Resourcefulness

A learning disposition

Five ingredients of Resourcefulness

1. Questioning
   Be curious and inquisitive
   Look deeper, find out more
   Wonder ‘what if’ and ‘why’
   Don’t be afraid of not knowing
   Explore ideas and materials

2. Making links
   Look for connections / patterns
   See how things fit together
   Match to things you know

3. Imagining
   Picture how things look, sound and feel
   Rehearse in your mind
   Play with possibilities

4. Reasoning
   Think things out in sequence
   Think, what might happen
   Look for evidence
   Voice different view points

5. Using resources/ strategies
   Learn from different sources
   Make good use of all kinds of things to help you learn

Activities you could do

Invent a character to illustrate Resourcefulness
Create a new word for Resourcefulness
Decide one thing to do to be more Resourceful
Notice when you are being resourceful
Make a poster of ‘things to do when you do not know what to do’ or things to try when you get stuck - unsticking strategies

Building Resourcefulness

Use the ‘Stuck’ poster
Have a go, take risks, make mistakes, try again
Take time, make an effort, be creative
Ask questions, think ‘what if’ or ‘could be’
Visualise and mentally rehearse