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Average 5 year old: 23 Questions/hour

Questions are starting points for ideas.





Redefining Genius

• 3 - 5

98%

8 - 10

32%

• 13 - 15

10%

25+

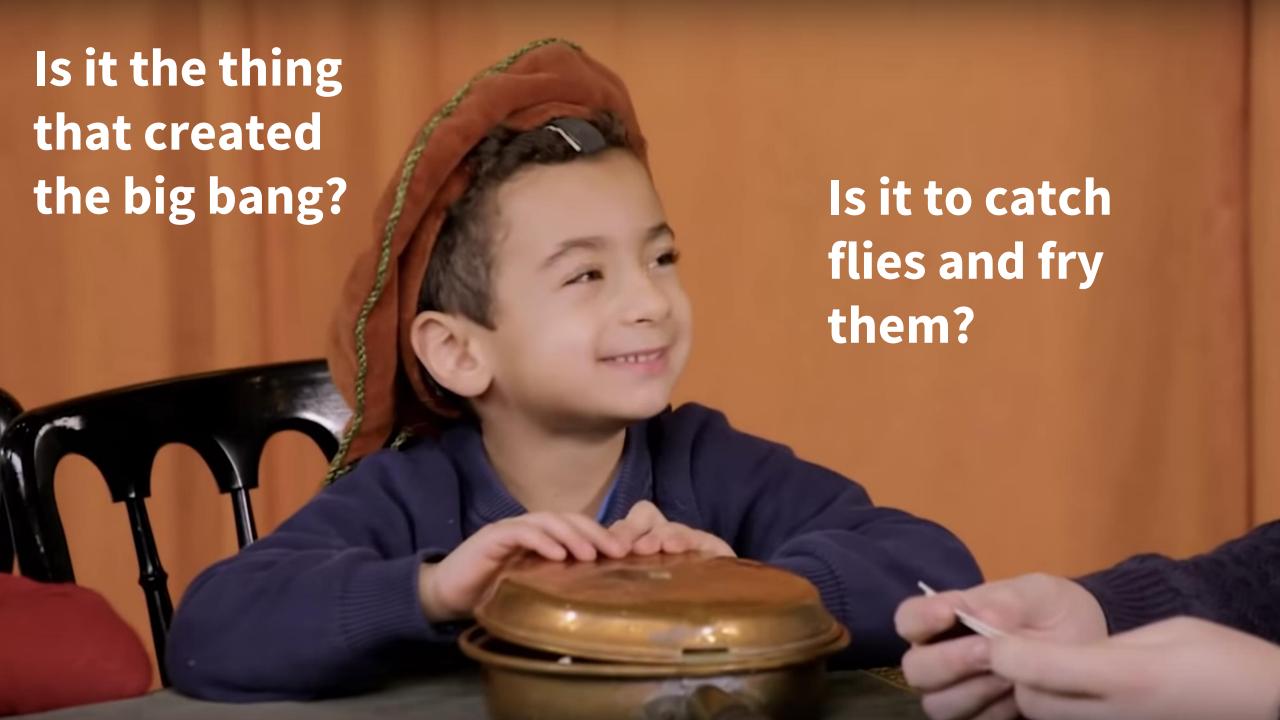
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"If you are not prepared to be wrong, you will never come up with anything original"

Being wrong is a capacity that kids have but most adults have lost

- Sir Ken Robins



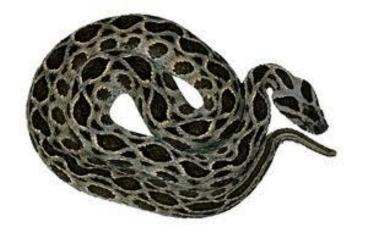


School:

"Get to the right answer as fast as possible... without being wrong."

... but that's **not how ideation works**.

- No right answer, just a cloud of possibilities
- Efficiency... 10+ first ideas are very similar. iFridge for food waste? Takes time and perseverance to get off the beaten path. (...showers, walks...)
- Limiting to only SMART ideas (...stepping stones to unknown realms of imagination)







Contact with the real world

Millions of units sold in US



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFM80-Zxxqc

Ideation checklist

Are you prepared to..

Be wrong?
Make mistakes?
Not to be smart?

Warmup: Abductive reasoning

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Deductive:

All ravens are black. \rightarrow This bird is a raven so it must be black.

Inductive:

This bird is black and it's a raven. \rightarrow All ravens are black?

Olbers' Paradox: Why is the night sky dark?

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world, stimulating progress, giving birth to evolution.

It is, strictly speaking, a real factor in scientific research."

Albert Einstein

Warmup: Abductive reasoning

- Riddles
- 20 questions
- Question conversation

I get whiter the dirtier I get. What am I?

What has 13 hearts but no organs?

Swiss deck



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swiss playing cards

What can you catch but not throw?

