Creativity

Fact or Fiction

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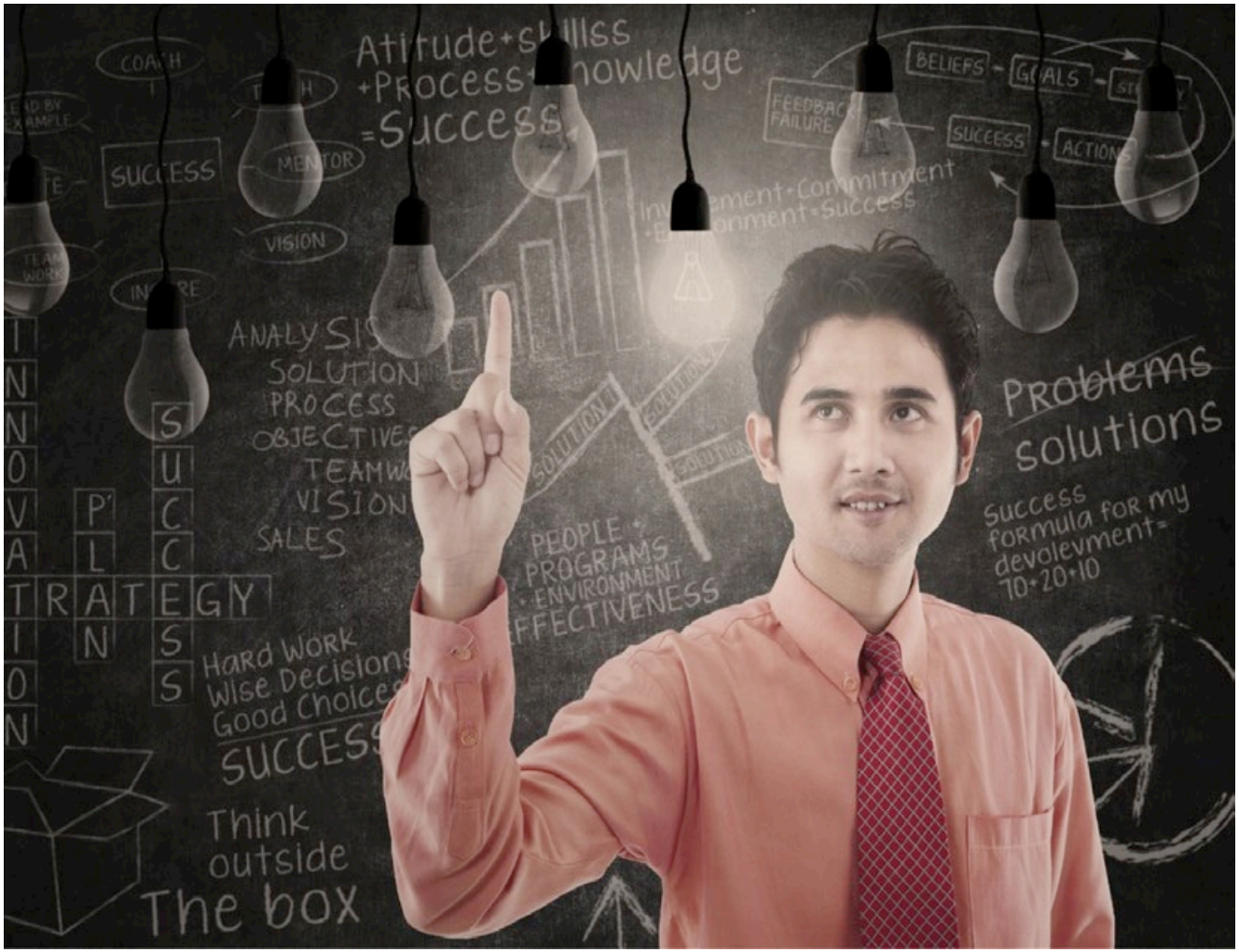

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1. Imagination and creativity are the same.

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Imagination plays an important role in creative thought because it allows us to think of something that is not present, while creativity allows us to do something meaningful with our imaginations.

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2. Everyone has the potential to be creative.

Fact

Creativity can manifest itself in many different ways, and everyone is creative to a degree. Often the only difference between creative and uncreative people is self-perception; creative people see themselves as creative and give themselves the freedom to create.

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3. Creativity comes from inspiration. It just happens!

Fiction

Creativity is a process that requires thoughtfulness and effort. Inspiration generates new ideas typically after a lot of exploration and investigation.

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4. Creativity skills can be taught.

Fact

Everyone can benefit from instruction and guided practice in developing thinking skills that support creativity. Certain habits, behaviors, and strategies associated with the creative process can be modeled and learned.

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Fiction

Creative people invent, imagine, problem-solve, create, and communicate in fresh, new ways. Every business, government, or social endeavor requires creative thinkers with the ability to innovate.

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6. Creativity in student work can be assessed.

Fact

Many aspects of creativity, such as originality and usefulness, can be assessed. Creative processes can also be assessed.

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