How To Become A Systems Thinker

Use the DSRP method - Distinctions, Systems, Relationships and Perspectives.

D

D is for Distinctions. Systems thinkers make distinctions between different things and different ideas. We can make distinctions between different customers, different costs, different sales channels, different suppliers, different employees.

S

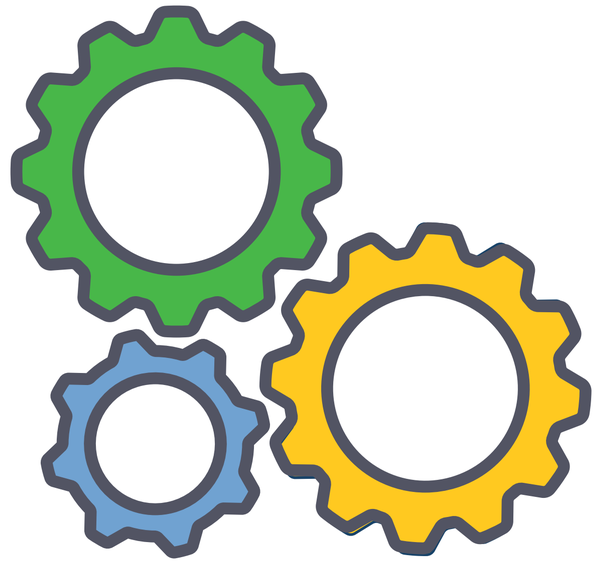
S is for organizing ideas into systems of parts and wholes. We construct meaning when we organize different ideas into part-whole configurations. We split things up or lump them together in systems of context. We group, we sort, we classify, we assemble.

R

R is for identifying relationships between and among ideas. Fundamentally, relationships are action and reaction. We live in an infinite network of interactions, including between our own thoughts, feelings, and motivations. We connect, interconnect, associate and join.

P

P is for looking at things from different perspectives - made up of the point from which we are viewing and the thing in view. Being aware of the perspectives we take is paramount to understanding ourselves and the world around us. If we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change. We frame, we interpret, we empathize, and we negotiate from a perspective.



Be combinatorial with DSRP.

Mix and match D, S, R, and P to reveal new structure that will help you think in ways you would not otherwise think.

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