Why is six afraid of seven?

What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?

20 questions game

Zoom in & Eliminate

(without post-its ;)

Zoom in

How might we...?



Fix marker cap

"...improve the learning of geometry for 8-year-old Romanian girls by using pink color schemes in a smartphone app."

"...create free education for everyone."







Fix the world

WHY? →

Middle ... Empower the teachers in Barcelona to explore digital learning experiences.

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... Make the learning experience of mathematical concepts more intuitive.

How might we...?

Discuss and write down

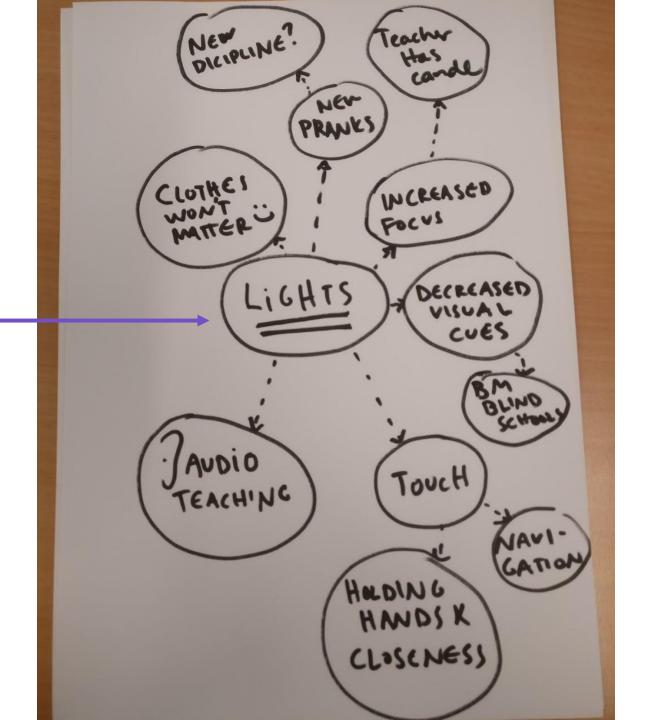
Eliminate

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality.

To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

Buckminster Fuller

Element to eliminate



DICIPLINE? HEY PRWK' INCREASED FOCUS LIGHTS cues ToucH TEACHING VAVI-HOLDING HMDSK CLOSENESS

Element to eliminate

Create

3-5 elimination sheets Individually

Share

with the group

- Discuss
- Develop
- Correlate

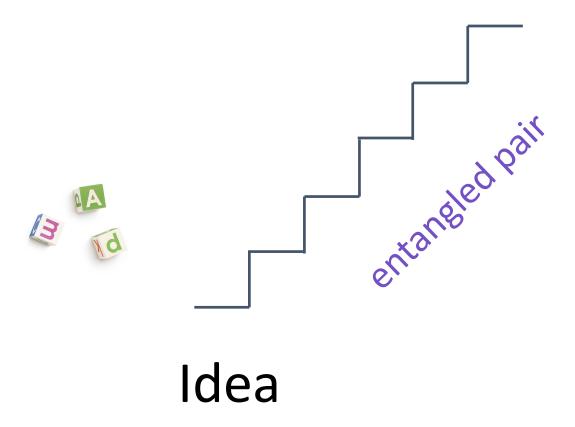
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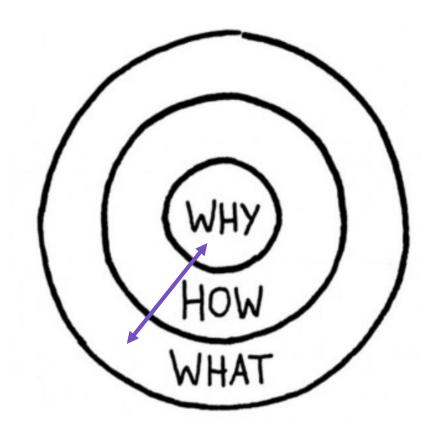
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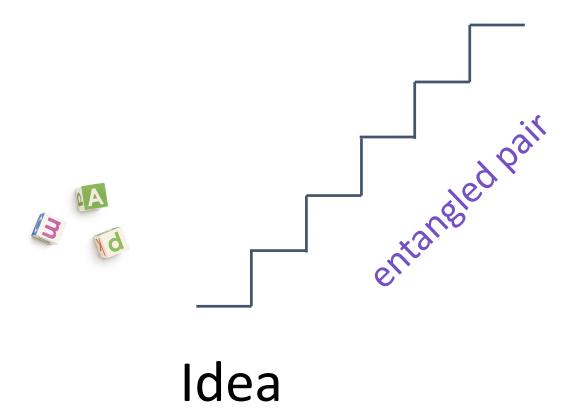
Alphabet launched your exact idea 2 hours ago.

Vision





Vision



Develop 3 ideas for different stages