a beginning, middle and end', 'the reader always knows who the main characters are', and 'stories are never written in the second person'.

Once you have reversed one of these, you have given your class an interesting challenge.

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