

## Translate it!

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Introduction	
<p>Activity to promote thinking out of the box. Converting things from one form into another can guide thoughts in totally new and exciting directions. One idea leads to another.</p> <p>Purposefully engaging the imagination by translating thoughts, ideas and problems into different forms or languages can lead to new discoveries, understandings and ways of communicating. (Ingledeu, 2016)<sup>i</sup></p> <p>Suitable for small and large groups.</p>	
Aim	To promote creative thinking.
Target group	Students of all courses and all study fields.
Intended learning outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved problem solving skills</li> <li>• enhanced creative thinking</li> </ul>	
Description	
<p>Students translate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• words into drawings – triangle, hot, cold, ice, slower, faster.</li> <li>• words into typography – lazy, happy, loud, soft.</li> <li>• musical forms into images – jazz, rap, reggae, punk, classical music.</li> </ul> <p>Communicate with friend the following cities through mime – New York, Paris, Sydney, Cairo, London.</p> <p>Translate a series of words and phrases into rebuses.</p>	
Preparation	Not necessary.
Resources and equipment	Not necessary.
Success factors	-
Advantages	<p>Encourages student participation.</p> <p>Problem solving provides a challenge for students, and they can gain a great deal of satisfaction from discovering new knowledge for themselves.</p>
Disadvantages	<p>It is easy for talkative students to dominate.</p> <p>Unless students understand why they are attempting to solve a particular problem, they may not try.</p>

Additional information	On this Big Think Edge site you will find <a href="#">examples</a> of innovation activities for teams.
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<sup>i</sup> Ingledew, J. (2016). How to have great ideas. A guide to creative thinking. Laurence King Publishing Ltd.

Ingledew, J. (2016). Try translating. How to have great ideas. A guide to creative thinking. (p.128-129)