



# Hidden Assumptions

What is the idea?

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An **assumption** is something that you accept as being true without actually having any proof that it is true. We make many assumptions every day without necessarily realizing that we are doing so. An assumption often takes the form of an implied generalization that we don't examine very closely or at all.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the idea you wrote down. Are there any assumptions inherent in this idea? Write down every possible assumption associated with this idea. Try to find at least five.

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- 3.
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- 5.

Think about these assumptions. How can you challenge this idea now that you are aware of these assumptions?

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