

SCAMPER

SCAMPER is an acronym developed by Alex Osborn and Bob Eberle to stimulate the brainstorming of new ideas and looking at old thoughts in new ways. It can be used as a mental checklist to generate different ideas and perspectives. It is an effective strategy to energize brainstorming for students, and it can be a useful tool for teachers who wish to explore new ways to teach a lesson.

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| S | ubstitute | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• person, another time, another place• instead of |
| C | ombine | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• purposes, ideas• blend, unite, bring together |
| A | dapt | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what is like this• adjust |
| M | odify inify agnify | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• alter meaning, form quality, color, motion...• what to subtract; make smaller, slower, lighter...• what to enlarge, add; make larger, stronger... |
| P | ut to other use | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• new ways to use• other ways parts may be used |
| E | liminate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• remove, omit• get rid of a quality• get rid of a part |
| R | earrange everse | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• place opposite or contrary, turn it around, another sequence• opposites; turn backwards, upside down, inside out |